

Sites Reservoir



Our Strength is in Our Broad Statewide Participation

Sacramento Valley

Carter Mutual Water Company
City of American Canyon
Colusa County
Colusa County Water Agency
Cortina Water District
Davis Water District
Dunnigan Water District
Glenn County
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
LaGrande Water District
Placer County Water Agency
Reclamation District 108
City of Roseville
Sacramento County Water Agency
City of Sacramento
Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority
Westside Water District
Western Canal Water District

Bay Area

Santa Clara Valley Water District
Zone 7 Water Agency

San Joaquin Valley

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District

Southern California

Antelope Valley - East Kern Water Agency
Coachella Valley Water District
Desert Water Agency
Irvine Ranch Water District
Metropolitan Water District
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
San Geronio Pass Water Agency
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

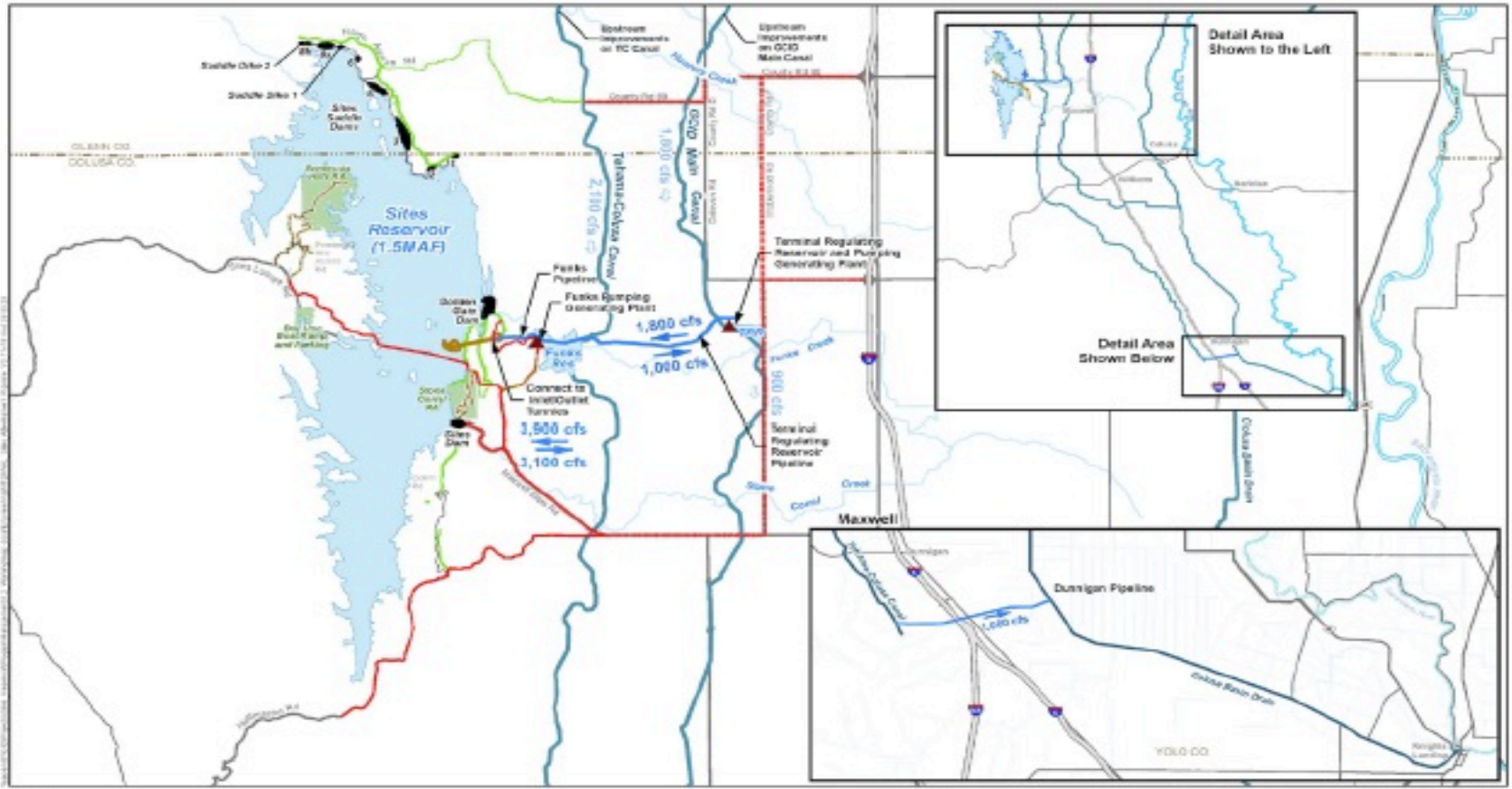


Affordable, Permittable, Buildable

Sites underwent a rigorous value planning effort that resulted in a “right-sized” project. The Sites Reservoir of today:

- ✓ **Has a smaller footprint - less environmental effects**
- ✓ **Eliminates controversial conveyance infrastructure**
- ✓ **Meets the water supply needs of participants**
- ✓ **Is more affordable for local agencies**
- ✓ **Accommodates a range of federal investment from 7%-25%**
- ✓ **Continues to support the State’s basis of MCED**
- ✓ **Performs under most challenging climate change scenarios**

The “rightsized” project optimizes use of existing conveyance infrastructure



ALTERNATIVE 1

Provides Climate Change Resiliency

How does Sites Reservoir address these challenges?

- ✓ Captures excess flows in the Sacramento River – rain instead of snowmelt
- ✓ Off-stream storage and state of the art fish screens protect the river system environment
- ✓ Adds 1.5 million acre-feet of storage space providing water mgmt. flexibility
- ✓ Provides new, affordable water for people, farms and environment during the more frequent dry spells California will experience
- ✓ Allows other reservoirs, like Shasta Oroville and Folsom, to optimize cold water during dry periods for environmental purposes

Project performance is modeled to improve by approximately 5%-10% under anticipated climate change conditions

Provides a Resilient Supply of Water for all of California

SITES PROJECT NEW WATER SUPPLY

| Year Type | Water Supply (thousand acre-feet) |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Wet | 80-90 |
| Above Normal | 92-292 |
| Below Normal | 190-296 |
| Dry | 398-429 |
| Critically Dry | 308-348 |
| Long-Term Average | 207-260 |

If we had Sites Reservoir in this 2021 drought year, Sites is estimated to have nearly **1MAF** of additional water for California's farms, cities and the environment.



State Public Benefits in Sites funded by Prop 1

Total 2018 MCED: \$816M (Rank 3)

Environmental (~67%)

Refuge Supplies - Provide a reliable supply of refuge water to improve Pacific Flyway habitat for migratory birds and other native species

Yolo Bypass - Provide water dedicated to help improve conditions for the Delta Smelt

Recreation (~23%)

Flood Control (~ 5%)



EIR Project Alternatives

| Facilities / Operations | Alternative 1 | Alternative 2 | Alternative 3 |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Reservoir Size | 1.5 MAF | 1.3 MAF | 1.5 MAF |
| Hydropower | Incidental upon release | Same as Alt 1 | Same as Alt 1 |
| Diversion Locations | Red Bluff Pumping Plant and Hamilton City | Same as Alt 1 | Same as Alt 1 |
| Conveyance Release / Dunnigan Release | 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) into new Dunnigan Pipeline to Colusa Basin Drain | 1,000 cfs into new Dunnigan Pipeline to Sacramento River. Partial release into the Colusa Basin Drain | Same as Alt 1 |
| Reclamation Involvement | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding Partner 2. Operational Exchanges <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Within Year Exchanges b. Real-time Exchanges | Operational Exchanges <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Within Year Exchanges b. Real-time Exchanges | Same as Alt 1, but up to 25% investment |
| DWR Involvement | Operational Exchanges with Oroville and use of SWP facilities South-of-Delta | Same as Alt 1 | Same as Alt 1 |
| Route to West Side of Reservoir | Bridge across reservoir | Paved road around southern end of reservoir | Same as Alt 1 |

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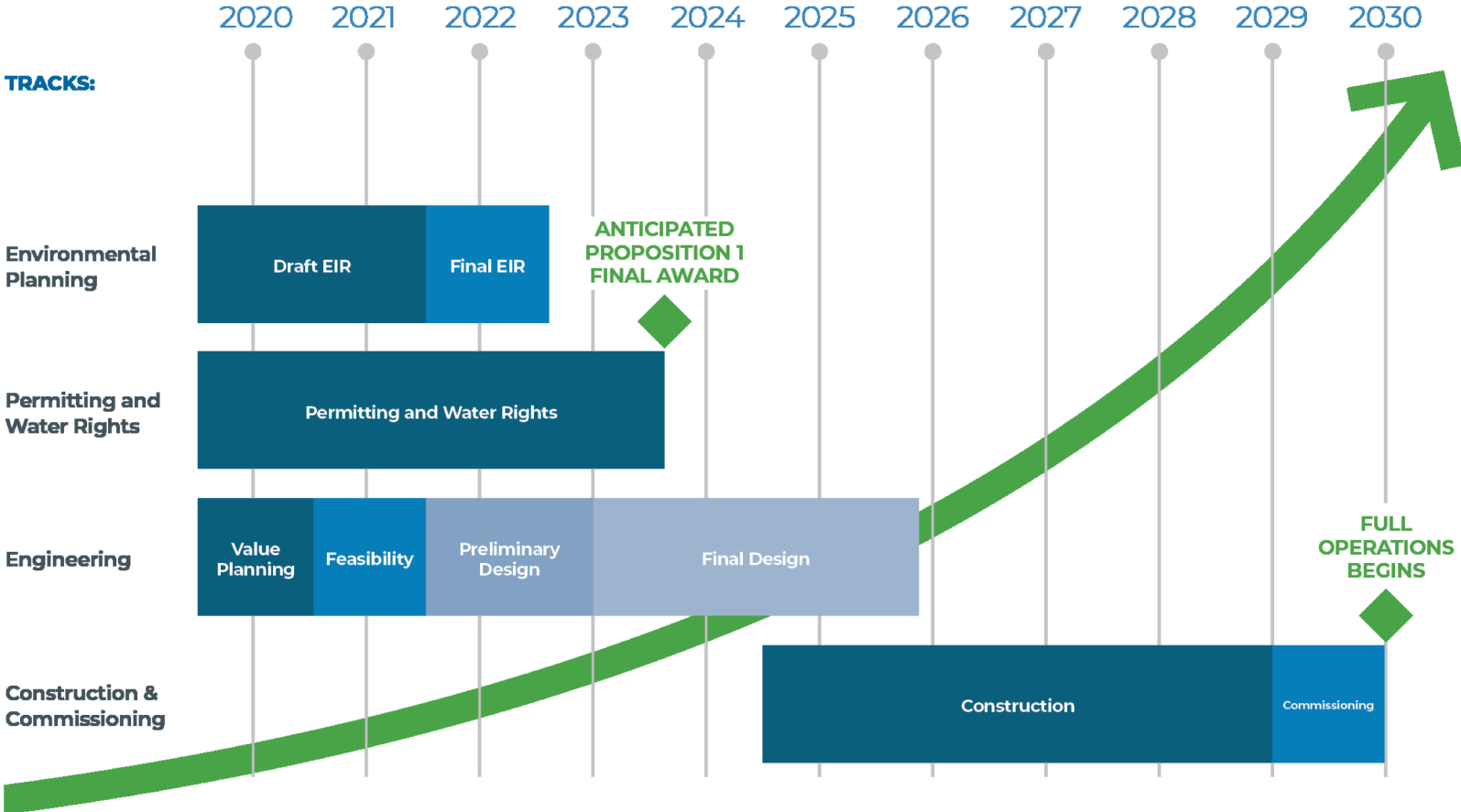
| Reservoir Size (MAF) | Alternative 1 (1.5MAF) |
|--|------------------------|
| Total Project Cost (2021\$, billions) | ~\$3.9 |
| Annualized AF/year release (AFY) | ~230,000 |
| Estimated Unit Costs During Repayment Without WIFIA Loans (2021\$, \$/AF) | ~\$800 |
| Estimated Unit Costs During Repayment With WIFIA Loans (2021\$, \$/AF) | ~\$700 |
| Estimated Unit Cost During Repayment With WIFIA Loans and current interest rates (2021\$, \$/AF) | as low as \$600 |

* Unit cost are FOB releases from Sites Reservoir and do not include any conveyance losses



Looking Ahead

Sites Reservoir Project Schedule



2021 Priorities

- ✓ **Confirm 75% “non- public benefit” cost share commitment – answer 3 big questions i) what do “you” get? ii) how much does it cost? iii)how do “we” pay for it?**
- ✓ **Achieve state required feasibility determination and supporting analysis planned for Dec ‘21 CWC meeting – (federal feasibility was determined in Dec’20)**
- ✓ **Circulate the revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for public review and comments**
- ✓ **Prepare and submit Sites Water Right Application to SWRCB**
- ✓ **Initiate critical project permit processes (ITP, BOs)**
- ✓ **Establish Preliminary Operating Terms with DWR, Bureau of Reclamation and local facility partners**
- ✓ **Continue to collaboratively engage with landowners, tribes, NGOs and local communities**

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