

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report

Report Period: **December 2022**

Monthly Status Summary:

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

Engineering:

- Continued engagement and coordination with DSOD.
- Continued coordination and execution of geotechnical investigation Work Package 1 activities and began preparation of geotechnical data reports.
- Continued coordination and development of a Program Schedule.
- Advanced Preliminary Engineering design analyses.
- Prepared Draft Qualifying Conduit Facility Applications for the Funks and Terminal Regulating Reservoir energy recovery facilities.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Ongoing coordination with Reclamation on the development of the technical analysis needed in the Final EIS, including Farmland Protection Policy Act and greenhouse gas analyses and NEPA responses to comments.
- Coordination with Reclamation regarding the Final EIR/EIS review process.
- Meetings with Reclamation and DWR regarding the Operations Coordination Agreement.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Continued review and development of the draft master and individual responses to be included in Volume 3 of the Final EIR/EIS.
- Ongoing development of Volumes 1 and 2 of the administrative Final EIR/EIS to incorporate minor changes and edits to text resulting from design refinement and comments received on the RDEIR/SDEIS.
- Ongoing AB52 consultation and outreach to Tribes.
- Continued analysis and preparing a response to State Water Board's August letter requesting additional information on the Project's water right application.
- Continued development of the Master Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, admin draft Reservoir Management Plan, Clean Water Act 404/401 permits, clear for construction schedule, and draft Aquatic Study Plan.
- Continued coordination with CDFW on construction ITP and associated mitigation.

- Initiated development of the Proposition 1 Adaptive Management Plan for funded WSIP ecosystem benefits.
- Continued development of the Biological Assessment including technical discussions with Reclamation, NMFS, and USFWS.
- Submitted supplemental technical information to the State Water Board on January 6, 2023 in response to their August 26, 2022 letter accepting our water right application and requesting additional information. It is anticipated that State Board staff will respond with any additional requests or render a completeness determination in approximately 30 days from receipt of the information.

Operations:

- Continued Daily Operations Model development.

Stakeholder Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Conducted Maxwell Intertie project tour for USDA staff.
- Conducted project site tour for representatives of Farm Credit.
- Development of Federal & State Legislative priorities for review by the L&O Committee and AB/RC.
- Planning for January 2023 Local Community Working Group meeting.
- Ongoing coordination with landowners to discuss TROE for geotechnical, biological, environmental, and cultural field activities and other real estate actions.

Program Management & Administration:

- Ongoing coordination with Prop 1 Roundtable.
- Coordinated with State agencies on schedule for coordination activities with State and Federal agencies related to the State Strike Team activities.