

Topic: **Sites Reservoir Project, Phase 1**

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2017 June**

Executive Summary: The principle activities approved as part of the amended Phase 1 work plan are underway with consultant work products being submitted for review and comment and stakeholder meetings. Based on the Water Commission's schedule, work is on track to have the application submitted ahead of the August 14 deadline.

Program Management & Administration:

Onboarding: City of Sacramento and Sacramento County Water Agency notified the Authority of their intent to prepare a joint request to participate as a joint Authority Member. Westlands formally withdrew their request to participate effective June 30.

Office Reopening: Remodeling continues to support its use for the July Authority Board meeting. Until then, office space in Colusa is being used in conjunction with office space at Family Water Alliance's Maxwell office.

Engagement & Outreach:

The Authority continues to respond to requests for information, to present a project overview and status, and to meet with local communities and landowners.

Work continues to monitor media and social media, schedule editorial board meetings, and respond to comments generated from the website. Continued preparation of additional outreach materials, including a benefits motion graphic and operations graphic. Continued work on landowner outreach activities, specifically finalization and distribution of a quarterly newsletter and FAQ, coordination and participation in community meetings, and correspondence to landowners in the powerline alternative footprint.

Outreach staff supported preparation of a WSIP application's executive summary, including creation of several new graphics and materials. In addition, Outreach staff prepared messaging for various audiences including federal elected officials and CWC meetings. Development of a diverse coalition of regional and statewide organizations in support of the project continues to be a top priority, with several important actions underway. Outreach staff also initiated work associated with the upcoming Draft EIR/S public review period, including reviewing planning documents, logistics and other related tasks. The Outreach team provided support for various project briefings, and coordinated project participants "communications coordination group" outreach call.

Monthly Website Usage: 611 unique users or visitors and 929 times they visited.

Proposition 1 (WSIP) Application:

The Authority signed onto the GRanTS website where the WSIP application will be filed and now has access to the online application tool to begin entering the required documentation. The Authority approved an over-arching 'project value statement' to be used in preparing the supporting documentation.

CH2M provided AECOM with draft technical sections of the WSIP application; including preliminary operations plan; model assumptions; and description of with-project conditions for current conditions, and years 2030 and 2070. CH2M also conducted sensitivity model runs for uncertainty analysis based on CWC-provided extreme hydrologic conditions, initiated work on the modeling technical appendix, and provided technical support on interpretation of operations, economic, and fisheries modeling results.

AECOM developed the first draft of the sections for the WSIP application for staff's review. It included the calculation of benefits, a cost allocation, and a review of the financial feasibility of the project. Based on staff's comments, a revised and more complete version will be reviewed by the Reservoir Committee's Document Review Work Group in early July followed by a technical workshop.

ACWA Storage Integration Study: The results are planned to be presented at the August 16 Water Commission meeting.

Environmental Documentation (EIR/S):

CH2M is continuing to respond to comments on the administrative draft EIR/S and associated appendices in developing the public draft and in support of the WSIP application. Coordination continues with the Authority, the Reservoir Committee, Reclamation, and DWR, related to requested revisions to chapters. Supported and assisted in development of presentations in support of Board and Reservoir Committee meetings that will present status and receive direction.

Revisions are focused on the aquatic biological resources, growth inducement, land use, and power chapters as well as additional revisions across the document as necessary. In addition, modeling results associated with the WSIP application process are being incorporated into the Climate Change chapter of the EIR/S.

The Authority accepted the Reservoir Committee's conditional recommendation to release a Draft EIR/S on August 14, 2017. Four chapters are still under development, which is the basis for making the conditional recommendation.

Federal Feasibility Report:

A revised draft was issued by Reclamation on May 26 for review by the Reservoir Committee's Document Review Work Group. Reclamation is completing the review of the draft Feasibility Report chapters and is on schedule to submit this document to the Authority on July 20 for acceptance and possible inclusion into the WSIP application.

Engineering & Technical:

The Authority accepted the Reservoir Committee's recommendation the CalSim modeling process is sufficient for the model results to be used in preparation of the WSIP application and to advance the EIR/S. The modeling results are also being used by Reclamation as the basis for developing their draft Feasibility Report.

AECOM completed updates to the Basis of Estimate Report for Alternative D based on comments received from Reclamation and MWD.