

Coyote Valley Dam General Investigation Study September Update

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- **USACE Activities**

- USACE feasibility study remains paused pending additional federal funding; IWPC continues evaluating whether the traditional feasibility study can resume if funding becomes available and current study constraints can be addressed

- **Sponsor Activities**

- IWPC is refining three paths to advance the Coyote Valley Dam raise: the traditional USACE feasibility study, a non-federally led feasibility study, and congressional authorization based on the 1950s Chief of Engineers Report
- Additional federal policy direction is needed regarding study schedule and cost limitations and potential alternative delivery approaches
- Ad Hoc Committee interviewed two federal lobbyist candidates to provide federal policy support and will recommend a preferred firm on September 10

- **Funding Outlook**

- The FY27 President's budget did not include funding for the study
- Rep. Huffman selected the Coyote Valley Dam GI Study for FY27 Community Project Funding consideration
- The project is included in the House FY27 Energy and Water Development Community Project Funding bill



Coyote Valley Dam General Investigation Study Background



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- Study authorized by Section 1201(3) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (PL 114-322).
- Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement signed March 31, 2025
 - MCIWPC and Lytton Rancheria are joint non-Federal sponsors
 - Includes \$658,000 credit for Tribal participation.
 - Establishes \$3,000,000 budget cost-shared 50% Fed / 50% Non-Fed minus Tribal credit.
 - Local Agreement between MCIWPC and Lytton signed March 19, 2025.
- Federal Appropriations History:
 - FY 2024 = \$500,000
 - FY 2025 = \$0
 - FY 2026 = \$0
 - FY 2027 = TBD
- Completed Activities:
 - NEPA interagency kickoff meeting conducted June 26, 2025; additional scoping will resume once additional federal funds are received.
 - Series of meetings (charettes) held July 2025 to identify study problems and opportunities and begin documenting existing and future conditions.
 - Coyote Valley Dam site visit occurred August 5, 2025.

Study Area

