

Topic: **Sites Reservoir Project**

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2021 December**

Monthly Status Summary:

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

Engineering:

- Received California Water Commission determination of continued project feasibility and remained eligible for \$836M of Prop 1 Storage funds.
- Continued coordination and planning efforts for design-level geologic and geotechnical engineering investigations.
- Continued coordination with GCID staff to optimize Project features within GCID jurisdiction.
- Completed preparation of reservoir maps in support of Water Rights application.
- Completed analysis of potential improvements within the CBD to optimize project operations.
- Initiated assessment of procurement and delivery strategy.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Ongoing coordination with Reclamation on the NEPA process and the format and schedule for preparing the Final EIR/EIS and federal Record of Decision.
- Ongoing coordination with Reclamation on expanded operations for anadromous fish benefits.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Planned and conducted, with support from the communications team, a community meeting in Maxwell on December 6, 2021 to brief local residents on results of analysis and opportunity to comment on RDEIR/SDEIS.
- Planned and conducted, with support from communications, 2 virtual public meetings on the RDEIR/SDEIS on December 15 and 16, 2021.
- Developed approach and format for the Final EIR/EIS.
- Ongoing development of a schedule for Final EIR/EIS preparation in coordination with permitting, ops/modeling, and engineering.
- Review, categorization and numbering of RDEIR/SDEIS public comments as received.
- Continued discussions with CDFW staff on the approach and analysis methodology for the Construction and Operations ITP applications.

- Completed 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 diversion with Participant input.
- Initiated schedule review of environmental permitting deliverables for Amendment 3.

Operations:

- Completed and distributed the Draft Reservoir Operations Plan for review.
- Continued to support discussions with Reclamation on operations, including revised modeling.
- Provided support for the CWC determination of feasibility.

Stakeholder Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Conducted ongoing coordination meetings with landowners affected by the planned Amendment 3 geotechnical fieldwork.
- Completed development of updated project FAQ's and other project informational materials.

Program Management & Administration:

- Responded to Participant informational requests related to Home board coordination efforts.
- Continued responding to questions by OMB and EPA regarding LOI for WIFIA loan. Questions involve the Bureau's participation in the project.