

## Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report (October)

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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 engineering Opinion of Probable Construction Cost Estimate.
- Ongoing coordination with the Division of Safety of Dams

#### 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:

- Completed CEQA litigation support and the CEQA litigation case is resolved.
- Continued efforts on testimony, supporting documentation, and preparation for cross-examination for water right hearing.
- Continued meetings with Reclamation & USFWS on the Project's Construction Biological Opinion.
- Continued meetings with the Army Corps of Engineers and EPA to resolve comments on the Section 404 permit.
- Completed efforts on the Project's Construction and Operations ITPs and both permits were issued by CDFW.
- Continued coordination with CDFW on the Project's Master Streambed Alteration Agreement.
- Continued coordination with design and engineering team on Project Delivery planning.

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### **Operations:**

- Continued effort to transition Sites into the CalSim 3 model platform.
- Continued effort to develop Sites Operations Plan Version 2.1.

### **Partner Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:**

- Facilitated a project presentation for the Water Education Foundation Northern California Water Tour
- Facilitated project presentations and site tours for Eastern Municipal Water District, San Diego County Water Authority, City of Long Beach, and the City of Burbank as part of the Metropolitan Water District's State Water Project Tour program.
- Planning for December Local Community Working Group
- 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:**

- Preparation of response to comments received on latest draft of Benefits & Obligations Contract.
- Continued coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency on Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Master Agreement Loan document development.