

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

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2020 March**

Monthly Status Summary:

The development of the Sites Project continues to make progress in the critical areas associated with the value planning, work plan, and message platform including the following activities:

- Completed the Executive Director search with the selection of Jerry Brown.
- Identified a preferred project and developed the participation agreement and supporting materials to advance this project through December 2021.
- Completed the focused geotechnical data collection, including coordination of biological and cultural monitoring, to advance the Bureau of Reclamation's Feasibility Report.

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

Engineering:

- Continued work to complete the value planning process. Held ad-hoc Value Planning Work Group meeting on March 2. The Group identified a recommended Project and two options that would provide flexibility to adjust key features to respond to future conditions. Completed the engineering, operations, environmental, permitting and repayment analyses necessary to support the process.
- Prepared draft Sites Project Value Planning Appraisal Report. Distributed the report to the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board members on March 18 for review and comment. A public workshop was held on March 30 to receive input on the draft report. The draft report will be finalized reflecting comments.
- Continued to develop the detailed schedule for the next stage of project development.
- Finalized engineering task order materials including scope, budget and schedule for service areas HC (Conveyance) and HR (Reservoir).

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Continued coordination and support for feasibility-level geotechnical investigations. Reclamation is funding and undertaking additional geotechnical investigations while environmental compliance and monitoring activities are being funded by the Authority. Field activities were completed at Fletcher 1 and 2. Drilling at Fletcher 1 was completed in February and downhole geophysics was completed in early March. Drilling at Fletcher 2 was completed in early March along with downhole geophysics. Both holes were backfilled, and the sites cleaned up. All equipment has been demobilized and the core materials have been shipped to the designated laboratory and storage locations.
- Drafted application for Financial Assistance Agreement to receive WIIN Act funding from Reclamation.

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- Drafted environmental feasibility technical memo summarizing EIR/EIS process to date to support Reclamation's Feasibility Report findings.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Completed implementing the environmental commitments including biological, cultural and tribal field monitoring activities for NODOS geotechnical investigations.
- Continued to support the Value Planning efforts.
- Began efforts on the EIR/EIS Work Plan and approach for key permits, including efforts to formulate a range of alternatives for the EIR/EIS based on the Draft Value Planning Report and identify the appropriate baseline for on-going and future analyses.

Operations:

- Completed value planning analysis including post-processing of average annual deliveries, deliveries by water year type, an assessment of exchanges with Shasta Lake, and an evaluation of the capacity in the Tehama Colusa Canal.
- Continued refinement of analysis tools for daily operations, bypass criteria, floodplain inundation, Shasta within year exchanges and other operational effects.
- Began discussions on model baseline to support the project description development.

Stakeholder Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Continued 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.
- Developed the 2019 Annual Report and stakeholder engagement materials, including an Executive Prospectus and PowerPoint to support funding decisions. Submitted draft final 2019 Sites Annual Report to participants for review.

Program Management & Administration:

- For the Prop 1 Early Funding Agreement, submitted Invoice/Progress Report No 4 in the amount of \$1.9 million.
- Developed work plan materials for the next stage of the project development through December 2021, including a critical path schedule, task budgets, and cash flows. A public workshop was held on March 30 to receive input on the work plan. The work plan will be finalized reflecting comments.