Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report

Monthly Status Summary:

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

Engineering:

- Continued processing mapping/survey data.
- Ongoing coordination and planning for executing design level geotechnical investigations.
- Completed analysis and development of the Contract Strategy: construction packaging and delivery methods.
- Ongoing support of responses to RDEIR/SDEIS comments.
- Supported project schedule update activities.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Coordinated Reclamation review of Batch 1 Master and Individual responses to comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS and NEPA schedule for Final EIS.
- Continued coordination with Reclamation on the approach to the Project's Biological Assessment.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Authority, Integration and legal counsel review of Batch 1 Master and Individual responses to comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS.
- Ongoing preparation of the remaining responses to comments as well as edits to text of the RDEIR/SDEIS necessary due to comments.
- Ongoing review of revised modeling results and update to RDEIS/SDEIS chapters and appendices.
- Ongoing support to 2022-2024 Sites Reservoir Geologic, Geophysical, and Geotechnical investigations, including approval process and filed the Notice of Determination.
- Submitted Short-term Take Eagle Permit for 2023-2026 Geotechnical activities.
- Completed legal, Authority and Integration review of the draft Biological Assessment.
- Continued revisions to the Project's Adaptive Management Plan and Mitigation Monitoring Plan.
- Ongoing work in preparation for the next phase of the water right process.

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 Continued development of conceptual schedule for tasks required to clear parcels for construction.

Operations:

- Completed modeling of Alternatives 1 and 3 in support of the Final EIR/EIS.
- Began modeling of Alternative 2 for the Final EIR/EIS.
- Continued to support the EIR/EIS team in response to comments.
- Continued development of materials for the Prop 1 Benefits Agreement for flood reduction and recreation.
- Continued development of the DWR-Reclamation Operation Technical Discussions.

Stakeholder Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Conducted Federal Legislative briefings with key administration officials, electeds and staff, and key Senate and House committee staff.
- Conducted coordination meetings with landowners who have ownership over key parcels where project infrastructure is located to discuss geotechnical activities and other real estate actions.

Program Management & Administration:

- Facilitated July 12th Plan of Finance Workshop focused on the updated draft of the Guiding Principles document.
- Formed new subcommittees on governance and WIFIA application support.