



Topic: **Phase 2 (2019) Reservoir Committee  
Agenda Item 3-1**

**2019 May 17**

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

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**Requested Action:**

No action requested. Informational item

**Detailed Description/Background:**

General Manager and staff to provide an update on project activities performed in April 2019 for; Program Management & Administration, Engagement & Outreach, Proposition 1, Environmental, Feasibility Study, and Engineering and Technical Support.

**Prior Reservoir Committee Board Action:**

None.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:**

None

**Staff Contact:**

Jim Watson

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: April 2019 Status Report

Topic: **Sites Reservoir Project, Phase 2**

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### 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;

- Amendment to the Phase 2 (2019) work plan and Budget (Agreement's Exhibit B).
- Worked with consultants to refine Phase 2 (2019) task orders which began on April 1, 2019.
- Supporting Reclamation on completion of their Feasibility Report.
- Submitted quarterly report, finalizing the WSIP Early Funding Agreement's work plan, and preparing invoices for concurrent drawdown.

The following highlights the status of activities conducted during the month of March 2019:

### Program Management & Administration:

- Initiated integration with all Phase 2 service area providers, including integration service area team meetings.
- Continued IT program implementation including SharePoint development and finalizing GIS Right-of-Way mobile tool.
- Revised efforts to reflect reduced anticipated 2019 funding, including a revised approach to implementing the Program Management Plan.
- Initiated development of annual budgeting cycle, and continued enhancement of monthly Reservoir Committee and Board item processes.
- Updated 2019 Budget Work Plan, revised service area budgets based on reduced revenue assumptions, and initiated amendments to all service area contracts.
- Continued development of closeout processes for Phase 1 consulting agreements and task orders.
- Development and implementation of Phase 2 processes for consultant weekly burn rate expense monitoring and task order invoice submittals.
- To fill the Environmental Planning & Permitting Manager position, the selection panel reviewed submitted qualifications, conducted interviews, and prepared a recommendation.

### Coordination with Reclamation:

- Continued coordination of Project activities funded by Reclamation and those funded by the Authority, including detailed final reviews of the project description and environmental commitments.

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- Revised and provided updates to water rights, water management, benefits and power generation.
- Provided technical comments to the updated Feasibility Report and associated technical and policy evaluations.

**Permitting and Environmental Planning**

- Although limited by the availability of the federal and California agencies, continuing ongoing coordination efforts. Activities included further development of the contents of the federal Biological Assessment and coordination with CDFW.
- Continued development of environmental analyses and permit applications to support additional geotechnical testing and sampling work that will advance the design and Feasibility Report's cost estimate.
- Continued development of analysis tools for daily operations, bypass criteria, floodplain inundation and other operational effects, and long-term operations.

**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;

- Facilitated a coordination meeting with a group of interested environmental NGOs regarding the Project's operation in compliance with the Trinity River Record of Decision.
- Coordination of project activities with landowners, local agencies, and project stakeholders; including the North State Building Trades (4/2) and preparations to provide an update during ACWA's spring conference.
- Responding to requests for project information, and to plan and facilitate meetings and site tours; including input to articles being prepared by ChicoSol.org and the American Society of Civil Engineers.
- Conducted preliminary discussions regarding temporary right of entry access to property for targeted Phase 2 (2019) technical studies and developed a draft Authority Real Property & Land Management policy
- Conducted project presentation and site tour for tour groups from Cow Creek Middle School (3/9) and for Metropolitan Water District (4/23)