



**Public Scoping Meeting
February 2017**



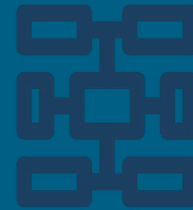
Scoping Meeting Purpose

Obtain agency and public input on the scope and content of the environmental analysis for the Sites Reservoir Project.

Meeting Format



Open House



**Informational
Stations**



**Project
Experts**



**Submit
Comments**

Scoping Purpose

Solicit **early agency and public input** on:

- Potential **Environmental Impacts** of the Sites Reservoir Project
- Reasonable **Range of Alternatives**
- **Methodologies** for Impact Analysis
- Types of **Impacts** to Evaluate
- Potential **Mitigation** Strategies



Sites Project Benefits



Enhanced water management flexibility



Improved environmental flows



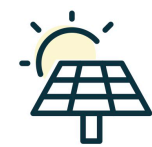
Increased water supply reliability



Enhanced water quality



Improved ecosystems



Potential new renewable energy sources



New recreation opportunities



Flood management

Lead Agencies



**Sites Project Authority -
Lead Agency, CEQA**



**Bureau of Reclamation -
Lead Federal Agency, NEPA**



Sites Project Authority

Formed in 2010, and includes...

- City of Roseville
- Colusa County Water District
- County of Colusa
- County of Glenn
- Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
- Maxwell Irrigation District
- Orland-Artois Water District
- Placer County Water Agency
- Poberta Water District
- Reclamation District 108
- Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority
- Western Canal District
- Westside Water District



Scope of the Environmental Analysis



Analyze and disclose:

- Reasonably foreseeable direct and indirect environmental impacts
- Potentially significant environmental impacts



Where impacts are significant:

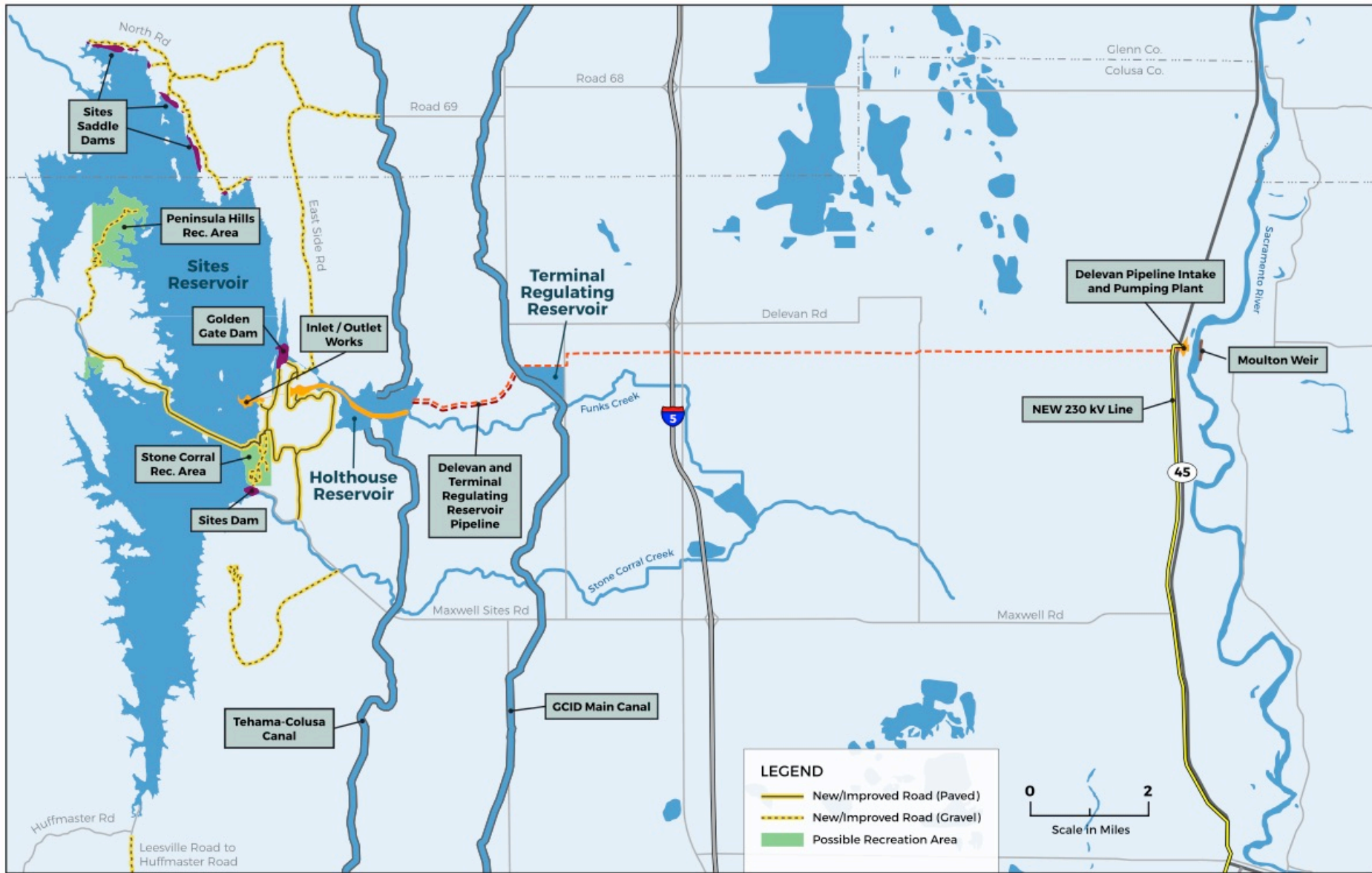
- Identify mitigation measures and alternatives that substantially lessen or avoid such effects

Key Considerations

- Surface Water Resources
- Surface Water Quality
- Fluvial Geomorphology and Riparian Habitat
- Flood Control and Management
- Groundwater Resources
- Groundwater Quality
- Aquatic Biological Resources
- Botanical Resources
- Terrestrial Biological Resources
- Wetlands and Other Waters of the United States
- Geology, Minerals, Soils, and Paleontology
- Faults and Seismicity
- Cultural Resources
- Indian Trust Assets
- Land Use
- Recreation
- Socioeconomics
- Environmental Justice
- Air Quality
- Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Navigation, Transportation, and Traffic
- Noise
- Public Health and Environmental Hazards
- Public Services and Utilities
- Visual Resources
- Power Production and Energy
- Growth-Inducing Impacts
- Cumulative impacts



Sites: Off-Stream Reservoir



Sites

- Up to 1.9 MAF capacity
- Approximately 12,000-14,000 acres
- Up to eleven dams
- Inlet/outlet structure
- Pumping plant
- Electrical switchyard and overhead power lines
- One ~4,000' tunnel connecting the pumping plant to the reservoir



Alternatives

Alternative	Capacity	Recreational Areas	Terminal Regulating Reservoir	Delevan Pipeline Intake
No Project Alternative (CEQA) / No Action Alternative (NEPA)	No Storage	No Recreation	No Additional Water	No Water Facilities
Alt A	1.27 MAF	3	2,000 AF	YES
Alt B	1.81 MAF	3	2,000 AF	NO
Alt C	1.81 MAF	3	2,000 AF	YES
Alt D	1.81 MAF	2	1,200 AF	YES

Project Cost: \$4.3 billion - \$4.8 billion / *7-8 years of construction-related jobs*

Funding

- Paid for by **local agencies and committed statewide funders**
- Up to 50 percent potentially paid for by **California's Proposition 1 Water Bond**

Maximum State Cost-Share for **Funded Public Benefits**



50%

Ecosystem Benefits must be

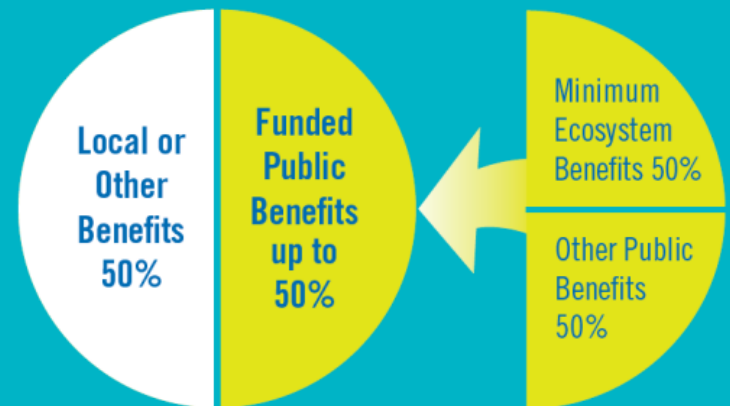
50%

of the funded public benefits



**TOTAL
BENEFITS**

**Funded Public
Benefits**



Schedule

YOU
ARE
HERE



FEB-MARCH 2017
SCOPING
COMMENT PERIOD



JUNE 2017
DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT (EIR/EIS)



JUNE 2017
**CA WATER COMMISSION,
WATER STORAGE INVESTMENT
PROGRAM (WSIP),
FUNDING APPLICATION**



**PUBLIC REVIEW
AND COMMENT**



2018
FINAL EIR/EIS



2018
**CA WATER COMMISSION,
WATER STORAGE INVESTMENT
PROGRAM (WSIP),
FUNDING DECISION**

Comment Period



Comments Due March 2, 2017



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