

## Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report (July)

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### Monthly Status Summary:

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

#### Engineering:

- Continued planning and coordination of Golden Gate Dam value engineering activities.
- Continued development of preliminary engineering Opinion of Probable Construction Cost Estimate.
- Initiated workforce and community benefits assessment.

#### Coordination with Reclamation:

- Meetings with Reclamation and DWR to discuss technical aspects of coordinating operations continue.
- The State Water Contractors are providing comments on the Operations Coordination Agreement through DWR.
- Technical discussions with Reclamation involving the technical aspects 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 hearing.
- Continued meetings with Reclamation & USFWS on the Project's Construction Biological Opinion.
- Continued to perform seasonal botanical surveys.
- Continued meetings with the Corps and EPA to resolve EPA 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 Streambed Alteration Agreement.

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- Continued working on the Section 408 approval process with the Army Corps of Engineers and working to address concerns raised by EPA.
- 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 Landowner Meetings in Maxwell (July 17<sup>th</sup>) and in Dunnigan (July 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Held a coordination meeting with Colusa County Superintendent of Schools and NorCal Carpenters of opportunities to develop a workforce training program.
- 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.
- Continued 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:**

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