

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report

Report Period: March 2023

Monthly Status Summary:

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

Engineering:

- Completed preparation of draft documents for CAISO Interconnection request.
- Continued preliminary engineering analysis – dams, I/O, and roads.
- Continued DSOD coordination efforts.
- Continued development of Work Package 1 geotechnical data reports.
- Continued coordination efforts for Work Package 2 geotechnical investigation activities.
- Supported activities related to preparation of the Final EIR/EIS.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Meetings with Reclamation and DWR regarding the Operations Coordination Agreement.
- Ongoing biweekly NEPA coordination meetings, focusing on the development of the Final EIR/EIS and coordination of upcoming review by Reclamation regional management.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Completed concurrent review of the Administrative Final EIR/EIS by Reclamation, responsible and cooperating agencies, Authority staff and legal counsel.
- Initiated live edit meetings to resolve comments on the Administrative Final EIR.
- Ongoing AB52 consultation, including meeting with the Paskenta Tribe.
- 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 Plans for WSIP ecosystem, recreation and flood benefits.
- Continued development of the Biological Assessment including technical discussions with Reclamation, NMFS, and USFWS.

- Facilitated water quality permitting meeting for interested NGOs.

Operations:

- Completed Daily Operations Model development and provided requested results to Engineering.

Stakeholder Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Facilitated project presentations and site tours for Metropolitan Water's SWP Inspection Trip program for San Diego County Water Authority and City of Los Angeles.
- Facilitated project site tour for Nancy Vogel and representatives from the State Finance Department.
- Facilitated Local Community Working Group meeting.
- Conducted State Capitol Day legislative visits.
- Planning for Federal Legislative Days planned for April.
- Updating of project's message platform and updating project materials with updated messaging
- Planning for communications associated with the roll-out of the Final EIR/EIS and the Water Right process.
- Ongoing coordination with landowners to discuss TROE for geotechnical, biological, environmental, and cultural field activities and other real estate actions.

Program Management & Administration:

- Submitted WIFIA Application to EPA.
- Status of the payment of 2023 AB Dues will be provided to the AB during the April 21, 2023 meeting.