



Topic: **Authority Board Agenda Item 4-1** **2018 March 25**

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 February 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

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Attachments:

Attachment A: February 2019 Status Report

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

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2019 February**

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;

- Development of the overall Phase 2 (2019 Agreement) work plan and Budget and finalizing the Phase 2 (2019) Reservoir Project Agreement.
- Continuing to advance the procurement process and documents needed to secure resources at the start of Phase 2 (2019).
- Supporting Reclamation on completion of their Feasibility Report.
- Initiation of technical work within Reclamation FY2018 funding and the requirements for an application for potential WIIN Act funding.
- Engaging with the Water Commission on the WSIP Early Funding including quarterly reporting.

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

Program Management & Administration:

- Integration team coordination activities with Phase 1 contractors to develop business, systems, procedures, and preparations to implement the Phase 2 (2019) work plan.
- Began close-out activities for Phase 1 activities and transition to start Phase 2.
- Began development of program controls structures for the completion of Phase 1 activities and establish procedures and protocols that will be used in Phase 2 (2019).
- Developed Phase 2 (2019) task orders for service areas: Integration (A), Controls (B), Communications (C), and Real Estate (G).
- Continued to develop consulting contracts and Phase 2 (2019) task orders for services areas: Operations Simulation Modeling (D), Environmental Planning and Analysis (E), Permitting and Agreements (F), and Geology and Geotechnical Engineering (I).

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Continued coordination 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 to the updated Feasibility Report and associated technical and policy evaluations
- Coordinated requirements for the geotechnical and other surveys for permitting and the Feasibility Report

Status: Issued for Use

Purpose: Informational

Caveat: Subject to change

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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;

- Began transition process from Phase 1 communications contractor to Phase 2 (2019) contractor (Service Area C).
- Coordination of project activities with landowners, local agencies, and project stakeholders.
- Responding to requests for project information, and to plan and facilitate meetings and site tours.
- Conducted preliminary discussions regarding temporary right of entry access to property for targeted Phase 2 (2019) technical studies.
- Conducted project presentations for tour groups from Metropolitan Water District (2/1 & 2/22) and presented the Project at the Urban Water Institute's annual conference.
- Provided a commentary to Ag Alert, and responded to questions from the Sacramento Bee, KPAY, and Top Line Construction.

Permitting and Environmental Planning

Biological: Although limited by the availability of the federal agencies, continuing ongoing coordination efforts with federal agencies (NMFS, USFWS, Army Corps). Activities included further refinement of the contents of the Biological Assessment and fish screen diversion capabilities. Continued development of environmental analyses and permit applications for the 2019 geotechnical testing and sampling work to advance the design and cost estimate. Continued development of analysis tools for daily operations, operational effects, and long-term operations