



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

**2018 Feb 25**

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 January 2019 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: January 2019 Status Report

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

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Report Period: **2019 January**

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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;

- 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 January 2019:

### Program Management & Administration:

2019 Reservoir Project Agreement: Staff have been responding to questions and requests for support from both Phase 1 participants and prospective participants. In addition, began to develop the transition plan between the end of Phase 1 and start of the 2019 agreement.

Procurements: Negotiation and award of contracts for services areas: Integration (A), Controls (B), Real Estate (G), and Communications (C) with initial task orders through March 31, 2019. In addition, posted RFQ for EPP Manager position and candidate selection for senior-level advisor specializing in rights-of-way.

### Coordination with Reclamation:

Continued coordination activities with Reclamation including the following;

- Coordinated of Project activities funded by Reclamation and those funded by the Authority.
- Revised and provided updates to the working draft Sites Project Operational Principles of Agreement focusing on water rights, water management and power generation.
- Provided technical comments updated of the Feasibility Report and associated technical and policy evaluations
- Coordinated requirements for the geotechnical and other surveys for permitting and the Feasibility Report

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 Caveat: Subject to change  
 Notes:

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**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
- Conducted a project tour for the State Water Resource Control Board Chair and staff (1/14)
- Provided a project presentation to American Society of Civil Engineers – Feather River Branch (1/16)

**Operations, Permitting and Environmental Planning**

Biological: Continuing ongoing coordination efforts with federal agencies (NMFS, USFWS, Army Corps). Activities included further refinement of the baseline for analysis, project description particularly diversion criteria, screening criteria and operations, covered species and product development and review schedule. Initiated development of environmental analyses and permit applications for the early geotechnical surveys to support design.

Operations: Continued development of analysis tools for daily operations, operational effects, and long-term operations

Technical: Introductory meeting with the state's Division of Safety of Dams to provide an overview of the project and prior dam design and field data collection efforts, discuss the next steps to advance the design, the concept of staged approvals, and the overall schedule.