

Looking ahead...

- **Fall 2025:** The Authority selects a CMAR contractor for the Reservoir and Roads Package.
- **Late 2025:** Sites Reservoir to secure water right permit.
- **Late 2026:** The Authority aims to break ground on Sites Reservoir!

2025

- **January:** The Authority launched an RFQ for reservoir development and construction, followed by site tours for potential contractors.
 - The Department of the Interior awarded Sites Reservoir \$129 million in federal funding.
- **March:** Sites Reservoir secured an additional \$134 million in federal funding through the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act).
- **July:** The Authority identified a shortlist of qualified CMAR applicants, advancing project procurement.
 - Sites Reservoir secured regulatory permits from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).
- **August:** Sites Reservoir considered for additional \$218 million of Prop 1 funding as an inflationary increase, bringing the total maximum funding to \$1,094 million.

2024

- **March:** Sites Reservoir secured \$205.6 million in federal funding through the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act).
- **May:** An analysis of real-time conditions revealed that Sites Reservoir would be 100% full at the close of the 2023-2024 wet season.
- **June:** The Yolo County Superior Court ruled that the Sites Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) fully complies with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- **September:** The Third District Court of Appeal released an opinion upholding the decision by the Superior Court of Yolo, concluding that the Sites Reservoir Project fully complied with the CEQA.
- **October:** The Authority made its first land purchase.
 - The Authority secured two key permits from CDFW, one for construction of the Project and one for operations.
- **December:** The Authority established the Tribal Government Working Group.

2023

- **January:** The Bureau of Reclamation awarded Sites Reservoir \$80 million to strengthen California's drought resilience.
- **March:** The Authority submitted a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan application, which if awarded, would dramatically reduce cost to participants. The application is still in review by US EPA.
- **May:** Sites Reservoir was featured in Governor Newsom's *Building More, Creating Jobs* initiative highlighting its role in economic growth.
- **June:** The Authority received notification from State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) that the Sites Reservoir water right application has been deemed complete, advancing regulatory approval.
- **October:** The Authority hosted a Mitigation Contractor Open House, strengthening partnership for environmental compliance.
- **November:** Sites Reservoir became the first project certified under Senate Bill 149, streamlining judicial review under CEQA.
 - The Final EIR was approved, achieving CEQA certification and clearing a critical environmental milestone.

2022

- **March:** Sites Reservoir secured an additional \$38 million from the California Water Commission (CWC), bringing Proposition 1 funding to \$875 million.
- **June:** The Authority conducted construction contractor outreach in Maxwell and adopted a strategy for construction contracting.

2022

● **October:** Sites Reservoir was awarded \$30 million in new federal funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

- The first Local Community Working Group meeting kicked off in Maxwell.

December: Reclamation requested up to 16% capacity share in the project.

2021

● **October:** The Authority initiated the waitlist, representing water agencies interested in participating in the Project if capacity share becomes available.

November: The revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS was released, advancing project development.

December: The CWC issued Feasibility Determination for Sites Reservoir, allowing Sites Reservoir to continue eligibility for funding through the state's Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP).

2020

● **January:** The Authority participated in a Freshwater Ecosystem Panel with the Public Policy Institute of California.

April: The Authority adopted the Value Planning Report which set the course for a right-sized project.

July: Governor Newsom's *Water Resilience Portfolio* recognized Sites Reservoir, underscoring the project's importance to California's long-term water strategy.

- The Authority conducted a virtual town hall series.

December: The adopted Strategic Plan establishes permissibility, affordability, and buildability as the goals for the organization.

- The Secretary of Interior determined the Sites Reservoir Project meets conditions of federal feasibility which makes the project eligible for WIIN Act Storage Account funding.

2019

● **May:** Statewide alliances were secured by engaging with water leaders during conferences and industry events.

December: Sites Reservoir secured \$6 million in federal funding as part of the year-end congressional spending package signed into law by President Trump.

2018

● **July:** Sites Reservoir was awarded \$816 million in state funding from under Proposition 1, the largest award of any Proposition 1 applicant.

November: The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded Sites Reservoir \$449 million in federal funding to advance construction.

2017

● **January:** AB 2551 passed, authorizing the Project to implement alternate deliveries for construction manager at-risk and design-build.

April: Participation in key forums such as the CWC's monthly meeting and a Capitol brownbag for legislative staff elevated project visibility.

August: The Authority submitted the Project's application for Proposition 1 WSIP funding to the CWC.

- The Draft EIR/EIS was released by the Authority and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation).
- The Draft Federal Feasibility Report was released by the Authority and Reclamation.
- Phase 1 participation expanded to 33 agencies from across California.

December: The Authority presented to the CWC on the project's importance and need for timely investment.

2014

● **November:** California passed Proposition 1 that provided \$2.7 billion for water storage projects, dams and reservoirs, enabling the Project to secure substantial funding.

2010

● **August:** The Authority was formed when seven regional entities, including local water agencies and counties, signed a Joint Powers Agreement.