



Topic: **Authority Board Agenda Item 3-1**

2018 Oct 22

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Requested Action:

No action requested. Informational item.

Detailed Description/Background:

General Manager and staff to provide an update on project activities for September 2018 for; Program Management & Administration, Engagement & Outreach, Proposition 1, Environmental, Feasibility Study, and Engineering and Technical Support.

Prior Authority Board Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

None

Staff Contact:

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Attachments:

Attachment A: September 2018 Status Report

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

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2018 September**

Monthly Status Summary:

The development of the Sites Project continues to make progress in the critical areas associated with the rebalancing process, Phase 2 financing plan and procurement process to secure financing, engaging with the Water Commission on aspects of the WSIP Early Funding and quarterly reporting; supporting Reclamation on completion of the federal Feasibility Report, initiation of technical work within their FY2018 funding and the requirements for an application for potential WIIN Act funding; development of the overall Phase 2 work plan, the proposed Phase 2 Reservoir Project Agreement and the procurement process and documents needed to secure resources at the start of Phase 2, and progress on near-term critical tasks.

The following highlights the status of activities conducted during the month of September 2018:

Program Management & Administration:

End of Phase 1: The Reservoir Committee (August 16) and Authority (August 20) approved a time extension to formally end Phase 1 on February 28, 2019.

Phase 2 Reservoir Project Agreement: Based on the time extension, a complete Agreement will be distributed by November 1, 2018 with participant’s responses due by January 11, 2019. Feedback received since the July 9 and 10 workshops are being incorporated. The agreement will include interim financing requirements that align with the draft finance plan. In addition, the Authority and Reservoir Committee, respectively approved the Credit Reimbursement Policy.

Finance Plan:

- Feedback received since the July 9 and 10 workshops and one meeting with participants were incorporated to an update of both the interim and construction finance plans on September 7, 2018. Additional meetings have been scheduled. An initial estimate of proposed participation in Phase 2 has been prepared and incorporated into the Bank Credit Facility RFP.
- Work continues to respond to comments received by USDA on the loan application, which was submitted on July 31. All documents requested by USDA were signed and returned by September 28, 2018.

Procurements:

- Phase 2 Services: The Project Development Services RFQ was issued on September 6, 2018 to approximately 80 individuals who have attended Authority Board and Reservoir meetings over the last few months. A mandatory pre-submittal conference was held on September 11, 2018 at the Maxwell Office with approximately 60 individuals attending. The Authority’s response to potential respondent’s RFQ questions and clarifications was issued on September 17, 2018. For each of the 9 service areas, evaluation panels are being

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assembled with participation from both the Reservoir Committee and Authority to the maximum extent practicable.

- **Bank Credit Facility RFP:** The Bank Credit Facility RFP was issued on September 17, 2018 to over 40 individuals. Thirteen individuals attended a bidder's conference that was held at the Maxwell Office on September 25, 2018 which included a brief tour of the proposed Sites Reservoir area. The Authority's response to RFP questions and clarifications was issued to potential respondents. The due date is October 10, 2018.

Engagement & Outreach:

Continuing to coordinate with landowners, media outlets, state and federal elected officials, government agencies and coalitions of regional and statewide organizations; to coordinate project activities with landowners and the project stakeholders, respond to requests for project information, and to plan and facilitate meetings and site tours.

Finalized the project operation animation and continued development of new and updated collateral materials. Submitted public notices for publication in the Pioneer Review in support of the USDA loan application for the Notice of Availability (NOA) (9/12) and for the final FONSI (9/26). Provided a project site tour for USDA senior leadership (9/5). Conducted and facilitated a Landowner/public meeting (9/5). Facilitated a presentation for a tour group from Metropolitan Water Agency (9/14). Participated in WEF's 35th annual Water Summit (9/20). Met with prospective construction contractor to provide an overview and obtain feedback (9/21).

Proposition 1 (WSIP) Application:

Provided input to Water Commission staff on the Early Funding Agreement template. Met with CWC staff to discuss the Early Funding Agreement and quarterly reporting requirements. Initiated the preparation and submittal of initial documents to the CWC.

Coordination with Reclamation:

Continued coordination activities with Reclamation to 1) coordinate their request and potential legislation for the appropriation of FY2019 funds, 2) Coordinated with CVO, Planning and other offices to advance the working draft Operational Principles of Agreement, 3) prepared draft updates of applicable agreements, 4) participated in the review and update of the Feasibility Report (due August 31, 2018) and provided a briefing to the Policy Review Team, 5) worked with Reclamation's technical staff to develop a plan to advance the technical studies to support an updated cost estimate and implement early risk-reduction strategies, and 6) preparations to submit an application for consideration of federal funding as authorized in the WIIN Act for a locally-led water storage project.