



Topic: **Reservoir Committee Agenda Item 9-1    2018 March 22**

Subject: **Phase 1 Completion and Closeout**

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**Requested Action:**

Approve the completion and administrative closeout of the Sites Project’s Phase 1 activities.

**Detailed Description/Background:**

The objectives identified in late 2015 to advance the Sites Project through Phase 1 have been completed.

The primary Phase 1 objective was to secure Proposition 1 (2014) funding from the California Water Commission, which was achieved on July 24, 2018 with a conditional award of \$816 million, of which \$40.8 million is available over the next three years to complete the project’s environmental review and permitting activities.

A secondary objective was to work with the Bureau of Reclamation through an existing cost-share agreement to determine a level of federal interest in the Sites Project through the development of a congressionally mandated feasibility report, a draft of which was released in August 2017 and a final is pending.

A third objective was to demonstrate a significant level of statewide interest in the Sites Project, primarily by local water agencies willing to provide funding to advance the project’s development. This was accomplished through the formal onboarding process that occurred in 2016 and the resulting funds were used to prepare the application to the Water Commission, work with Reclamation on the technical aspects needed to determine the project’s feasibility, and to accelerate work to advance the documentation of environmental compliance.

**Prior Reservoir Committee Action:**

Multiple. Refer meeting minutes.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:**

None

**Staff Contact:**

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**Attachments:**

None