

Topic: **Sites Reservoir Project, Phase 1**

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2017 September**

Monthly Status Summary:

Program activities for the month included the onboarding of two new staff members, ongoing landowner and public engagement activities, providing the Water Commission with additional information, extending the Draft EIR/S review period and planning for the public meetings, compiling proposed supplemental information, and planning of activities to support the Phase 1 rebalancing process.

Program Management & Administration:

Budget Reprioritization: The Phase 1 work plan was amended to incorporate an early-start of agency consultations, the WSIP application, and Phase 2 participation. Technical studies related to power were deferred to Phase 2.

Staffing: The Business/Community Manager and Project Operations Manager are onboard with the near-term focus on developing processes and procedures to facilitate the overall Phase 1 priorities.

Engagement & Outreach:

Coordination continued with landowners, media outlets, state and federal elected officials, and coalitions of regional and statewide organizations; monitoring media and social media; posting content on social media; responding to requests for information; and updating outreach and educational materials. Local engagement included distribution of the next "landowner newsletter" and continuing to host weekly informal "coffee" briefings. Outreach materials were updated to incorporate key aspects of the WSIP application and preparation of a motion graphic and an animation to demonstrate how the project will produce environmental benefits across the Sacramento Valley and in the Delta.

Monthly Website Usage: 840 unique users or visitors and 1,294 times they visited.

Proposition 1 (WSIP) Application:

The Water Commission is completing their Basic Eligibility and Completeness review, which included responding to their request for inputs to the CALSIM II model and HEC RAS models as well as the visitation estimates supporting the recreational benefits.

Environmental Documentation (EIR/S):

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Approved and announced an extension of time, through January 15, 2018, for agency and public review and comment of the Draft EIR/S review. The few comments received to date are under review.

Beginning to develop a proposed supplemental information document. Preparing presentation materials for planned meetings in October with NMFS and CDFW. Topics include summarizing proposed facilities, project's operations, and key items of interest in the EIR/EIS.

Initiated work to integrate the Sites CALSIM model results with DWR's latest version of the CA WaterFix model. Collected and reviewed available daily hydrologic data, fishery needs, and ecosystem land-use/habitat information for the Upper Sacramento River to evaluate potential mitigation opportunities. Also evaluated recent publications for applicable scientific observations to inform mitigation measures and adaptive management processes.

Federal Feasibility Report:

No Activity.

Engineering & Technical:

Began work to develop decision support systems to evaluate the sensitivity of repayment associated with construction cost, State and Federal participation, and deliveries. Initiated studies to evaluate modifications to facilities to support potential mitigation measures.