

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

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2017 May**

Executive Summary: The principle activities approved as part of the amended Phase 1 work plan are underway with consultant work products being submitted for review and comment and stakeholder meetings. Based on the Water Commission’s schedule, work is on track to have the application submitted ahead of the August 14 deadline.

Program Management & Administration:

Onboarding: Additional inquiries, but no formal requests have been received. Current participation consists of 29 water agencies, two counties, and two cities.

Accounting: Work is in progress to update the accounting system to include the current budget and update projected cash flow.

Office Flooding: Remodeling work is underway to support its reopening in July. Until then, office space in Colusa is being used in conjunction with space at Family Water Alliance’s Maxwell office.

Engagement & Outreach:

May 19 Site Tour: The first publicly-noticed tour of proposed facility locations included stops at Funks Reservoir and pump/generating plant, the Terminal regulating Reservoir, stops near the pipeline alignment, and the new screened intake.

Work continues to monitor media, social media and to respond to comments generated from the website. Initiated preparation of additional outreach materials, including a benefits motion graphic and operations graphic. Continued work on landowner outreach activities, specifically preparation of a quarterly newsletter and FAQ, and coordination related to upcoming community meetings. Outreach staff supported (a) a project site tour by a reporter for the California Farm Bureau’s Ag Alert, (b) the preparation of an EIR/EIS cover and (c) WSIP application executive summary. In addition, Outreach staff prepared messaging for various audiences including federal elected officials and CWC meetings. Development of a diverse coalition of regional and statewide organizations in support of the project continues to be a top priority, with several important actions underway.

Website Usage for May: 687 unique users or visitors and 1,044 times they visited.

Proposition 1 (WSIP) Application:

The May Water Commission meeting agenda did not include any WSIP-related items. However, AECOM participated in the May 11 webinar that explained how to conduct the water operations analysis that is needed to estimate flow-related public benefits.

AECOM provided an update on the requirements for the WSIP application to the Authority’s Board on May 15 and to the Reservoir Committee on May 18. AECOM is actively preparing the application at this time, including the evaluation of physical benefits.

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CH2M provided AECOM with model results for year 2070 and current conditions during the month of May. AECOM provided a detailed walkthrough of the entire application process on May 23. This included the following:

- Review of the DWR GRanTS website where the application must be uploaded
- Discussion of the content of the Executive Summary
- Identification of attachments that are required
- Discussion of potential answers to questions in the application

CH2M completed implementation of model code changes and continued coordination efforts with members of the Authority, Reservoir Committee participants, and Reclamation to provide interpretation of model results and quantification of WSIP and water supply benefits. CH2M initiated work on development of technical documentation and preliminary operations plan for inclusion in the WSIP application.

Work continues to review the WSIP regulations to ensure the application and scoring requirements will be adequately addressed in the application. Key areas include: the review schedule with presentations by applicants; Commission staff's role and supporting roles by DFW, SWRCB, and DWR; the Commissions role; environmental mitigation measures and compliance obligation; and implementation risk.

ACWA Storage Integration study: Authority staff participated in various stakeholder briefings and participated in ACWA's the May 11 Town Hall to present the results. The study's results are planned to be present it at the June 21 Water Commission meeting.

Environmental Documentation (EIR/S):

CH2M is responding to comments on the administrative draft EIR/EIS and associated appendices in developing the public draft and in support of the WSIP application. Coordination continued with Authority's project team, Reclamation, and DWR, related to requested revisions to chapters. Supported and assisted in development of presentations to federal Cooperating Agencies on May 17th and the Reservoir Committee on May 18th. Met with Colusa County and Authority staff May 30th to discuss land use language and any additional county comments.

Federal Feasibility Report:

Reclamation is conducting a backcheck and provided additional responses to the Authority's comments. A revised draft was issued by Reclamation on May 26. Current focus is the operational principles; which are an important element for both the feasibility report and the WSIP application. These principles are being developed by the Authority in partnership with Reclamation and the Department of Water Resources.

The schedule for the draft feasibility report aligns with the WSIP application schedule. Reclamation is scheduled to deliver a draft report to the Authority on July 20 which can be used to support the WSIP application.

Engineering & Technical:

AECOM is currently updating the Basis of Estimate Report for Alternative D based on comments received from Reclamation and MWD.