

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report (January)

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 the total Project Cost Estimate.
- Continued coordination with the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) to meet site control requirements.
- Continued supporting Early Acquisition Program activities.
- Issued Reservoir Construction Manager at Risk Request for Qualifications and conducted Mandatory Pre-Statement of Qualifications Submittal Meeting and Site Tour for potential respondents.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Meetings with Reclamation and DWR to discuss technical aspects of coordinating operations concluded and transitioning to legal review.
- 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. Awaiting Reclamation's completion of a BON to allow negotiations of the Partnership Agreement to proceed.
- Ongoing coordination with Reclamation on schedule and timing for signing the ROD, and submittal of the BA for project operations.

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 and USFWS on the Project's Construction Biological Opinion.

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- Continued meetings with Reclamation, NMFS, and USFWS on the Project's project-level Operations Biological Assessment / Biological Opinion.
- Continued meetings with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency to resolve comments on the Section 404 permit application.
- Continued coordination with CDFW on the Project's Master Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement and Prop 1 Public Benefits 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:

- Began development of 2025 Message Platform, the 2024 Annual Report, and updated general project informational materials.
- Continued activities to close escrow and complete the acquisition of the Jensen property.
- 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:

- Conducted project update meeting with waitlisted participants.