

SITES PROJECT AUTHORITY

Administrative Draft EIR/EIS Progress Review

*Board Meeting
May 15, 2017*



Draft, Subject to Change

Overview

- Completed major revisions from 2014 PDEIR/S
- Updated existing conditions, no action, cumulative projects
- Updated project descriptions and alternatives
- Added environmental commitments to Project
- Update/revised impacts analyses
- Provided current draft for internal review
- Revised current draft for Cooperative Agency review



Sites Reservoir Project Alternatives

Alternative	Description
A	1.3 MAF reservoir, 3 intakes (including Delevan)
B	1.8 MAF reservoir, 2 intakes (no Delevan intake-release only)
C	1.8 MAF reservoir, 3 intakes (including Delevan)
C ₁	Same as C but no generation
D (Local Alternative)	Same as C but local water supply provided and modified transmission line, roads, recreation areas, pipeline alignment

EIR/EIS Basis

- Facilities Designs
 - Refined from DWR designs
 - Reviewed by Reclamation for the Draft Feasibility Report
- Operations based on existing regulatory constraints
 - Meet all required system deliveries/regulatory requirements (no harm)
 - Meet existing water rights
 - Maintain existing CVP and SWP contract deliveries
 - Meet existing USFWS/NMFS BOs
 - SWRCB Bay-Delta Quality Plan D-1641
 - CVPIA etc.
 - Maintain or exceed existing (No-Action) reservoir storages and river flows to meet river water temperature targets
 - Maintain existing (No-Action) level of tributary and Delta protection

Primary Revisions

- Addresses applicable 2017 scoping comments
- Updates technical sections and appendices
- Adds environmental commitments to the project description
 - Reduced many impacts to less than significant
- Clarifies alternatives evaluation process (including Newville Reservoir)
- Describes existing conditions and future No Project/No Action condition
- Evaluates extended/secondary study area impacts
- Adds mitigation detail
- Revises growth-inducement, cumulative, and climate change

Expected Activities and Schedule

- Document work group review of ADEIR/S
 - Review ongoing
 - Review results and recommendation will be produced for June RC
- Reservoir Committee consideration of ADEIR/S and recommendation – June
 - Presentation by staff and consultants
 - Staff expects to request a recommendation from the Committee
- Sites Board consideration of ADEIR/S and determination regarding the WSIP application – June/July
 - Presentation by Reservoir Committee and staff/consultants
 - Seek direction regarding additional information