

Water Storage Investment Program Quarterly Report Template

The Quarterly Report is intended to document applicant’s progress toward complying with regulation section 6013 and receiving final WSIP funding, including any changes in the magnitude of public benefits that could affect cost allocation. Applicants must provide a summary level update of the project status for the requirements and milestones listed below. The template may be modified as necessary to effectively communicate information. If minimal activities occurred during a reporting period, the report can be condensed.

- Note any issues or concerns that have, will, or could affect milestones or requirements.
- Identify key issues, including legal issues such as lawsuits or injunctions related to the project, that need to be resolved.
- Discuss how the actual schedule is progressing in comparison to the schedule provided in the Initial Report or the last reported schedule.
- Update the project schedule as needed.
- Note any milestones or accomplishments that occurred since submittal of the prior Quarterly Report.

Project Name:	Sites Reservoir Project		
Applicant Name:	Sites Project Authority		
Date:	July 31, 2019	Reporting Period:	April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019

Please describe any key issues that occurred during this reporting period. You may attach additional documents or pages if more space is needed.

- No significant issues occurred and there were no variances from the schedule provided previously.
- On June 25, 2019, Congressman Jim Costa (D-CA) became a co-sponsor of the Sites Reservoir Project Act (H.R. 1435) introduced by Congressmen John Garamendi (D-CA) to provide federal support for the construction of Sites Reservoir and related water infrastructure in Colusa and Glenn Counties. (Link: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1435/all-info?r=46>).

Prior to scheduling a hearing, the following items must be provided:

Description	Status	Estimated Completion Date	Percent Complete %
	public/private right of way information.		
Final environmental documentation	Work to develop responses to comments continues. An updated schedule is being developed for the preparation of the Final EIR/EIS addressing the needs of federal agencies (including Reclamation, USACE, USFWS and NMFS), California state agencies, and the Authority. CEQA AB 52 consultation including the Yocha Dehe and Cachil Dehe (Colusa Indian Community Council) tribes, is also ongoing.	Dec 2020	15%
All required federal, state, and local approvals, certifications, and agreements	<p><u>Federal:</u> The Authority and Reclamation staff continue to meet with federal regulatory agencies (including NMFS, USFWS and USACE) to make progress towards the development of the Biological Assessment and permit applications. To be consistent with the presidential memorandum, the Authority and Reclamation are also preparing a Biological Assessment for the Sites Reservoir Project, which is scheduled to be provided to NMFS and USFWS in fall 2019.</p> <p><u>State of California:</u> The Authority had productive meetings in May and June with CA DFW to discuss the project, the permit application processes, and supporting information to include in permit applications. This includes discussions of analysis tools, assumptions and results with a goal to develop appropriate permitting strategies and operational criteria.</p> <p><u>Geotechnical Investigations:</u> As described in the “Completed feasibility studies” section above, the Authority and Reclamation are proposing to undertake geotechnical investigations. The Authority has developed and incorporated standard geotechnical project protocols and procedures to avoid potential environmental effects. As impacts have been determined to be localized, temporary, and minor, the Authority determined that the geotechnical investigations meet the criteria for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15304 and 15306. A Notice of Exemption was filed on July 8, 2019.</p> <p>Reclamation is working to complete consultation under Section 7 of the federal Endangered Species Act with USFWS and NMFS and consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act with the State Historic Preservation Office. The Authority and Reclamation are also preparing to apply for the remaining Federal, State, and local permits and approvals necessary for the geotechnical investigations.</p>	Dec 2021	10%
		Dec 2019	50%

Funding Agreement

Please provide an update, as applicable, on the following documents, which are needed to execute a funding agreement for the project:

- Applicant's audited financial statements
- Final project costs, schedule, and scope of work
- Evidence of bilateral communications
- Limited waiver of sovereign immunity (see regulations section 6013(f)(8))

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Applicant's audited financial statements

An audit for Fiscal Year 2018 is planned to be completed in July 2019 and the Fiscal Year 2019 audit is forecasted to be complete by July 2020.

Final project costs, schedule, and scope of work

In May, the Authority executed revised, reduced Phase 2 (2019) task orders for project integration, project controls, communications, real estate, geotechnical engineering environmental analysis and permitting activities and operations simulation modeling.

Evidence of bilateral communications

The Authority, Reclamation and the Department of Water Resources have maintained effective communication and collaboration. DWR was instrumental in collecting and displaying the previous core samples for viewing by the Authority and Reclamation. The Authority, Reclamation and DWR are active participants in the Reservoir Operations Work Group. The Authority and Reclamation participate in the monthly Sites Authority Integration meetings, the bi-weekly Reclamation Feasibility Study meetings, and the Sites Authority bi-weekly Engineering and Geotechnical Coordination meetings.

Limited waiver of sovereign immunity (see regulations section 6013(f)(8)) **Not Applicable**

Status Update

Provide a status update for the following, as applicable:

- Labor Compliance
- Urban Water Management Plans
- Agricultural Water Management Plans
- Groundwater Management or Groundwater Sustainability Plans
- Potential effect of other conditionally eligible projects on the applicant's public benefits

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Labor Compliance **No change since last reporting period.**

Urban Water Management Plans **Not applicable**

Agricultural Water Management Plans **Not applicable**

Groundwater Management or Groundwater Sustainability Plans **No change since last reporting period.**

Potential effect of other conditionally eligible projects on the applicant's public benefits **No change since last reporting period.**