Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report

The development of the Sites Project continues to make progress in the critical areas, including the following activities:

Construction:

- Performing critical geotechnical investigations at Golden Gate Dam.
- Planning for geotechnical investigations that would occur in 2027 upon funding.

Engineering:

- Continue supporting development of the Program Baseline Report.
- Continuation of the Conveyance CMAR procurement.
- Continued supporting Facility Use Agreement activities.
- Ongoing Project Delivery planning and 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 concluded with a pencils down version. The pencils down version of the Excess Capacity Contract will also be assessed as changes are made to the Benefits and Obligations Contract.

Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Completed Memorandum of Understandings with local air districts to implement the Final EIR/EIS Mitigation Measure AQ-1.2.
- State Water Board, with a 5-0 vote, adopted the Sites Project Water Right at its Board Meeting on November 4. Continued works on Funks and Stone Creek bifurcated water right.
- The State Water Board issued the Project's Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification in September. The Army Corps of Engineers issued the Project's fully executed Clean Water Act Section 404 permit in November.
- 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.
- Completed drafting the first Section 106 work plan describing initial construction activities planned in 2027 and submitted to Reclamation.
- 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.

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 coordination with GCID and TCCA regarding finalization of the respective Facilities Use Agreements.

Program Management & Administration:

- Ongoing coordination related to finalization of the Benefits & Obligations Contract.
- Procurement for a new managed IT services provider that has capacity to expand services as the Authority grows in Phase 3/4/5 is being initiated.