

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report

Report Period: August 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 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 and live edit meetings, focusing on finalization of the EIR/EIS, including final edits in response to review by Reclamation regional management. Coordination of Final EIR/EIS format and ADA compliance in preparation for the upcoming DC EIS briefings and approval for publication.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Ongoing efforts to prepare the Final EIR/EIS for publication and certification.
- Ongoing preparation of components of the administrative record for posting online consistent with SB 149, including coordination with CEQA legal counsel on content and format of the record.
- Continued development of CEQA Findings, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and Statement of Overriding Considerations.
- Ongoing AB 52 consultation-related efforts to obtain input from the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, 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 Landowner Meetings in Maxwell and Dunnigan.
- Planning for September Local Community Working Group Meeting.
- 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:

- Preparing draft of JPA amendments and Updated Bylaws for Phase 3/4/5 governance changes.