

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report

Report Period: July 2023

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 & 3 activities.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Meetings with Reclamation and DWR individually to discuss technical aspects of coordinating operations. The joint discussions around the Operations Coordination Agreement are still on hold awaiting Reclamation's BON.
- Ongoing weekly NEPA coordination meetings, focusing on finalization of the EIR/EIS, including final edits in response to review by Reclamation regional management and coordination of ADA compliance efforts and the upcoming 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:

- Ongoing efforts to prepare the Final EIR/EIS for publication and certification in October.
- Ongoing 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.
- Continued coordination with CDFW on the Revised Construction ITP application.
- 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 a number of parties on the Project's water right application.

Operations:

- Continued effort to transition Sites into the CalSim 3 model platform.

Stakeholder Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Facilitated project site tour for COBANK and Colusa Glenn Farm Credit representatives.
- Facilitated meeting #5 of the Local Community Working Group.
- Planning for communications associated with the roll-out of the Final EIR/EIS and the water right process.
- Planning for a Virtual Town Hall Meeting in the fall of 2023.
- 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.
- Preparing draft of JPA amendments and Updated Bylaws for Phase 3/4/5 governance changes.