

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

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2017 October**

Monthly Status Summary:

The Program continues to make progress towards completing the tasks approved by the Authority and Reservoir Committee as part of the second amended Phase 1 work plan.

The remaining work to complete Phase 1 includes actively engaging with the Water Commission in their selection process, be prepares to respond to comments regarding the Draft EIR/S, prepare for and complete the Phase 1 rebalancing process, and developing the Phase 2 work plan, funding, and execution of new Phase 2 participation agreements.

While there were no major milestones or accomplishments to report for this month, the following highlights the status of activities conducted during the month of October 2017:

Program Management & Administration:

Process Improvement: Developed and began implementation of a revised monthly invoice review system with the consultants and vendors, developed a contract amendment process, and continued compliance review of consultant contracts. Prepared a Draft Annual Financial Audit Request for Qualification and Proposal (RFQ/P) for release in December 2017.

Phase 1 Completion Tasks: The Project Team started to develop materials and tools that will be used in the phase 1 rebalancing process and to develop a phase level project spending plan that, when complete, will become the basis for the phase 2 work plan and budget.

Engagement & Outreach:

The Project Team continues to coordinate with landowners, media outlets, state and federal elected officials, and coalitions of regional and statewide organizations; to plan and facilitate meetings and site tours with program stakeholders; and to conduct research into the rich history of the project area.

Supported Draft EIR/EIS-related outreach activities, including preparations for public meetings now scheduled to occur in December and development of a comment tracking system.

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Prepared several outreach and educational materials, including draft EIR/EIS related-items, a benefits infographic, updated project overview brochure, an operations animation and a variety of other program materials.

Coordinated project participation at the monthly California Water Commission meeting and preparations to present the project's benefits to the Water Commission in December 2017.

Monthly Website Usage: 757 unique users or visitors and 1,172 times they visited.

Proposition 1 (WSIP) Application:

The Project Team responded to requests from the California Water Commission's staff regarding completeness and eligibility of our WSIP application. Our WSIP application was deemed to have met the basic completeness and eligibility requirements by the California Water Commission on October 18, 2017.

Environmental Documentation (EIR/S):

The Project Team continues to plan (with Reclamation staff) for the early December public meetings on the Draft EIR/S; have met with representatives of National Marine Fisheries Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife to discuss the contents and analysis contained in the Draft EIR/S, and are preparing technical memoranda consistent with the scopes of work approved in the September 2017 Authority Board and Reservoir Committee meetings and which will aid in advancing concepts being considered for inclusion into the adaptive management plan.

Federal Feasibility Report:

No Activity.

Engineering & Technical:

The Project Team are preparing technical memoranda consistent with the scopes of work approved in the September 2017 Authority Board and Reservoir Committee. These studies are evaluating concepts to potentially improve the project's performance and cost-effectiveness.