

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report (December)

Monthly Status Summary:

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

Engineering:

- Continued Division of Safety of Dams coordination. Discussions involve permitting timing and scope of coverage in addition to the technical aspects of geotechnical analysis.
- Continued preliminary engineering design and analysis: dams, I/O, roads, conveyance, and system hydraulics.
- Completed coordination and execution of geotechnical investigation Work Package 3 field and office 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 were activated again as Reclamation has determined that the agreement can be finalized without a Basis of Negotiation as long as no commitment of resources are made by Reclamation. The parties are forming a drafting committee to review comments and prepare final draft for legal review.
- The State Water Contractors are providing comments on the Operations Coordination Agreement through DWR.
- Technical discussions with Reclamation involving the development of the Partnership Agreement (which is the Federal equivalent to the B&O) continued in December.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- CEQA litigation support, as needed, including indexing the administrative record and preparations to lodge the record with the Court along with initial efforts on the litigation.
- 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.
- Submitted the Project's Master Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement permit package to CDFW for processing.
- Began meeting with CDFW staff on responding to additional information requests for the

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Project's Operations ITP application. Received notice from CDFW of outstanding items that need to be addressed to complete the application.

- Continued coordination with CDFW on the Revised Construction ITP application and received a notice of complete application 12/08/2023.
- Continued development of the Proposition 1 Adaptive Management Plans for WSIP recreation and flood benefits.
- Continued discussions with several parties protesting the Project's water right application and continued preparation for the administrative hearing.

Operations:

- Continued effort to transition Sites into the CalSim 3 model platform. Preparing summary of results for presentation to the Board at the January meeting.

Partner Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Made updates to the project's message platform and informational materials to reflect the current status of the project and began development of new project collateral materials.
- Kicked-off the 2023 Annual Report development.
- Planning for a Virtual Town Hall in early 2024 and 2024 Local Community Working Group meetings.
- Continued ongoing coordination with landowners who are part of the Early Acquisition Program.
- Ongoing coordination with landowners to discuss TROE for geotechnical, biological, environmental, and cultural field activities and other real estate actions.

Program Management & Administration:

- EDF has independently applied for grant funding with its purpose being to analyze the positive outcomes from implementation of the EWM concept as part of CDFW's Prop 1 ecosystem capacity interest.