

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report (February)

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 and engagement with the Value Planning Ad Hoc Sub-committee.
- Continued supporting Early Acquisition Program activities.
- Continued analysis of Program Baseline considerations.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Continued Sites legal review of the draft operations agreement with DWR and Reclamation in preparation for legal review by all parties.
- 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. BON has been signed by the Acting Commissioner which allows negotiations of the Partnership Agreement to proceed.
- Continued 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 mitigation requirements associated with land acquisition, including biological resource land management plan component and coordination of Williamson Act and other agricultural mitigation.
- Ongoing development of the environmental compliance tracking tool.
- Continued efforts on testimony, supporting documentation, and preparation for cross-examination for the rebuttal portion of the water right hearing.
- Continued meetings with Reclamation and USFWS on the Project's Construction Biological Opinion.
- Continued meetings with Reclamation, NMFS, and USFWS on the Project's project-level Operations Biological Assessment / Biological Opinions.

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- 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 and Value Planning efforts.
- Advancing the project-level eagle permit.

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 messaging materials in support of the revised cost estimate roll out and continuing development of the 2024 Annual Report.
- Planning for late spring/early summer Landowner Meeting.
- 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:

- Addressed inadvertent error in the Finance Manager contract to update the indemnification clause to that which was approved by the Board in 2022 for ED and Agents contracts and revised the name of the firm to Ag and Water Financial Consulting LLC.
- Continuing to advance Developer Agreements with Colusa, Glenn, and Yolo counties along with associated Impact Alleviation Agreements.