

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report

Report Period: **March 2022**

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 engineering mapping/surveying and design-level geologic and geotechnical investigations.
- Executed field activities for TRR Early Evaluation geotechnical investigations.
- Continued development of project contracts procurement strategy.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Ongoing coordination with Reclamation on the review of preliminary sections of the Final EIR/EIS and overall approach to responding to comments.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Conducted kick-off meeting for the Final EIR/EIS technical team, providing guidance on responding to public comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS.
- Developed draft annotated outlines for master responses to comments to be included in Volume 3 of the Final EIR/EIS.
- CEQA support to water rights application process, including SWRCB comments.
- Ongoing CEQA and NEPA support to geotechnical investigations.
- Ongoing AB52 consultation including transmittal of GIS data to Yocha Dehe staff.

Operations:

- Continued BA modeling with climate change hydrology.
- Developed process and strategy for operating agreements with DWR and Reclamation.
- Participated in Prop 1 roundtable discussion to develop common public benefits agreement terms.
- Worked with environmental team on response to comments and modeling needs.

Stakeholder Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Conducted landowner and local agency parcel access negotiations in support of ongoing land surveying activities.
- Conducted ongoing landowner and local agency engagement and coordination activities in support of the longer-term geotechnical work.

- Initiated development of the Authority Right-of-Way Manual.
- Conducted communications roll-out activities associated with the WIFA loan announcement.
- Developed and distributed eblast, social media content and updated FAQ.
- Conducted an interview and provided project site tour for a Redding Record Searchlight reporter.

Program Management & Administration:

- Responded to Participant informational requests related to Home board coordination efforts. Staff is encouraging Participants to provide written feedback to staff regarding additional principles to consider in the 2021 Draft Guiding Principles and Preliminary Terms.
- The development of a sole source RFP was initiated last month and will be issued in April for Sites winter-run Chinook salmon lifecycle modeling to the University of California, Santa Cruz.