



Topic: Authority Board Agenda Item 4-1

2019 November 25

Subject: Monthly Status Report

Requested Action:

No action requested. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the Sites Project's monthly status report.

Detailed Description/Background:

General Manager and staff to provide an update on project activities performed in October 2019 for; Program Management & Administration, Engagement & Outreach, Proposition 1, Environmental, Feasibility Study and Engineering & Technical Support.

Prior Authority Board Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

None.

Staff Contact:

Jim Watson

Attachments:

Attachment A: October 2019 Status Report.

Topic: **Sites Reservoir Project, Phase 2**

Subject: **Monthly Status Report**

Report Period: **2019 October**

Monthly Status Summary:

The development of the Sites Project continues to make progress in the critical areas associated with the reprioritized Phase 2 (2019) budget and work plan, including the following activities:

- Continued detailed discussions with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) on pre-application permit consultation.
- Continued supporting Reclamation on completion of their Feasibility Report, including the coordination of biological and cultural monitoring along with land access for the NODOS Feasibility Geotechnical Investigations. Reclamation also requested that the Authority review the current version of the Feasibility Report; comments were made specific to EIR/EIS status and environmental feasibility and provided to Reclamation on October 25, 2019. Language was also provided to reflect the Authority's current efforts to 'right-size' the project.

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

Coordination with Reclamation:

- Continued coordination of Project activities funded by Reclamation and those funded by the Authority.
- Continued coordination and support for feasibility geotechnical investigation.

Permitting and Environmental Planning:

- Continued pre-construction permit discussions with CDFW on both construction and operational effects of the project to state-listed and state fully-protected species.
- Began implementing the environmental commitments including biological, cultural and tribal field monitoring activities for geotechnical testing and sampling work that will advance the design and cost estimate in Reclamation Feasibility Report. Drilling activities initiated on October 2, 2019 and are being funded and undertaken by Reclamation.
- Continued development of analysis tools for daily operations, bypass criteria, floodplain inundation and other operational effects.
- Initiated joint meetings with CDFW, National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on the aquatic construction and operational effects of the project and joint meetings with CDFW and USFWS on the terrestrial construction and operational effects of the project.

Engineering:

- Continued to advance the near-term geotechnical exploration program to support the federal Feasibility Report's cost estimate. Conducted utility locating during NODOS Investigation.

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- Supported the value planning effort by providing review comments.
- Continued to advance the development of a draft Principles and Requirements to guide the development of feasibility studies by making revisions reflecting review comments from work groups.
- Continue to advance the operations and repayment analysis, to review key methodologies and assumptions with work groups, and to document the process and key assumptions.
- Initiated development of a framework for the operations and repayment workshop held on November 15, 2019.

Real Estate, Stakeholder Engagement & Public Outreach:

Continued ongoing coordination efforts with landowners, local community members, state and federal elected officials, government agencies and coalitions of regional and statewide organizations including the following activities:

- Responded to landowner requests for project information, facilitated coordination activities with local government agencies and organizations and planned for future landowner, stakeholders and general public outreach activities and events.
- Coordinated Temporary Right of Entry (TROE) activities in support of the 2019 focused Geotechnical field studies conducted in October 2019.
- Conducted project site tours/presentations with project participants including Metropolitan Water District and facilitated a project site tour for an LA Times editorial reporter.

Program Management & Administration:

- Submitted Quarterly Report Number 5 to the California Water Commission (CWC). Invoice Number 1 was approved by the CWC and sent for payment.
- Developed standard operating procedures related to CWC Invoice Coding and Progress Report.
- Developed Phase 2 (2019) budget and work plan. Presented information at October Res Comm meeting and attended associated work group meetings.