



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

2020 February 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 January 2020 for; Program Management & Administration, Engagement & Outreach, Proposition 1, Environmental, Feasibility Study and Engineering & Technical Support.

Prior Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

None.

Staff Contact:

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Attachments:

Attachment A: January 2020 Status Report.

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Purpose: Staff Report
Caveat: Informational
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Topic: **Sites Reservoir Project, Phase 2**

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2020 January**

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, including the following activities:

- Continued support of Reclamation on completion of their Feasibility Report, including the coordination of biological and cultural monitoring along with land access for the NODOS Feasibility Geotechnical Investigations.
- Continued support of Value Engineering and Affordability Analyses.
- Received the third CWC early funding payment in the amount of \$2.1 million.

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

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Continued coordination and support for feasibility geotechnical investigation.

Environmental Planning, Permitting, and Operations:

- Continued implementing the environmental commitments including biological, cultural and tribal field monitoring activities for NODOS geotechnical testing and sampling work that will advance the design and cost estimate in Reclamation Feasibility Report. Reclamation is funding and undertaking additional geotechnical investigations while environmental compliance and monitoring activities are being funded by the Authority. Field activities resumed January 23 through January 29 at the Fletcher 1 site. After biological sensitivity training, drilling began at the Fletcher 1 site with the drill reaching a total depth of 35.1 feet below ground surface during the shift. Next drill shift is scheduled from February 5 to 12 and will continue advancing the depth of the Fletcher 1 site.
- Continued refinement of analysis tools for daily operations, bypass criteria, floodplain inundation, Shasta within year exchanges and other operational effects.
- Participated in the Value Planning effort and continued research into possible opportunities and challenges with initial Value Planning concepts.
- Prepared for and attended the California Advisory Committee on Salmon and Steelhead Trout meeting along with the Trinity County Board of Supervisors Meeting to discuss the Sites Project and their concerns regarding potential impacts to the Trinity and Sacramento rivers.

Engineering:

- Continued value planning efforts; which are evaluating options to improve the projects' affordability based on the current level of participation commitments.
- Completed contract negotiations with HC and HR service area providers.

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- Developing high level scope, schedule and budget for engineering and geotechnical service providers for amendment 2.

Real Estate, Stakeholder Engagement & Public Outreach:

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.
- Facilitated a project presentation of the Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee.
- Conducted a Washington DC trip including meetings with the Department of Interior and members of the California Congressional delegation.
- Conducted landowner coordination activities in support of the ongoing focused Geotechnical field studies.

Program Management & Administration:

- Submitted Quarterly Status Report #6 to the California Water Commission.
- For the Maxwell Water intertie Project, developing a 2019 status report for the US Department of Agriculture.
- Issued guidance to key consultants regarding contract amendments as part of the Amendment 1B Work Plan (i.e. for work being performed between January 1 through August 31, 2020).
- Refined payment of claims to anticipate payments using funds received from the California Water Commission.