

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report

Report Period: September 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 execution of geotechnical investigation Work Package 1 activities.
- Continued processing of mapping & survey data.
- Initiated construction phasing analysis.
- Ongoing support in development/updates of the project schedule.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Coordinated Reclamation review of Batch 2 and Batch 3 master and individual responses to comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS.
- Ongoing coordination with Reclamation for additional technical analysis and content, federal review process, and schedule for the Final EIS.
- Ongoing coordination with Reclamation on approach for the project's Biological Assessment.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Completion of Batch 3 draft master and individual (approximately 425) responses to comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS, including comments on hydrology/modeling, water quality, and aquatic biological resources; review initiated by Authority, Integration, and legal counsel along with Reclamation.
- Ongoing revisions to Batch 1 and Batch 2 responses to comments for inclusion in Volume 3 of the Administrative Final EIR/EIS, to be submitted in December 2022.
- Ongoing review of revised modeling results and preparation of revised appendices and edits to the text of the RDEIR/SDEIS to incorporate updated modeling results.
- Ongoing preparation of minor edits and corrections to the text of the RDEIR/SDEIS in response to comments.
- Completed review of administrative draft of the Operations ITP application.
- Completed draft Adaptive Management Plan.
- Initiated response to State Board letter request for additional information on the project's water right application.

Operations:

- Completed modeling for the Final EIR/EIS.
- Continued support of the EIR/EIS team in response to comments.
- Initiated Daily Operations Model development.

Stakeholder Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Ongoing coordination with landowners to discuss TROE for geotechnical, biological, environmental, and cultural field activities and other real estate actions.
- Continued planning and logistics for the October 6th Local Community Working Group meeting.
- Responded to landowners/community requests for project information.
- Facilitated a project presentation for a MET tour group from Orange County and Central Basin.

Program Management & Administration:

- Facilitated Plan of Finance Project Cost Workshop.
- Facilitated Two-Way Financing Check-Ins with Participants.