

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report

Report Period: **January 2023**

Monthly Status Summary:

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

Engineering:

- Coordination and execution of closeout field activities related to geotechnical investigation Work Package 1.
- Continue development of Work Package 1 geotechnical data reports.
- Began coordinating Work Package 2 geotechnical investigation activities.
- Ongoing engagement and coordination with DSOD.
- Continued advancement of preliminary design activities for roads and reservoir facilities.
- Completed the Draft NOI to Construct Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and circulated for review.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Meetings with Reclamation and DWR regarding the Operations Coordination Agreement.
- Ongoing NEPA coordination meetings, focusing on the development of the Final EIR/EIS and review by federal cooperating agencies and Reclamation.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Completion of the Administrative Final EIR/EIS for concurrent review by Reclamation and Authority staff starting February 1, 2023.
- Coordination with the State Responsible Agencies on Administrative Final EIR/EIS review.
- Ongoing AB52 consultation and outreach to Tribes.
- Coordination with the Communication Team on the approaching release of the Final EIR/EIS.
- Continued development of the Master Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, admin draft Reservoir Management Plan, Clean Water Act 404/401 permit applications, construction schedule, and draft Aquatic Study Plan.
- Continued coordination with CDFW on construction and operations ITP applications.
- Continued 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.

Operations:

- Continued Daily Operations Model development.

Stakeholder Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Facilitated a Land Management Committee Meeting. Topics include update on the geotechnical field activities, update on the progress of the project baseline schedule and review of the proposed revisions to the Temporary Right of Entry Compensation Protocol.
- Held second Local Community Working Group. Topics included a project update presentation, overview of the Environmental Review process and the upcoming release of the Final EIR/EIS, and a discussion on current project design/construction considerations. The next meeting will be held in March.
- Ongoing work to develop and finalize the 2022 Annual Report.
- Planning for Federal & State Legislative Days planned for March and April.
- 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 and State agencies for Prop 1 Funding Agreement/Public Benefits Agreements/Adaptive Management Plans.
- Coordinated with State agencies on schedule for coordination activities with State and Federal agencies related to the State Strike Team activities.