



Topic: Authority Board Agenda Item 4-1

2019 August 26

Subject: Monthly Status Report

Requested Action:

No action requested. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the Sites Project's monthly status report.

Detailed Description/Background:

General Manager and staff to provide an update on project activities performed in July 2019 for; Program Management & Administration, Engagement & Outreach, Proposition 1, Environmental, Feasibility Study and Engineering & Technical Support.

Prior Authority Board Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

None.

Staff Contact:

Jim Watson

Attachments:

Attachment A: July 2019 Status Report.

Topic: **Sites Reservoir Project, Phase 2 (2019)**

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period:

2019 July

Monthly Status Summary:

The development of the Sites Project continues to make progress in the critical areas associated with the reprioritized Phase 2 (2019) budget and work plan, and preparations for post-2019 work, including the following activities;

- Continued detailed consultations with CDFW regarding permit compliance.
- Continued supporting Reclamation on completion of their Feasibility Report, including the coordination of permit applications and NEPA/CEQA compliance documents with Reclamation for the NODOS Feasibility Geotechnical Investigations.
- Submitted first WSIP invoice and invoice progress report for review by the California Water Commission.
- Developing the Phase 2 (2020-2021) work plan utilizing input from the various service area providers.
- Completed amendment to the Phase 2 (2019) Agreement’s Exhibit B.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Continued coordination of Project activities funded by Reclamation and those funded by the Authority.
- Provided technical comments to the updated Feasibility Report, including an updated estimate of the non-contract costs and associated technical and policy evaluations.

Permitting and Environmental Planning

- Continued development of the federal Biological Assessment, responses to comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) and development of the Final EIR/EIS.
- Continued pre-construction permit discussions with California Department of Fish and Wildlife on both construction and operational effects of the project to state-listed species.
- 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.
- Continued development of analysis tools for daily operations, bypass criteria, floodplain inundation and other operational effects.

Engineering:

- Issued the Engineering Services RFQ and conducted a pre-submittal conference.
- Continuing to advance the near-term geotechnical exploration program to support the federal Feasibility Report’s cost estimate.

Real Estate, Stakeholder Engagement & Public 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:
 - Responded to landowner requests for project information, facilitated coordination activities with local government agencies and organizations, and planned for future landowner, stakeholders and general public outreach activities and events.
 - Completed the selection process for Federal Government Affairs services, which was awarded to The Ferguson Group/Natural Resources Results.
 - Published "California needs Sites Reservoir. Here's why" editorial signed by Fritz Durst and Doug Headrick in CalMatters (July 7th).
 - Worked to finalize protocol for temporary right of entry access to property for targeted Phase 2 (2019) technical studies and finalized the Authority's Real Property & Land Management policy.
 - Provided project updates and site tours for Senator Nielsen & Assemblyman Gallagher's district staff (July 26th).

Program Management & Administration:

- Continued program IT development of SharePoint enhancements, Smartsheet implementation, and final roll-out of the GIS ROW tool.
- Submitted first WSIP invoice and invoice progress report for review by the California Water Commission.
- For the California Water Commission, prepared and submitted the April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 quarterly report.
- Continued analysis of operations and repayment scenarios including operations, engineering, and finance input for presentation at August workshop.
- Implemented standard operating procedures related to invoice approval, consultant progress management, monthly progress reporting, and continued development of additional controls processes and procedures.
- Development of the Phase 2 (2020-2021) work plan utilizing input from the various service area providers. Scheduled an informational workshop for both Reservoir Committee and Authority Board.