



Topic: Authority Board Agenda Item 4-1

2019 September 23

Subject: Monthly Status Report

Requested Action:

No action requested. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the Sites Project's monthly status report.

Detailed Description/Background:

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

Prior Authority Board Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

None.

Staff Contact:

Jim Watson

Attachments:

Attachment A: August 2019 Status Report.

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

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2019 August**

Monthly Status Summary:

The development of the Sites Project continues to make progress in the critical areas associated with the reprioritized Phase 2 (2019) budget and work plan, including the following activities:

- Continued detailed consultations with CDFW on pre-application permit consultation.
- Continued supporting Reclamation on completion of their Feasibility Report, including the coordination of permit applications and access with Reclamation for the NODOS Feasibility Geotechnical Investigations.
- Continued development of the Phase 2 (2020-2021) Work Plan utilizing input from the various service area providers.
- Continued to advance the Affordability Study.
- Held a Joint Reservoir Committee and Authority Board work shop on August 15, 2019 to discuss the Phase 2 (2020-2021) Work Plan, Operations and Repayment and Water Storage Policy.
- The Water Storage Policy was adopted by the Authority Board on August 26, 2019.

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

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Continued coordination of Project activities funded by Reclamation and those funded by the Authority.
- Provided technical comments to the updated Feasibility Report, including an updated estimate of the non-contract costs and associated technical and policy evaluations.

Permitting and Environmental Planning:

- Continued development of the federal Biological Assessment, response to comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) and development of the Final EIR/EIS.
- Continued pre-construction permit discussions with CDFW on both construction and operational effects of the project to state-listed and fully-protected species.
- 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. Reclamation submitted the Geotechnical Biological Assessment to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on August 21, 2019 and submitted the consultation package to the State Historic Preservation Office on August 26, 2019.

- Continued development of analysis tools for daily operations, bypass criteria, floodplain inundation and other operational effects.
- Completed a Planning and Environmental Permitting Strategy Session to plan and strategize on key activities thru the end of 2021.
- Continued ongoing AB 52 coordination with the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians and the Yoche Dehe Wintun Nation for both geotechnical investigations and project.

Engineering:

- Continued to advance the near-term geotechnical exploration program to support the federal Feasibility Report's cost estimate.
- Continue to advance the affordability study.
- Engineering procurements were approved to enter into negotiations.

Real Estate, Stakeholder Engagement & Public Outreach:

Continued 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:

- Responded to landowner requests for project information, facilitated coordination activities with local government agencies and organizations and planned for future landowner, stakeholders and general public outreach activities and events.
- Planning for temporary right of entry access to property for targeted Phase 2 (2019) technical studies and finalized the Authority's Temporary Right of Entry Compensation Protocol.
- Conducted project site tours for CDFW and USFWS in support of the Phase 2 (2019) geotechnical investigation plan.
- Conducted project update briefing with USDA Maxwell Water Intertie (August 13th).
- Held a public meeting with impacted landowners and community members (August 15th).
- Conducted an AB 52 consultation meetings with impacted tribes in support of the Phase 2 (2019) geotechnical investigation plan.

Program Management & Administration:

- Met with the California Water Commission staff to review working draft invoice and progress report submittal. Initiated work in responding to working draft invoice comments to prepare final invoice for submission in the end of September.
- Continued analysis of operations and repayment scenarios including operations, engineering and finance input for presentation at September workshop.
- Implemented standard operating procedures related to invoice approval, consultant change management, consultant staff approval and continued development of additional controls processes and procedures.
- Continued development of the draft Phase 2 (2020-2021) work plan utilizing

input from the various area providers. Scheduled an informational workshop for both Reservoir Committee and Authority Board.

- Coordinated review of key draft documents including Participation Agreement, Bank Line of Credit RF, and Plan of Finance with respective work groups.