

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report (January)

Monthly Status Summary:

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

Engineering:

- Signed Non-Disclosure Agreement with Western Area Power Administration.
- 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.
- Ongoing coordination with Reclamation on scope and schedule for the ROD.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- CEQA litigation support, as needed.
- Continued to perform seasonal surveys required by the Project's Aquatic Study Plan.
- Continued development of the draft Reservoir Management Plan and permitting approach, strategy, and timeline for 2024/2025 activities.
- Continued meetings with CDFW staff on responding to additional information requests for the Project's Operations ITP application. Provided substantial information to CDFW

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to address their requests.

- Continued coordination with CDFW on the Revised Construction ITP and Master Streambed Alteration Agreement.
- 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 March meeting.

Partner Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Finalized and distributed the Sites Virtual Tour video.
- Finalized 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.
- Continued develop of the 2023 Annual Report.
- 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:

- Continued coordination with Participants and Authority Board members to develop the Benefits & Obligations Contract with Participants and Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws amendments.