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Understanding the expedited nature of this proposal because of any anticipated or projected impacts if drought or other critical conditions occur into 2015, this proposal is set to be ready to proceed with construction/implementation on or before April 1, 2015. Construction bids will be awarded by March 2015 with construction completion by October/November 2015.

Attachment 6 is presented in the following sub-sections:

- Project Schedule
- A description of how each project schedule is realistic, reasonable, and accomplishable (not more than one page)
- Proposal Schedule

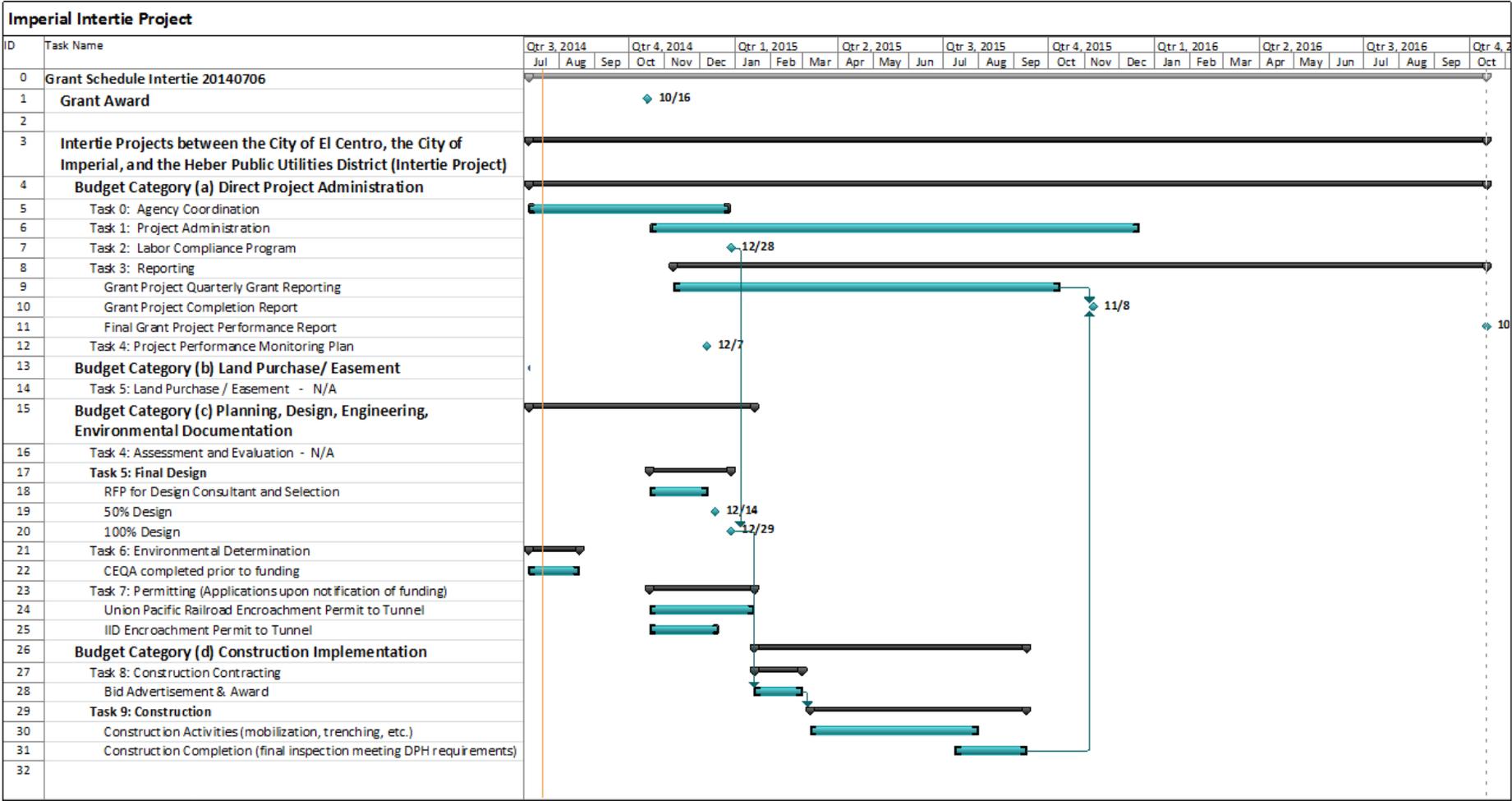
PROJECT SCHEDULE DESCRIPTION

The included project schedule below shows the start and end dates as well as milestones for each task contained in the Work Summary. The short turn-around in both design and construction is related to the small size and location of the intertie projects. Environmental Review under CEQA certifies the project as categorically exempt due to being within public right-of-way and dedicated easements. Permitting for construction in the public right-of-way, and in drainage and railroad easements is a common construction element, and not expected to be a critical path item so long as permitting occurs first thing in the project execution, as shown in the schedule. The Imperial region's desert climate is such that seasonal conditions do not pose a risk to wet period delays in schedule. The small size of the project with only slightly more than a mile of water pipeline construction makes this project straight-forward with little risk of complications or need for field changes.

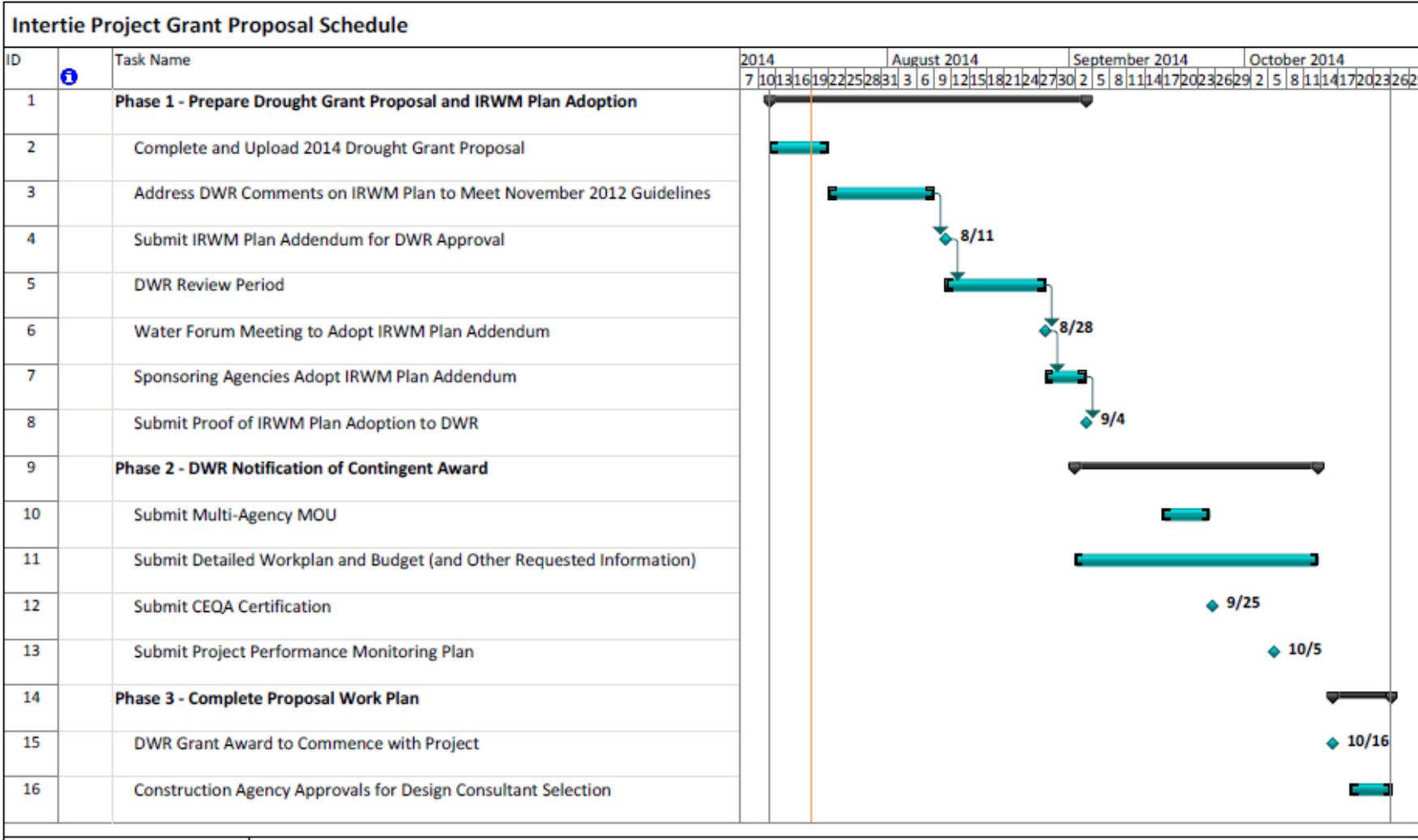
PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

The Proposal Schedule is simplified by having just the single project. The Letter of Intent (**Exhibit 6.1**) is the first step in making a formal agreement between the three agencies in how the construction, maintenance, and operations costs will be shared over the life of the project. The grant proposal will be submitted to DWR on July 21, 2014. The Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan has been reviewed by DWR, and they have notified the region of the requirements needed to update the plan to incorporate the changes made in the November 2012 Guidelines. The updated IRWM Plan is to be approved by DWR and adopted by September 9, 2014. If awarded the grant, the agencies will mobilize to execute a three-party MOU (or other agreement), and the constructing agency will proceed immediately with contacting permitting agencies and hiring a design consultant. CEQA will have been completed prior to notification of grant award. The schedule includes quarterly reporting and a completion report in October 2016 to provide DWR with the physical benefits of project over an approximate one year operational period. Continued monitoring and reporting of benefits will take place as per the IRWM Plan schedule.

**Project Schedule: Intertie Projects between the City of El Centro, the City of Imperial,
 and the Heber Public Utilities District (Intertie Project)**



**Program Schedule: Intertie Projects between the City of El Centro, the City of Imperial,
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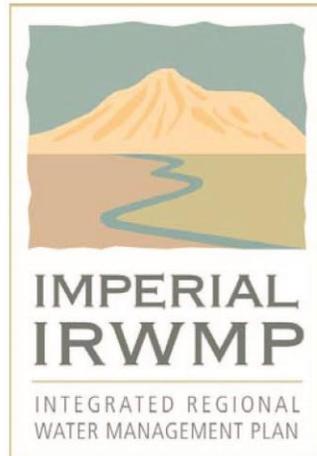
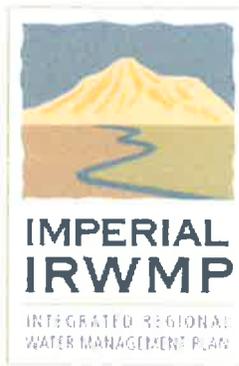


Exhibit 6.1

Project Sponsor Letter of Intent



LETTER OF INTENT

BETWEEN:

City of Imperial
420 South Imperial Avenue
Imperial, CA 92251 (hereinafter "Contracting Agency")

AND:

City of El Centro
1275 Main Street
El Centro, CA. 92243 (hereinafter "Construction Agency")

AND:

Heber Public Utilities District
1078 Dogwood Rd., Ste. 103
Heber, CA 92249 (hereinafter "Heber PUD")

WHEREAS:

- A. the Contracting Agency is submitting a State Department of Water Resources 2014 Drought Grant Proposal on behalf of the Imperial Valley Region Water Forum for the construction and implementation of the *Intertie Projects between the City of El Centro, the City of Imperial, and the Heber Public Utilities District* (Intertie Project);
- B. The Intertie Project objectives are to design and construct the facilities called for in the Grant Proposal, within the identified project budget and schedule;
- C. The Intertie Project is a critical water supply project providing emergency back-up water supplies benefitting the region;
- D. If awarded the State Drought Grant, a collaborative process is needed for successful execution of the project;
- E. It is the intent of this letter to agree to working together in forming a tri-party agreement which provides monetary equity for in-kind services for project related activities during the design and construction of the Intertie Project, and long term operations and maintenance;

NOW THEREFORE, the City of El Centro, the City of Imperial, and the Heber Public Utilities District (hereafter known as the "Parties") agree as follows:

1. The Parties agree that the Project objectives can be best achieved through a relational contract that promotes and facilitates strategic planning, design, construction and commissioning of the project, through the principles of collaboration and lean project delivery.
2. The Parties recognize that each Party's success is tied directly to the success of all other members of this collaborative Project.
3. The Parties understand the need to agree upon a fair spreading of costs for expenses related to the construction, and annual operations and maintenance over the life of the Intertie Project (50 years);
4. The Parties agree that time is of the essence, and that execution of a tri-party agreement will take place not more than 30 days following notification by the State DWR of the 2014 Drought Grant award.

A representative from each of the parties has signed below to indicate, on behalf of their respective organizations, their agreement with the terms of this Letter of Intent.

City of Imperial ("Contracting Agency")

Marlene A. Best

Date:

7/15/14

City of El Centro ("Construction Agency")

Mayor Ruben A. Duran

Date:

7/17/14

Heber Public Utilities District

Laura Zocher

Date:

7-15-14