

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report

Report Period: May 2023

Monthly Status Summary:

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

Engineering:

- Ongoing DSOD coordination efforts.
- Continued preliminary engineering analysis: dams, I/O, roads, conveyance, and system hydraulics.
- Continued development of Work Package 1 geotechnical data reports.
- Continued coordination and execution of geotechnical investigation Work Package 2 activities.
- Supported environmental planning and permitting activities.
- Supported landowner coordination activities.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Meetings with Reclamation and DWR regarding the Operations Coordination Agreement.
- Ongoing weekly NEPA coordination meetings, focusing on finalization of the EIR/EIS, including discussion of the USFWS Coordination Act Report and coordination of upcoming review by Reclamation regional management.
- Initiated weekly MOA and Financial Assistance Agreement weekly coordination meetings, focusing on completion and execution of the MOA and the next Financial Assistance Agreement.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Ongoing work to resolve final edits to the Final EIR/EIS to address comments received from Reclamation, responsible and cooperating agencies, and legal counsel on the Administrative Final EIR/EIS. This includes multiple meetings on key issues.
- Ongoing AB52 consultation, including the monthly meeting with the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians.
- Continued development of the draft Reservoir Management Plan, Clean Water Act 404/401 permit applications, construction schedule, and the Project's Adaptive Management Plan.
- Continued with fieldwork for portions of the Aquatic Study Plan.

- Initiated biological and botanical surveys to confirm landcover and assess species presence/absence.
- Continued development of the 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.
- 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:

- Continued 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 City of Compton, WBMWD and others.
- Facilitated the 4th meeting of the Local Community Working Group.
- Participated in the Maxwell High School Career Fair
- 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:

- Distributed updated Plan of Finance Cost Tables to Participants.
- Responded to clarification questions from EPA on WIFIA Application. EPA has deemed WIFIA Application complete.