



Topic: **Authority Board Agenda Item 3-1** **2018 Nov 19**

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Requested Action:

No action requested. Informational item.

Detailed Description/Background:

General Manager and staff to provide an update on project activities performed in October 2018 for; Program Management & Administration, Engagement & Outreach, Proposition 1, Environmental, Feasibility Study, and Engineering and Technical Support.

Prior Authority Board Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

None

Staff Contact:

Jim Watson

Attachments:

Attachment A: October 2018 Status Report

Topic: **Sites Reservoir Project, Phase 1**

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2018 October**

Monthly Status Summary:

The development of the Sites Project continues to make progress in the critical areas associated with the reprioritized Phase 1 budget and work plan, including the following activities;

- Rebalancing and agency participation agreements.
- Phase 2 financing plan and procurement process to secure financing.
- Engaging with the Water Commission on the WSIP Early Funding including quarterly reporting.
- Supporting Reclamation on completion of the federal Feasibility Report.
- Initiation of technical work within Reclamation FY2018 funding and the requirements for an application for potential WIIN Act funding.
- Development of the overall Phase 2 work plan and Budget.
- The proposed Phase 2 Reservoir Project Agreement.
- The procurement process and documents needed to secure resources at the start of Phase 2.

The following highlights the status of activities conducted during the month of October 2018:

Program Management & Administration:

End of Phase 1: The Reservoir Committee (October 18) and Authority (October 22) approved a one-month time extension to formally end Phase 1 on March 31, 2019.

Phase 2 Reservoir Project Agreement: At the October meetings, agreement was reached to proceed with annual participation agreements, which for 2019, the participation agreement will be from April 1 through December 31, 2019. In addition, the need for interim financing will be revisited at the time the 2020 participation agreement will be prepared.

Finance Plan: For the duration of the 2019 participation agreement, a cash call will be used to fund critical tasks from the work plan that was approved at the July meetings.

Procurements:

- Phase 2 Services: The Reservoir Committee (October 18) and Authority (October 22) approved the staff recommendation to delay evaluation and selection for the Environmental Planning and the Engineering service areas. Each of the seven remaining evaluation panels conducted an evaluation of all submitted SOQs for each service area. The panels decided which respondents to interview based on SOQ evaluations. Interviews were initiated on October 31, 2018 and will be completed in early November.
- Bank Credit Facility RFP: With the decision to pursue annual participation agreements and to defer interim financing, the Bank Credit facility RFP was canceled, and a cancellation letter was issued to all potential respondents on October 24, 2018.

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Proposition 1 (WSIP) Implementation:

On October 30, 2018, submitted the first quarterly status report for work performed since the WSIP application was submitted (August 14, 2017) through September 30, 2018.

Coordination with Reclamation:

Continued coordination activities with Reclamation including the following;

- Align their budget request and the anticipated appropriation of FY2019 funds
- Coordinated with Reclamation's Central Valley Operations, Planning and other offices to advance the working draft Sites Project Operational Principles of Agreement
- Prepared draft updates of applicable agreements
- Participated in the review and update of the Feasibility Report and provided a briefing to the Policy Review Team
- Worked with Reclamation's technical staff to develop a plan to advance the technical studies to support an updated cost estimate and implement early risk-reduction strategies
- Preparations to submit an application for consideration of federal funding as authorized in the WIIN Act for a locally-led water storage project.

Engagement & Outreach:

Continuing ongoing coordination efforts with landowners, local community members, state and federal elected officials, government agencies and coalitions of regional and statewide organizations including the following activities;

- Coordination of project activities with landowners and the project stakeholders
- Responding to requests for project information, and to plan and facilitate meetings and site tours.
- Conducted preliminary discussions with landowners regarding temporary right of entry access to property for targeted late Phase 1/Early Phase 2 technical studies (geotechnical & biological).
- Continued the development and updates of project collateral materials.
- Facilitated a project discussion and tour for the Water Education Foundation NorCal Water tour (10/12)
- Staff participated as a panelist at ACWA's Region 6/7 San Joaquin Valley Water Forum (10/12) and Mountain Counties Water Resources Associations' Symposium (10/26).
- Staff facilitated project presentations to the American Council of Engineering Companies' Sierra Chapter (10/17) and a tour group from Metropolitan Water (10/26)
- Staff participated in Granzellas Breast Cancer Fundraiser (10/20).