

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:

Construction:

- Advanced value engineering concepts with Barnard.
- Performed a workshop with Barnard relating to schedule timeframes, specifically timing of enabling activities necessary to starting construction.
- Continued advancing Reservoir and Roads CMAR coordination

Engineering:

- Continue supporting development of the Program Baseline Report.
- Continuation of the Conveyance CMAR procurement, Three Statements of Qualifications were received on August 12th.
- Continued TCC, GCID main canal, and CBD hydraulic analysis work for Conveyance Capacity TM and supporting Facility Use Agreements.
- Ongoing Project Delivery planning and coordination.
- Facilitated ongoing DSOD coordination.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Partnership Agreement negotiations concluded with a pencils down version completed for consideration at the June Authority Board / Reservoir Committee meeting. This pencils down version of the Partnership Agreement will be assessed as changes are made to the Benefits and Obligations Contract.
- Excess Capacity Contract negotiations continued in July.
- Continued coordination with Reclamation on submittal of the BA for project operations.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Continued coordination with the local air districts on the development of a Memorandum of Understanding to implement the Final EIR/EIS Mitigation Measure AQ-1.2.
- Continued efforts on the water rights permitting process. Comments on the March 20, 2026 draft water right permit and associated order were submitted on May 22.

Limited supplemental hearing was held on July 24, supplemental briefs were due by August 10, and the Authority's response by August 17. Revised Draft Decision and Draft Permit anticipated September 3, for 30-day written comment period. Board consideration and adoption could occur in early November. [SWRCB Supplemental Hearing Notice](#)

- Continued efforts on the Project's project-level Operations Federal ESA consultation.
- Continued coordination meetings with the Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and State Water Resources Control Board on the Project's Section 404 and Section 401 permit applications. The State Water Board released a draft of the Section 401 permit with comments due on June 26.
- Continued coordination with CDFW and DWR on the Project's Prop 1 Public Benefits Agreements.
- Continued coordination with design and engineering team on Project Delivery planning.
- Continued efforts on the Project-level Eagle Act permit.
- Continued drafting the first Section 106 work plan describing initial construction activities planned in 2027.
- Continued biological and cultural survey field work and associated reporting.

Operations:

- Continued CalSim 3 modelling efforts as the team has completed the Sites CalSim 3 model platform and is running analyses for the Participation decisions, including the Contracts for Administration of Public Benefits. The analysis for the Operations BA is completed, and the team has finalized the write up and associated BA appendices.

Partner Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:

- Continued ongoing coordination with landowners who are part of the Early Acquisition Program and Priority Early Construction Program.
- Began the appraisal process for parcels associated with the Contingency Acquisition Program and continued discussion with landowners participating in the program. Continued coordination with landowners to discuss Temporary Right Of Entry for geotechnical, biological, environmental and cultural field activities and other real estate actions.
- Ongoing discussions with Colusa, Glenn and Yolo counties on the Developer Agreement as well as the Impact Alleviation Agreements with potentially affected public services during construction and/or operations.

- Ongoing coordination with GCID and TCCA regarding development of the respective Facilities Use Agreements.

Program Management & Administration:

- Ongoing coordination regarding updated drafts of Benefits & Obligations Contract, Joint Powers Agreement, and Phase 3/4/5 Bylaws.