

## Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report (December)

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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 development of total Project Cost Estimate.
- Coordination with the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) to meet site control requirements.
- Supported Early Acquisition Program activities.

#### 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:

- Planning support to Real Estate on land acquisition CEQA requirements, including relevant document language and mitigation.
- Planning support in development of environmental compliance tracking tool.
- Continued efforts on testimony, supporting documentation, and preparation for cross-examination for the ITP and rebuttal portions of the water right hearing.
- Continued meetings with Reclamation & USFWS on the Project's Construction Biological Opinion.
- Continued meetings with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency to resolve comments on the Section 404 permit.

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- Continued coordination with CDFW on the Project's Master Streambed Alteration Agreement.
- Continued coordination with design and engineering team on Project Delivery planning.

### **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:**

- Held a Local Community Working Group meeting.
- Closed on the acquisition of the 812 acre Red Stick property on December 31, 2024.
- 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 Loan document development.