

Topic: **Sites Reservoir Project**

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Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2021 November**

### **Monthly Status Summary:**

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

#### **Engineering:**

- Ongoing coordination and planning efforts for design level geologic and geotechnical engineering investigations.
- Coordinated and prepared draft drawings for Water Rights application.
- Coordinated with GCID staff to optimize Project features within GCID jurisdiction.

#### **Coordination with Reclamation:**

- Coordinated with Reclamation during final DC review of RDEIR/SDEIS and posting to EPA website on November 5.
- Ongoing coordination with Reclamation on the NEPA process and schedule for preparing the Final EIR/EIS and federal Record of Decision.

#### **Environmental Planning and Permitting:**

- Distributed CEQA Notice of Availability (NOA) of the RDEIR/SDEIS with Colusa, Glenn, Tehama, and Yolo Counties for posting on November 12, 2021.
- Published and circulated the RDEIR/SDEIS on November 12, 2021, including uploaded to the Authority and State Clearinghouse websites and hard copy (chapters only) and USB distribution to libraries along with Reclamation and Authority offices for public review.
- Mailed cover letter and NOA to landowners within the Project footprint.
- Sent NOA via email to expanded group of stakeholders including non-governmental organizations, Tribal Governments and other agencies.
- Provided USBs and printed copies of the Executive Summary to Maxwell office for distribution upon request.
- Set up file structure which allows for direct upload of any comments received via email to a shared folder for access by the Authority, ICF and Reclamation in real-time.
- Assisted in finalizing outreach materials and preparing for Community and Public meetings to be held in December.
- Continued discussions with CDFW staff on the approach and analysis methodology for the Construction and Operations ITP applications.

- Continued development of the Project's Construction ITP application.
- 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.
- Continued environmental permit preparation for early 2022 geotechnical activities.
- 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 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
- 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:**

- Submitted final 75% Non-Public Cost Share Commitment Materials to the CWC.
- Responded to Participant informational requests related to Home board coordination efforts.
- Received payment for CWC Invoice 10 for \$2.6 million.
- Continued responding to questions by OMB and EPA regarding LOI for WIFIA loan. Questions involve the Bureau's participation in the project.