

Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report

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 coordinating Program Baseline considerations.
- Coordination with CAISO and DSOD.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- The draft operations agreement with DWR and Reclamation is in legal review by all parties.
- BON was signed by the Acting Commissioner which allows negotiations of the Partnership Agreement to proceed. Staff is awaiting Reclamation's availability to initiate the public negotiations associated with the Partnership Agreement.
- Continued coordination with Reclamation on schedule and timing for signing the ROD and submittal of the BA for project operations.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Ongoing development of the environmental compliance tracking tool.
- Completion of the water right hearing and submittal of evidentiary objections. Efforts began on preparing closing briefs.
- 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.
- Continued meetings with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency to resolve comments on the Section 404 permit application and prepare NEPA documentation to support the 404 permit.
- Continued coordination with CDFW on the Project's Master Lake and

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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 Act 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:

- Closed escrow and completed acquisition of the Jensen property.
- Opened escrow and began acquisition process for the Seaters property.
- Facilitated a project site tour for Zone 7 Board Members and staff.
- Planning for late spring/early summer Landowner Meeting.
- 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:

- Continuing to advance B&O Contract, Joint Powers Agreement, and updated Bylaws.