Interior/Reclamation

Meeting Agenda



**Affordable Water, Sustainably Managed**

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| Our Core Values – Safety, Trust and Integrity, Respect for Local Communities, Environmental Stewardship, Shared Responsibility and Shared Benefits, Accountability and Transparency, Proactive Innovation, Diversity and Inclusivity Our Commitment – To live up to these values in everything we do | | | | | | |
| Meeting Information: | | | | | | |
| Date: | January 26, 2022 | Location: | | Reclamation’s Bay-Delta Office  4th Floor CR  801 I Street, Suite 140 Sacramento, CA 95814 | | |
| **Start Time:** | 1:30 p.m. | Finish Time: | | 3:00 p.m. | | |
| Purpose: | Coordination of Activities Related to the Sites Reservoir Project. | | | | | |
| Meeting Participants: | | | | | | |
| Tanya Trujillo, Assistant Secretary, Department of Interior  David Palumbo, Deputy Commissioner, Operations  Ernest Conant, Regional Director  Richard Welch, Principal Deputy Regional Director  Russ Callejo, Deputy Regional Director Operations  Dave Mooney, Bay-Delta Office Manager  Kristin White, Operations Manager | | | Fritz Durst, RD108/Authority Board Chair  Jeff Sutton, TCCA/Authority Board Vice-Chair  Jeff Harris, City of Sacramento Vice Mayor, Authority Board Member  Thad Bettner, GCID/Sites Participant  Jerry Brown, Executive Director, Sites | | | |
| Agenda: | | | | | | |
| Discussion Topic | | | | | Topic Leader | Time Allotted |
| * 1. Introductions | | | | | All | 5 mins |
| * 1. Update on Project Status | | | | | Sites/Reclamation | 20 mins |
| * 1. Discuss Project Objectives      1. Sites      2. Reclamation/Interior | | | | | As noted | 40 mins |
| * 1. Sources of Project Funding      1. State Prop 1      2. Federal Funding Sources   WIFIA  USDA  Other   * + 1. Local Borrowing | | | | | All | 20 mins |
| * 1. Next Steps | | | | |  | 5 mins |

Sites Asks of the Assistant Secretary:

1. Support Reclamation Storage Program Funding Requests for Sites – project is financed with local, state and federal funds and 100% of construction funds need to be secured to start construction in 2024.
2. Support final approvals for Project environmental documents (i.e. sign the ROD), critical permits, and water rights acquisition on the Sites Authority’s schedule.
3. Support the Sites Authority in acquiring favorable federal grants and loans through WIFIA, USDA and other programs.

**Milestones and Dates Involving Federal Agencies for the Sites Reservoir Project**

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| **Description** | **Needed Completion Date** | **Agency(ies) Involved** |
| **Activities Related to Environmental Planning** |  |  |
| Public Comment Period Closes on RDEIR/SDEIS | January 28, 2022 | Sites, Reclamation |
| Complete Final EIR/EIS | October 2022 | Sites, Reclamation |
| Issue NEPA Record of Decision and Notice of Determination | December 2022 | Reclamation |
| **Activities Related to Permitting** | | |
| Initiate Final Operations modeling around federal benefits and diversion criteria | January 24, 2022 | Sites, Reclamation, CDFW |
| Develop and Submit Biological Assessment and Incidental Take Permit Operations Application | May 2022 | Sites, Reclamation |
| Federal Agencies Issue Biological Opinions, State Issue Incidental Take Permits | December 2022 | USFWS, NMFS, CDFW |
| **Activities Related to Water Rights** |  |  |
| Support Development of Sites Water Right Application | In Progress | DWR, CDFW, SWRCB, Reclamation |
| Submit Sites Water Right Application | April 2022 | Sites |
| Complete Application Review and Issue Public Notice | July 2022 | SWRCB |
| Complete Resolution of Protests | March 2023 | Sites, SWRCB |
| Conduct Hearing on Any Remaining Issues | Aug 2023 | SWRCB |
| Issue Final Order and Water Right Permit | Dec 2023 | SWRCB |
| **Activities Related to Operations Coordination** |  |  |
| Resume Term Sheet Discussions | April 2022 | Sites, Reclamation, DWR |
| Final Operations Agreement Ready to Execute | Dec 2022 | Sites, Reclamation, DWR |
| **Activities Related to Federal Funding Assistance, WIFIA Loan, and Securing Local Funding** | | |
| OMB Addendum Transmitted – Determination of federal benefits and federal funding assistance | June 2022 | Reclamation |
| Dedication of Storage Funding to Sites (Interim) | Dec 2022 | Sites, Reclamation |
| Dedication of Storage Funding to Sites (Final) | Dec 2023 | Sites, Reclamation |
| Approve Loan Documents – Authority revenue bonds | Jan 2024 | Sites |
| Invitation to Apply for WIFIA Loan | Feb 2022 | EPA |
| Submit Application for WIFIA Loan | Feb 2023 | Sites |
| Approve WIFIA Loan Documents | Jan 2024 | Sites |