

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report

Report Period: April 2023

Monthly Status Summary:

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

Engineering:

- Completed coordination and submittal of CAISO Interconnection request.
- Continued preliminary engineering analysis: dams, I/O, roads, conveyance, and hydraulics.
- Continued DSOD coordination efforts.
- Continued development of Work Package 1 geotechnical data reports.
- Continued coordination and execution of geotechnical investigation Work Package 2 activities.
- Supported landowner coordination activities.

Coordination with Reclamation:

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

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Ongoing work to resolve comments received from Reclamation, responsible and cooperating agencies, and legal counsel on the Administrative Final EIR/EIS. This includes multiple meetings on key issues.
- Coordination with USDA on the NEPA approach for the 2022 Maxwell Intertie component, including preparation of a technical memorandum.
- Ongoing AB52 consultation, including meetings with the Colusa Indian Community Council and 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 the Project's Adaptive Management Plan.
- Initiated fieldwork for portions of the 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.
- Continued discussions with State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights staff on planned evaluations of the Project's interactions with the proposed Voluntary Agreements.

Operations:

- Initiated effort to develop Sites CalSim 3 model.

Stakeholder Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Facilitated project presentations and site tours for Metropolitan Water's SWP Inspection Trip program for USGVMWD, TVWMD and others.
- Facilitated project site tours for City of Los Angeles Director and Congressional staff tour.
- Conducted Federal Legislative Days in Washington DC.
- 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:

- Facilitated two-way Financing check-ins with Participants.