



Topic: **Authority Board Agenda Item 4-1**

2018 Jan 28

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 December 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:

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Attachments:

Attachment A: December 2018 Status Report

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

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2018 December**

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.
- 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 (2019) work plan and Budget.
- The proposed Phase 2 (2019) Reservoir Project Agreement.
- The procurement process and documents needed to secure resources at the start of Phase 2 (2019).

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

Program Management & Administration:

2019 Reservoir Project Agreement: An informational package was distributed. It included the agreement and exhibits, template presentation materials, and instructions. Staff have been responding to questions and requests for support.

Finance Plan: [No change since last month] The plan to finance the construction has been updated to evaluate three scenarios: (1) the Baseline, which uses 5% interest and benefits of the USDA conditional loan, (2) if financing occurred today using current rates, and (3) scenario 2 with WIFIA-type loan assumed to be \$1.1 B. Scenario 3 represents congress' approval of the America's Water infrastructure Act of 2018 that could enable Reclamation to approve water infrastructure projects and utilize EPA's processes as defined by WIFIA. In addition, all three scenarios assume interim financing for the remainder of Phase 2 (post-2019 Agreement) will include interest payments with the outstanding principle being rolled into the long-term financing.

Procurements for Phase 2 Services: Negotiating contracts for services areas: Integration (A), Controls (B), Real Estate (G), and Communications (C).

Coordination with Reclamation:

Continued coordination activities with Reclamation including the following;

- Coordinated of Project activities funded by Reclamation and those funded by the Authority.
- Reviewed and forwarded suggested revisions to the working draft Sites Project Operational Principles of Agreement

- Participated in the review and update of the Feasibility Report and associated technical and policy evaluations
- Engaged to develop a project description for required geotechnical and other surveys for permitting and the Feasibility Report

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
- Provided a project update to the California Chamber of Commerce (12/06)
- Conducted project briefing with members of the Colusa County Board of Supervisors (12/11)
- Conducted coordination meeting with the Colusa Indian Community Council (12/17)
- Coordination with Glenn County's Public Works and Planning Departments (12/19)
- Conducted project briefing and coordination meeting with Glenn County Planning and Public Works management (12/29)

Permitting and Environmental Planning

Continuing ongoing coordination efforts with federal agencies (NMFS, USFWS). State agencies scheduled and then cancelled coordination meetings. Activities included further refinement of the regulatory baseline, project description, screening criteria and operations, covered species and product development and review schedule.