

Summary

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, the Sites Project Authority (Authority) and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) have prepared a Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of construction and operation of the Sites Reservoir Project (Project), a proposed offstream reservoir located in Colusa and Glenn counties. The Project would capture excess water from major storms and store it for drier periods to increase the reliability of water supplies for California communities, farms, and the environment.

Following the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) in 2017, the Authority, a joint powers authority comprised of water agencies, municipalities, and irrigation districts from throughout California, undertook a value planning process to identify and evaluate additional alternatives that could make the Project more affordable while also addressing comments received on the 2017 Draft EIR/EIS. The result of these efforts is reflected in the joint RDEIR/SDEIS.

The Authority and Reclamation are requesting comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS during an extended 60-day public review and comment period from Nov. 12, 2021, to Jan. 11, 2022. Visit sitesproject.org/environmental-review to review the RDEIR/SDEIS.

Environmental Review Process & Timeline

RDEIR/SDEIS	RDEIR/SDEIS Public Review and Comment Period	Final EIR/EIS	Notice of Determination/ Record of Decision
Released November 2021	Comment Period: Nov. 12, 2021 – Jan. 11, 2022 Virtual Public Meetings: Dec. 15 and 16, 2021	Fall 2022	Late 2022/Early 2023
Presents the analysis of potential environmental impacts for each identified alternative	Opportunity for public review and comment on the analysis presented in the RDEIR/SDEIS	Includes updates to the RDEIR/SDEIS and responses to all substantive comments received during the RDEIR/SDEIS comment period	Completion of the environmental review process; provides the formal decision on the Project

Project Alternatives

Three new alternatives were identified, which include reservoir sizes from 1.3 to 1.5 million acre-feet and focus on using existing facilities to the extent practical for diversions to and releases from the reservoir. The RDEIR/SDEIS evaluates the potential environmental effects of these three new alternatives, as well as a No Project/No Action Alternative. The Authority and Reclamation could decide to approve one of the identified alternatives, or a version that incorporates elements from multiple alternatives.

How to Submit Comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS

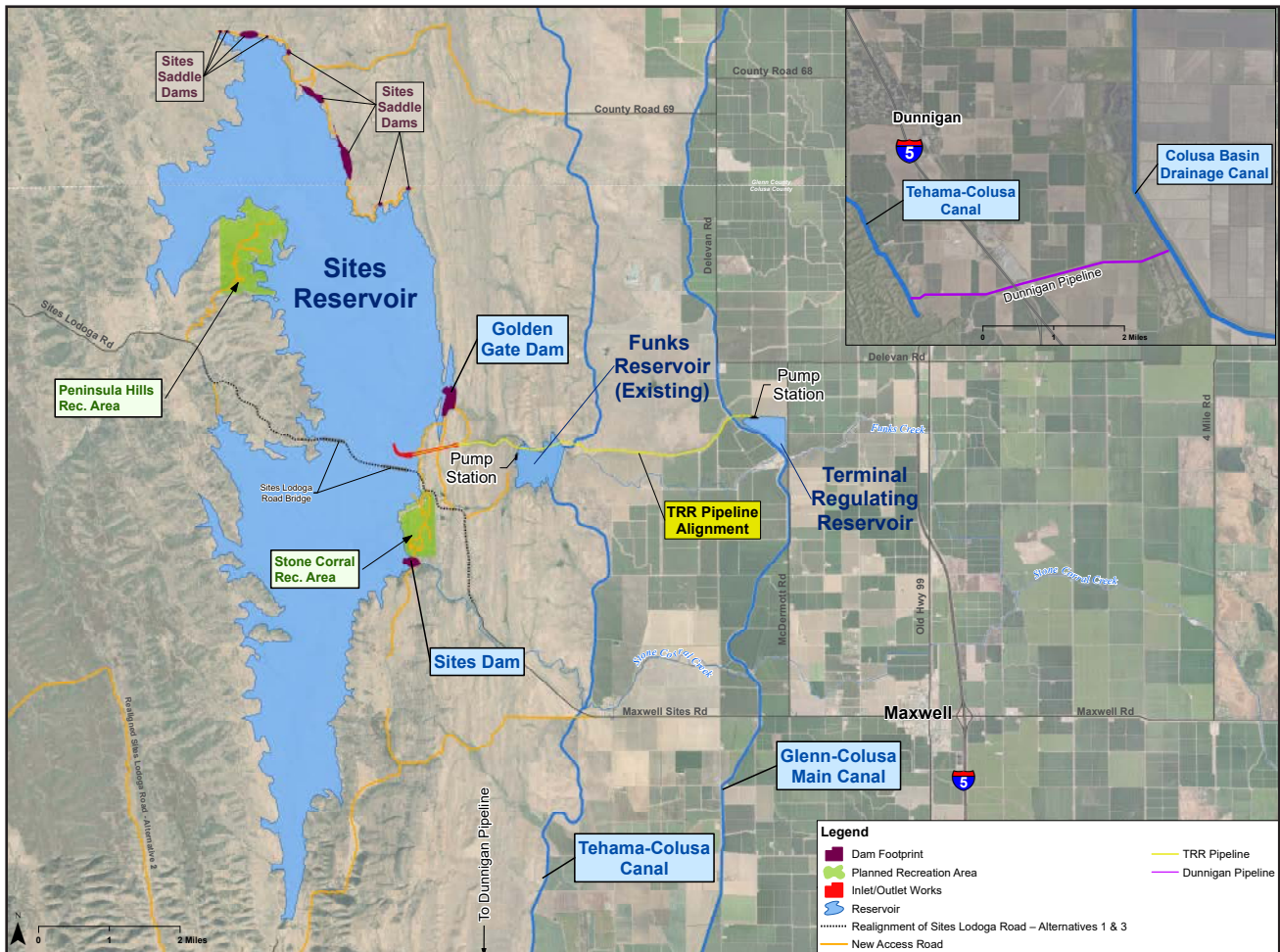
Public input is an essential part of the environmental review process. The Authority and Reclamation welcome comments on the adequacy and accuracy of the analysis presented in the RDEIR/SDEIS. All comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS must be postmarked or received by 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST) on **Jan. 11, 2022**, to be considered in the development of the Final EIR/EIS.

- **Email written comments to:**
EIR-EIS-Comments@SitesProject.org
- **Mail written comments to:**

Sites Project Authority P.O. Box 517 Maxwell, CA 95955	Bureau of Reclamation 2800 Cottage Way, W-2830 Sacramento, CA 95825
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- **Provide verbal comments during the virtual public meetings:**
 - Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021, 6–8 p.m. PST
 - Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021, 9–11 a.m. PST

Visit sitesproject.org/environmental-review for information on accessing the virtual public meetings.

Project Location & Facilities



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