



Update on North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage Project

Background

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation are studying the feasibility of building offstream surface storage north of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. On May 28, DWR released *North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS) Investigation Highlights* as well as supporting reports. NODOS would provide a wide array of benefits, including water supply reliability, ecosystem enhancements, water quality improvements, hydropower generation, recreation opportunities, and local flood damage reduction. The investigation is evaluating three alternative plans for the construction of Sites Reservoir. The plans feature multiple proposed sizes for Sites Reservoir and additional facilities for diversion and release. Projected water supply benefits would be up to 500 thousand acre-feet per year on average and over 600 thousand acre-feet per year in dry years. NODOS would help improve the flexibility of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project. The benefits provided by NODOS would be resilient to the impacts of climate change. The NODOS Investigation Highlights analyze the projected benefits from each of the three alternative plans. All three alternatives would provide benefits for water supply, water quality, and ecosystem restoration.

Jim Wieking, with DWR's Statewide Infrastructure Investigation Branch, will update the Commission on DWR's NODOS investigations. Thad Bettner, General Manager of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, will discuss Sites Reservoir and its financing plan.

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