

AB 52 Sites Reservoir Project Update Meeting Minutes



Sites Reservoir Project

Meeting Information:

Date: January 11, 2021 **Location:** Field review
Start Time: 9:00 a.m. **Finish Time:** 1:45 p.m.
Notes By: Janis Offermann **Reviewed By:** Laurie Warner Herson
Purpose: Quarterly Meeting and Site Visit with Yocha Dehe for Sites Reservoir

Meeting Participants (indicate absent invitees):

Laverne Bill, Yocha Dehe	Kevin Spesert, Authority	Name
Alex Cedano, Yocha Dehe	Laurie Warner Herson, Phenix	Name
Eric Hernandez, Yocha Dehe	Janis Offermann, Horizon	Name

Key Takeaways/Decisions/Action Items:

Takeaways: Yocha Dehe will start working more on this project in order to identify areas of concern and potential mitigation measures for tribal cultural resources.

Decisions: A video conference meeting will take place in about one month and a second field review will take place in March in order to visit Funks Reservoir and, possibly, areas of concern in the valley.

Action Items:

Action Item	Owner	Deadline	Notes
Review draft archaeological report and inform Laverne about whether there was any tribal involvement in the survey.	Janis	ASAP	
Produce a figure showing new preferred project alternative with survey coverage and site locations	Janis	ASAP	
Yocha Dehe to review project alternatives and resource location maps to provide Kevin with a map that identifies locations of concern.	Laverne	ASAP	Kevin will see about obtaining permission to enter from land owners for a field review of locations by YD.

Yocha Dehe to consider mitigation measures for TCRs.	Laverne	Next couple of months	
Schedule next meeting in about one month	Laverne	ASAP	

Agenda:

1. Review maps of project footprint
2. Conduct field review of TRR area and reservoir pool
6. Next Steps

Meeting Minutes (issues discussed and decisions made):

The group met at the Authority office in Maxwell at 9 a.m. Laurie provided maps of the most up-to-date project alternatives, including the new Alternative 3. These maps were reviewed, along with figures that depicted the areas previously surveyed for archaeological resources and the locations of recorded resources.

Laverne, Eric, Alex, Kevin, and Janis then caravanned to the location of the TRR, and then out to Antelope Valley where they made three stops to review the lay of the land and locations of some of the project facilities, such as dams, saddle dams, and recreation areas. During this time, Kevin provided a detailed description about how the reservoir would be operated. Laverne identified some general areas of concern and expressed an interest in accessing these areas for a field review.

Following the field review, the field team met back at the Authority's office where Kevin showed a map of and discussed the location of the Dunnigan Pipeline. He also showed some photographs that more clearly depicted the locations of the saddle dams at the north end of the reservoir pool.

The team then discussed next steps. Laverne would like to visit areas of concern in the reservoir footprint. Kevin noted that access is difficult due to the reluctance of property owners to allow access. However, he said he would try to get access if Laverne could provide a map showing which areas he is interested in visiting.

The team also discussed the need to develop mitigation measures for tribal cultural resources that could be impacted by the project, keeping in mind that the draft Revised Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is scheduled to be released to the public in July 2021. Laverne will start devoting more time to the project and thinking about how to address the issue. Janis will work with Laverne to help draft the mitigation measures. [Note: the mitigation measures would be reviewed by Kevin prior to submittal to ICF for inclusion in the DEIR.]

It was decided that a teleconference meeting should take place in a month. Laverne will check his schedule and suggest some dates. Kevin also suggested conducting a field visit to the Funks Reservoir area in March. If possible, he will also arrange access to some of the sensitive areas identified by Yocha dehe.