



# 2019 Progress Report

From strengthening project support throughout California, to securing additional federal funding for the project, 2019 was a successful year for the Sites Reservoir Project.

The year closed with the project set up for key decisions in 2020, most notably those related to permitting and operations. Consultations with resource agencies were a key focus of the second half of the year. Participating agencies along with local, state and federal agencies also started work to “rightsize” the reservoir to provide resiliency and reliability to statewide water supplies and the environment.

Located 10 miles west of the town of Maxwell in rural Glenn and Colusa counties, Sites Reservoir would be an off-stream storage facility that captures and stores stormwater flows in the Sacramento River for release in dry and critical years for environmental use and for California communities, farms and businesses when it is so desperately needed.

## Fast Facts



Provide water for **millions of people** each year



Increases Sacramento Valley **water storage capacity**



Creates **reliable supplies** for environmental, agricultural, and municipal uses



Adds **hundreds of thousands of acre-feet** annually, on average, to California's water system and even more in drier periods



**29 participating agencies** representing communities across California

## JANUARY

The consultant teams selected for Program Integration, Controls, Communications, Real Estate, Environmental, Permitting, Operations Simulation Modeling, and Geology and Geotechnical Engineering launch Sites Reservoir Phase 2 efforts.

## FEBRUARY

Rep. John Garamendi introduces Sites Reservoir Project Act (H.R.1453) to provide federal support for the construction of Sites Reservoir and related water infrastructure in Colusa and Glenn Counties.

## MARCH

Sites Project Authority heads to Washington, D.C. to meet with lawmakers about the benefits of Sites Reservoir and importance of federal participation.

## APRIL

Governor Newsom issues Executive Order calling for state agencies to develop actionable steps to create a more resilient water supply future and environment.



## MAY

Sites Reservoir meets with water leaders in Monterey at the ACWA Spring Conference and at the OC Water Summit.



## JUNE

Alicia Forsythe join the Sites Project Authority as Environmental Planning and Permitting Manager. In her role, Alicia oversees environmental planning and compliance, and permitting for Sites Reservoir.

## JULY

Sites Reservoir featured in CalMatters in op-ed ["California needs Sites Reservoir. Here's why."](#)



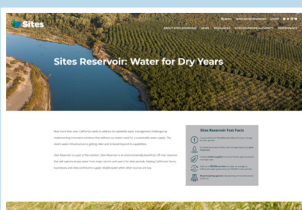
## AUGUST

Local landowner meeting held to update community members in Maxwell on Sites Reservoir and answer questions.

["Sites Reservoir needed for reliable future"](#) published in San Francisco Chronicle by Andrew Meredith of the State Building & Construction Trades Council of California.

## SEPTEMBER

New mobile and user-friendly website launched for Sites Reservoir showcasing new materials, news and updates for the project.



## OCTOBER

Sites Reservoir team presents to the Southern California Water Coalition Board Meeting and meets with water leaders from throughout the state at the organization's Annual Dinner in Long Beach, CA.

## NOVEMBER

Leadership from Zone 7 Water Agency and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California tour the Sites Reservoir location.

## DECEMBER

Congress passes and President Trump signs federal spending bills including \$6 million dedicated to Sites Reservoir.

Sites Project Authority launches recruitment for new leadership position as it begins search for Executive Director.