

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

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2017 August**

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 conducting various stakeholder meetings.

The WSIP application was submitted on August 11, which included Reclamation's draft Feasibility Report. In addition, the draft EIR/S was released for public and agency review on August 14. For the remainder of Phase 1 (through June 2018), the focus will be supporting the Water Commission's selection process, responding to comments regarding the Draft EIR/S, preparations to conduct the Phase 1 rebalancing process, and developing the Phase 2 work plan, funding, and Agreements.

Program Management & Administration:

Onboarding: The request by the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County Water Agency to participate as a joint Authority Member has been sent to the current Authority Members' respective boards for their consideration.

Staffing: The roles and responsibilities of the proposed Project Administrator position will be split into two full-time positions: a Business/Community Manager and a Project Operations Manager.

Engagement & Outreach:

Ongoing activities include coordination with landowners, media outlets including editorial boards, state and federal elected officials, and coalitions of regional and statewide organizations; monitoring media and social media; posting content on social media; responding to requests for information; and updating outreach and educational materials. These materials include a benefits motion graphic, operations animation, and development of the next "landowner newsletter."

In support of the WSIP application, worked with the technical teams to prepare the 20-page Executive Summary and compiled the list of supporters as an attachment.

For the release of the Draft EIR/S with its public review period, coordinated with Reclamation on the logistics and finalized the notification materials, which included hosting the document on the website.

Monthly Website Usage: 1,154 unique users or visitors and 1,837 times they visited.

Proposition 1 (WSIP) Application:

The technical, environmental, modeling, outreach, and management teams prepared the various documentation requested by the Water Commission. In summary, the Authority has offered 40% of the reservoir's capacity in exchange for a 40% investment; which would enable the State's resource manager to decide how best and when to use their share of the water diverted into the reservoir for at least the 100-year life of the project. Based on the Water Commission's criteria, this water would stabilize flows in

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the Sacramento River, which primarily benefit salmon; conserving coldwater pool in existing Sacramento Valley reservoirs for release later in the summer, which also benefit salmon; providing nutrient-rich water to the Yolo Bypass for smelt; and water for refuges, both north and south of the Delta.

Environmental Documentation (EIR/S):

The Climate Change chapter was advanced to incorporate the model results associated with the Water Commission's application requirements. The Water Commission specified specify hydrology and sea level rise be used to evaluate the project's resilience from an investment perspective. All other chapters and appendices were completed to produce the Draft EIR/S.

On August 14, the Authority approved a 90-day review period.

Federal Feasibility Report:

Reclamation provided an updated version of the Draft Feasibility Report on August 3 with several editorial changes. This version was uploaded on the Authority's website and a link is provided in the WSIP application.

Engineering & Technical:

Started concept-level evaluations to advance the operations of Holthouse Reservoir to enable the multiple project uses: uninterrupted operation of the Tehama-Colusa Canal, diversions and releases from Sites Reservoir; and daily pumped-storage capability to integrate with renewable energy sources and provide ancillary services.