

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE FOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

ACTION

1. Determine Key Issues (30 days)

Meet with Contractor /No Negotiations
2. Complete Water Needs Analysis

Initiate water needs analysis ()
Verify Contractor's non-project water supplies ()
Determine safe groundwater yield ()
3. Submit Basis of Negotiation to Commissioner (30 days)

Prepare Basis of Negotiation (20 days)
Prepare Draft Local Press Release (2 days)
Complete Internal Review (10 days)
4. Approval of Basis of Negotiation by Commissioner (30 days)
5. Announce Intent to Initiate Negotiations (15 days)

Quarterly Federal Register Notice Completed
Local Press Release Will Schedule at same time as #7
6. Submit Draft Contract to Contractor

Prepare Draft Contract (20 days)
Complete Internal Review (10 days)
7. Announce Initial Negotiation Meeting in a Local Press Release (15 days)

Local Press Release
8. Initial Meeting with Contractor Comment: Final EA or EIS due out
9. Complete Negotiations (3 months)

Prepare Final Draft Contract (15 days)
Submit Final Draft of Contract to Contractors (7 days)

10. Contractor Resolution Approving Draft Contract (20 days)
11. Complete Public Contract Review Period (60 days)
 - Announce Availability of Contract for Public Comment
 - Public Comment and Review Period Closes (60 days)
12. (Complete Record of Decision - Public Review 30 days) EIS Application
13. Submit to Washington - include: (30 days)
 - Draft Approval Memorandum (20 days)
 - Summary of Public Comments (7 days)
 - Internal Review (10 days)
14. (Complete Record of Decision) EIS Application
15. Commissioner's Approval of Draft Contract and Authority to Execute (30 days)
16. Contractor Executes Contract (15 days)
17. Regional Director Executes Contract (7 days)
18. Distribute Executed Contracts (7 days)
19. Court Validation (60 days)
20. Report Validation to Commissioner (7 days)