

Interior/Reclamation Meeting Agenda



*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	Fritz Durst, RD108/Authority Board Chair
David Palumbo, Deputy Commissioner, Operations	Jeff Sutton, TCCA/Authority Board Vice-Chair
Ernest Conant, Regional Director	Jeff Harris, City of Sacramento Vice Mayor, Authority Board Member
Richard Welch, Principal Deputy Regional Director	Thad Bettner, GCID/Sites Participant
Russ Callejo, Deputy Regional Director Operations	Jerry Brown, Executive Director, Sites
Dave Mooney, Bay-Delta Office Manager	
Kristin White, Operations Manager	

Agenda:

Discussion Topic	Topic Leader	Time Allotted
1. Introductions	All	5 mins
2. Update on Project Status	Sites/Reclamation	20 mins
3. Discuss Project Objectives	As noted	40 mins
a. Sites		
b. Reclamation/Interior		
4. Sources of Project Funding	All	20 mins
a. State Prop 1		
b. Federal Funding Sources		
(1) WIFIA		
(2) USDA		
(3) Other		
c. Local Borrowing		
5. 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

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