

Topic: **Sites Reservoir Project**

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2021 October**

Monthly Status Summary:

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

Engineering:

- Completed preparation of the final WSIP Feasibility Report.
- Ongoing coordination and planning efforts for obtaining design-level geologic and geotechnical engineering investigation.
- Supported development of the maps for the water right application.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Ongoing coordination with Reclamation on NEPA process and development of the RDEIR/SDEIS for publication.
- Received Financial Assistance Agreement amendment from Reclamation for additional FY 2021 WIIN Act funds. Awaiting final signature.
- Ongoing coordination with Reclamation on operational changes including increasing flexibility in criteria for exchanges.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Finalization of the RDEIR/SDEIS based on Reclamation Regional Management/Solicitor comments for submittal to Reclamation Review Team DC Briefing on October 29.
- Preparation of the ADA-compliant version of the RDEIR/SDEIS appendices.
- Ongoing coordination with the Communications Team on the scheduling, format and materials needed for upcoming public meetings, including updates to the Spanish translation of the RDEIR/SDEIS Executive Summary, RDEIR/SDEIS Community Guide, FAQs and Fact Sheet.
- Ongoing development of the CEQA Notice of Availability (NOA) and cover letter, development of mailing/email lists, and coordination with County Clerk/Recorders for posting of the NOA.
- Coordination of RDEIR/SDEIS production and distribution, including outreach to local libraries to confirm format and any Covid protocols.
- Continued in-depth discussions with CDFW staff on the approach and analysis methodology for the Construction and Operations ITP applications.
- Legal review of and revision to the Project's Construction ITP application.
- Held NGO workshop to review changes to the Project's Aquatic Resources

(fisheries) effects analysis in the Draft RDEIR/SDEIS.

- 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.
- Began environmental permit preparation for early 2022 geotechnical activities.
- Reviewed 75 percent draft of Project's Adaptive Management Program 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 diversion with Participant input.

Operations:

- Continued development of Operations Plan, Version 1.
- Continued to support discussions with CDFW and Reclamation on operations, including revised modeling.
- Provided support for revisions made to the CWC Feasibility Study before submittal of the final document.

Stakeholder Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Conducted ongoing coordination meetings with landowners affected by the planned Amendment 3 geotechnical fieldwork
- Facilitated project status briefing for California State Treasurer Fiona Ma and other federal & state elected officials' staff
- Coordinating with Environmental Planning Team and Reclamation Public Affairs on planning and logistics for the DEIR/EIS public rollout and public outreach activities.
- Conducted planning and logistics for the Sac Valley Community Informational Meeting planned for December 6th

Program Management & Administration:

- Facilitated Joint Plan of Finance Workshop: 2021 Drafts.
- Prepared 2021 Drafts of the Plan of Finance and Guiding Principles and Preliminary Terms for Home board review and comment.
- Provided EPA with additional data to evaluate the WIFIA letter of intent.