

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

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2020 April**

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### **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:

#### **WSIP Funding:**

- Submitted CWC Quarterly Report 7 for the work period January 1 through March 31, 2020.

#### **WIIN Act Funding:**

- Submitted draft statement of work for Financial Assistance Agreement to receive WIIN Act Funds from Reclamation. The project was awarded \$6 million in WIIN Act Funds, some of which Reclamation will maintain to advance the project with their staff.

#### **USDA Funding:**

- No update

#### **Engineering:**

- Finalized the Value Planning Alternatives Appraisal Report identifying a recommended project and two options that would provide flexibility to adjust key features to respond to future conditions.
- Onboarded two new engineering teams: Contract HC – Conveyance Systems (CH2M) and Contract HR – Reservoirs (AECOM).
- Reviewed existing data, including geotechnical exploration information, to begin to determine next steps for Feasibility Study and support of Project Description.

#### **Coordination with Reclamation:**

- Met with Reclamation environmental staff to address the outcome of the Value Planning process and Authority's decision to recirculate the Draft EIR. Also discussed the NEPA path forward including the need to define the federal action and assumption of a continued joint EIR/EIS process.
- Continued coordination on Reclamation's work to complete the Final Federal Feasibility Report. Awaiting report chapters for review by Staff.

#### **Environmental Planning and Permitting:**

- Completed support to the Value Planning efforts.
- Continued 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-

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going and future analyses.

- Continued development of the project description for use in the recirculated EIR and state and federal ESA permits.
- Began efforts to determine key considerations and approach for the project's water right application.

**Operations:**

- Continued refinement of analysis tools for daily operations, bypass criteria, floodplain inundation, Shasta within year exchanges and other operational effects.
- Continued discussions on model baseline to support the project description development.
- Continued evaluation of potential for Shasta Exchanges based on updated information contained in ROC on LTO.
- Drafted Work Plan for development of priority operations criteria and parameters.

**Stakeholder Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:**

- Engaged in outreach efforts with landowners, local community members, state and federal elected officials, government agencies and coalitions of regional and statewide organizations to introduce the Value Planning Report and the new "rightsized" project.
- 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.

**Program Management & Administration:**

- Developed and presented the Amendment 2 Work Plan covering work between Sep 1, 2020 and Dec 31, 2021. The work plan was approved by the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board.
- Developed a two-step cash call process in light of COVID-19 concerns. Rolled out a soft call survey to Reservoir Committee members to determine planned participation levels by agency.
- Developed the Second Amendment to 2019 Reservoir Project Agreement.