



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:

- Continued Barnard onboarding process.
- Continued advancing Reservoir and Roads CMAR coordination and planning for forthcoming Maxwell-Sites Pumping and Generating (“Conveyance”) procurement.

Engineering:

- Supported development of the Project Baseline Report.
- Continued TCC and CBD hydraulic modeling work.
- Ongoing Project Delivery planning and coordination.

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Partnership Agreement negotiations continued with public negotiations sessions. Sessions were held in April and are planned for May and June.
- Reclamation completed and signed the ROD and the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement.
- 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. This has been on hold for a bit with workload challenges, but staff anticipate time available to finish out these MOUs in June.
- Continued efforts on the water rights permitting process.
- Continued meetings with Reclamation, NMFS, and USFWS 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 Army Corps of Engineers released its Record of Decision for the Sites Project Section 404 Permitting efforts.

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- 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.

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. 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:

- Completed the purchase of the Arnold Property.
- Conducted a Landowner informational meeting.
- Continued ongoing coordination with landowners who are part of the Early Acquisition Program and Priority Early Construction 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 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:

- Continued coordination with Lower Colusa Basin Drain parties including coordination on Letter of Mutual Understanding development.
- Preparation for May Benefits & Obligations Contract workshop including development of issue papers for Participant review.