

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report (June)

Monthly Status Summary:

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

Engineering:

- Continued preliminary engineering design reviews.
- Continued planning and coordination of Golden Gate Dam value engineering activities.
- Continued development of preliminary engineering Opinion of Probable Construction Cost Estimate.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Meetings with Reclamation and DWR to discuss technical aspects of coordinating operations continue. Most of the current effort is related to defining the circumstances under which close coordination is to occur during diversions. Next up will be review of releases and delivery, and exchanges with Oroville.
- 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) continue.
- Ongoing coordination with Reclamation on schedule and timing for signing the ROD.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Ongoing CEQA litigation support, as needed.
- Draft testimony and supporting documentation for upcoming water right hearings.
- Continued meetings with Reclamation & USFWS on the Project's construction Biological Opinion.
- Continued to perform seasonal surveys required by the Project's Aquatic Study Plan.
- Continued development of responses to Corps, EPA and public comments on the Section 404 permit.
- Continued meetings with CDFW staff on responding to additional information requests for the Project's Operations ITP application. Provided substantial information to CDFW to address their requests.
- Continued coordination with CDFW on the Revised Construction ITP and Master

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Streambed Alteration Agreement.

- Continued discussions with several parties protesting the Project's water right application and continued preparation for the water right hearing.
- Preparation for initiation of the Section 408 approval process with the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Continued coordination with design and engineering team on Project Delivery planning.

Operations:

- Continued effort to transition Sites into the CalSim 3 model platform.
- Continued efforts on additional modeling in CalSim II for the Operations ITP analysis.
- Continued effort to develop Sites Operations Plan Version 2.1.

Partner Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Conducted a project site tour for staff of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.
- Conducted project presentation/tour to support Metropolitan Water's State Water Project Tours Program for the City of Los Angeles.
- Held Legislative & Outreach Committee and Land Management Committee meetings.
- Held a Local Community Working Group Meeting.
- Planning for Landowner Meetings (July 17th) in Maxwell and Dunnigan (July 18th).
- Planning for Maxwell Community Project Update Meeting in September 2024.
- Planning for a Virtual Town Hall in 2024 and future 2024 LCWG meetings.
- Continued ongoing coordination with landowners who are part of the Early Acquisition Program.
- Ongoing coordination with landowners to discuss Temporary Right Of Entry for geotechnical, biological, environmental, and cultural field activities and other real estate actions.

Program Management & Administration:

- Ongoing coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency on Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Master Agreement development.