

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report

Report Period: **April 2022**

Monthly Status Summary:

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

Engineering:

- Continued coordination and planning efforts for engineering mapping/surveying and design level geotechnical investigations.
- Prepared working Draft Geotechnical Investigation Work Plan.
- Continued engagement and development of project contract procurement strategy.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Coordination with Reclamation on review of draft outlines of master responses to comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS.
- Ongoing coordination with Reclamation on the preparation of the Final EIR/EIS.
- Ongoing discussions on modeling, operations, and overall process for the Biological Assessment.
- Support for Financial Assistance revisions for the FY 2021 appropriation, and development of the FY 2022 Financial Assistance Agreement.
- Worked with Reclamation and participants on requested level of federal funding.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Coordination of legal and technical review of draft outlines of master responses to comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS.
- Ongoing preparation of responses to comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS.
- Ongoing support to geotechnical investigations.
- Continued discussions with Tribes under AB52.
- Continued preparation of the water right application.
- Coordinated with CDFW on approach to the Project's Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement.
- Coordinated with Reclamation on the preparation of the BA and provided a draft terrestrial analysis for their review and comment.
- Ongoing coordination with agencies on the Clean Water Act 404 and 401 permit applications.

- Continued development of the Project's Mitigation Plan and Adaptive Management Plan.

Operations:

- Conducted initial 2022 meeting with DWR and Reclamation on operating agreement.
- Continued BA modeling and initiated modeling for Final EIR/EIS.
- Supported discussions on Prop 1 to develop public benefit agreement terms.
- Continued support to the EIR/EIS team on response to comments.

Stakeholder Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Conducted ongoing 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.
- Conducted ongoing engagement and coordination activities with landowners associated with the Colusa Basin Drain and Knight Landing Ridge Cut.
- Conducted interviews and selection for the Real Estate and Agency Agreement Legal Services RFQ and supported contract negotiations on onboarding.
- Facilitated a Land Management Committee Meeting.
- Planned for early summer Federal/State Legislative Days.

Program Management & Administration:

- Facilitated Plan of Finance Ag District Structuring Workshop
- Developed updated Amendment 3 Project Schedule to reflect Investor Commitment activities