



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

**2018 April 22**

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 March 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: March 2019 Status Report

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

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Report Period: **2019 March**

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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;

- Updates to the Phase 2 (2019) work plan and Budget and participants' execution of 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, which begins on April 1, 2019.
- Supporting Reclamation on completion of their Feasibility Report.
- Initiation of technical work within Reclamation FY2018 funding and a request 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 March 2019:

### Program Management & Administration:

- Created a cross-service area team to Integrate their activities to support upcoming geotechnical exploration with required rights of entry, encroachment permits, environmental documentation, and regulatory permits. Worked with Reclamation to finalize locations to collect data using geotechnical borings, geophysical, and geologic mapping.
- Defined the process and schedule for Phase 1 closeout activities, and initiated development of closeout materials.
- Executed Phase 2 (2019) task orders for service areas: Integration (A), Controls (B), Communications (C), and Real Estate (G); and for 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).
- Developing invoice backup documentation for project Participants and assisted with accounts receivable activities.
- Developing Master Program Schedule focused on the 2019 priorities that includes completion of the federal feasibility report and reservoir operations.
- Developing a phase 2 plan for IT needs, and continued implementation of key IT software, such as the SharePoint document management site and GIS Right-of-Way application.
- Developed outline of Program Management Plan (PMP), prioritized development of PMP sections, and initiated work on them.
- Developing WSIP invoicing schedule and plan to execute the Early Funding Agreement.

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**Coordination with Reclamation:**

- Continued coordination of Project activities funded by Reclamation and those funded by the Authority, which included a joint site tour focused on geology and geotechnical considerations (3/13) followed with an all-day engineering meeting (3/14).
- 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.

**Permitting and Environmental Planning**

- Although limited by the availability of the federal and California agencies, continuing ongoing coordination efforts. Activities included further development of the contents of the federal Biological Assessment and an initial meeting with CDFW.
- 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. This field work is planned to be performed in 2019.
- Continued development of analysis tools for daily operations, operational effects, and long-term operations.

**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;

- Finalized transition process from the Phase 1 communications service provider to the Phase 2 (2019) service provider.
- 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 presentation for a tour group from Metropolitan Water District (3/8)
- Conducted legislative advocacy trip to Washington DC (week of 3/12) and State Capitol Legislative Day (3/27).