

Topic: **Sites Reservoir Project**

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2021 September**

Monthly Status Summary:

The development of the Sites Project continues to make progress in the critical areas including the following activities:

Engineering:

- Continued addressing CWC staff comments and in the process of finalizing the WSIP Feasibility Report for submittal in October.
- Continued coordination and planning efforts for obtaining design level geologic and geotechnical engineering investigation.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Coordinated on operations flexibility for improved anadromous fish benefits.
- Coordination with Reclamation on NEPA process and RDEIR/SDEIS, finalized revisions to several chapters, and packaged the document for Reclamation management review leading to public release on Nov 12.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Completed resolution of additional comments received from Reclamation's Bay-Delta Office on the aquatic resources analysis, specifically Chapter 11 and associated appendices of the RDEIR/SDEIS.
- Began delivery of RDEIR/SDEIS chapters and appendices for Reclamation Regional Management and Regional Solicitor Office review.
- Ongoing coordination with the Communications Team on the scheduling, format and materials needed for upcoming public meetings, including Spanish translation of the RDEIR/SDEIS Executive Summary, RDEIR/SDEIS Community Guide and Fact Sheet.
- Ongoing AB 52 consultation, including the monthly meeting with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation.
- Continued in-depth discussions with CDFW staff on the approach and analysis methodology for the Construction and Operations ITP applications.
- Continued coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and SWRCB on the Clean Water Act 404 and 401 permit applications effort.
- Continued meetings with TCCA and GCID to discuss the Clean Water Act permitting approach as it relates to their existing infrastructure.
- Reviewed initial chapters of the Project's mitigation plan and continued coordination with the mitigation and adaptive management small working group.

- Continued monthly water right coordination meetings with SWRCB staff and discussion of project description, proposed exchanges, and the approach to the Project's water availability analysis.
- Continued development of water right application, water availability analysis and refinement of the Project's place of use and points of rediversion with Participants input.

Operations:

- Ran several operational scenarios evaluating alternative diversion criteria.
- Continued development of Operations Plan, Version 1.
- Worked with Reclamation on enhanced operations flexibility for exchanges.

Stakeholder Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Placed a Sites op-ed in the San Jose Mercury News and other Bay Area News Group publications.
- Associated Press ran an article about the Sites Project that got nationwide coverage in more 100 publications across the US.
- Worked on planning and logistics for public involvement activities associated with the release of the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.
- Began one-on-one coordination meetings with landowners affected by the planned Amendment 3 geotechnical field work.

Program Management & Administration:

- Facilitated Joint Plan of Finance Workshop: Financing Action Plan Review and Next Steps.
- Prepared and presented on Amendment 3 Project Agreement and Work Plan at September Joint Meeting.