

## Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report

Report Period: June 2023

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### Monthly Status Summary:

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

#### Engineering:

- Continued DSOD coordination.
- Continued preliminary engineering design and analysis: dams, I/O, roads, conveyance, and system hydraulics.
- Continued coordination and execution of geotechnical investigation Work Package 2 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 coordination of upcoming review by Reclamation regional management and schedule for DC EIS briefings and approval for publication.
- 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:

- Final edits to the Administrative Final EIR/EIS were resolved. Submittal Final EIR/EIS to Reclamation Regional Management for review.
- Initiated preparation of components of the administrative record for posting online, consistent with SB 149.
- Continued development of CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations.
- Ongoing AB 52 consultation activities with the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians and Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians.
- Continued development of the draft Reservoir Management Plan, Clean Water Act 404/401 permit applications, Master Streambed Alteration Agreement, 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 Operations ITP application.
- Submitted the Revised Construction ITP application. Awaiting CDFW to determine the materials complete for the purpose of starting the statutory timeline to receive a permit.
- 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.
- Completed development and submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights 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:**

- 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 Draft 1 of the Benefits & Obligations Contract for Participant input.