

Sites Reservoir Project Update

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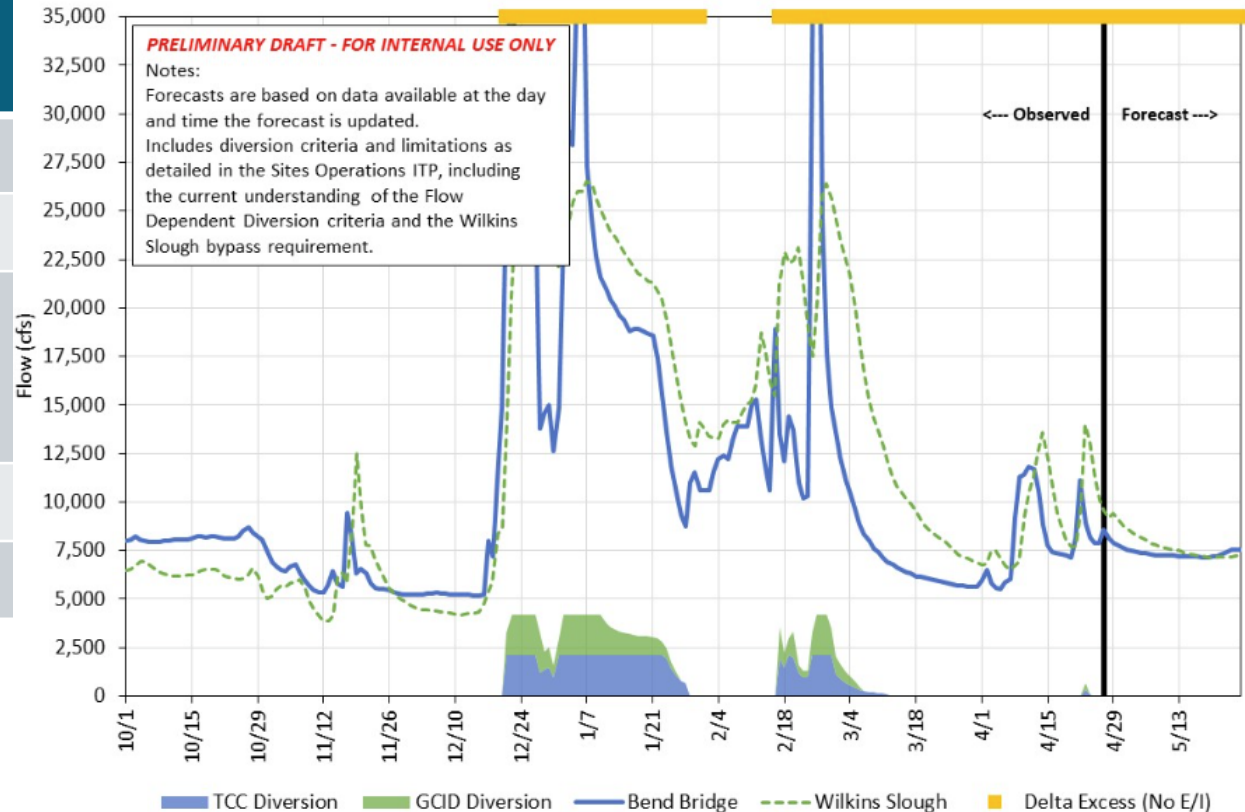
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What if we had Sites today?

Water Year	Estimated Diversion
2023	700,000 AF
2024	840,000 AF
Total for WY23&24	1,540,000 AF (103% of capacity!!)
2025	550,000 AF
2026	~340,000 AF



Potential WY Diversion through 04/26: 341,072 acre-feet. Forecasted potential diversion for 04/27 through 05/27: 0 acre-feet.

Forecasts use CNRFC deterministic and 50% exceedance probability forecasts, and assume the Delta remains in an Excess condition unless otherwise indicated.

General Project Update



Water Right – draft order issued Mar 2026 and final in Sept 2026



Critical permits and approvals – ITP's and BO (constr) received, 404/401 (wetlands) in progress, Sec 106/ROD complete



Construction Contractor Selections – underway



Land Acquisitions - ~ 90% of critical path project area acquired, TROEs being secured for enviro surveys



Engineering Design – completed to ~ 30% design, DSOD initial review complete (no red flags)



Cost Estimate and Schedule Update– cost updated in June 2025, schedule updated in January 2026



Financing – sources secured and loan agreements being negotiated



Off-Taker Contracts – in final negotiations

Sites Draft Water Right Permit was issued on 3/20/26

This is a major project milestone!

- The draft permit finds water is available which confirms that Sites is a new water supply for California.
- A permit of this magnitude for a new water supply has not occurred in decades and may not happen again.
- Certain draft permit conditions may alter the project plans. Examples are:
 - Additional diversion criteria and other limits on filling
 - Rights to Creek water are not granted
 - Continued uncertainties with the Bay Delta Plan Update
 - Maintaining South Delta water levels
- Sites Authority will be seeking changes in the permit prior to adoption in September 2026.

Current Allocation of Active Sites Storage Space

(planning level estimates, subject to change)

Participant Name	Amendment 3 Participation Level	Amendment 3 Storage Allocation	% Available Storage ^{1, 2, 3}
Antelope Valley-East Kern WA	500	3,117	0.2%
City of American Canyon	4,000	24,936	1.8%
Coachella Valley WD	10,000	62,340	4.4%
Colusa County	10,000	62,340	4.4%
Colusa County WD	9,256	57,702	4.1%
Cortina WD	450	2,805	0.2%
Davis WD	2,000	12,468	0.9%
Desert WA	6,500	40,521	2.9%
Dunnigan WD	2,972	18,527	1.3%
Glenn-Colusa ID	5,000	31,170	2.2%
Irvine Ranch WD	1,000	6,234	0.4%
LaGrande WD	1,000	6,234	0.4%
Metropolitan Water District of SC	50,000	311,700	22.1%
Reclamation District 108	4,000	24,936	1.8%
Rosedale-Rio Bravo WD	500	3,117	0.2%
San Bernardino Valley Municipal WD	21,400	133,408	9.5%
San Geronio Pass WA	14,000	87,276	6.2%
Santa Clara Valley WD	500	3,117 9,351	0.2% 0.6%
Santa Clarita Valley WA	5,000	31,170	2.2%
Westside WD	5,375	33,508	2.4%
Wheeler Ridge - Maricopa WSD	3,050	19,014 12,780	1.3% 0.9%
Zone 7 WA	10,000	62,340	4.4%
State of California - Total	n/a	244,000	17.3%
Reclamation	n/a	128,020	9.1%
Available Storage Total		1,410,000	100.0%

At a glance:

North of Delta – 19.4%
 South of Delta – 53.9%
 Reclamation – 9.1%
 State Prop 1 – 17.3%

We do expect more shifts in capacity in early 2026 as Participants make final decisions.

State and Federal Shares in Sites Water

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- Total capacity share – 17.3%, 244 taf
- Purchasing Public Benefits
- State Public Benefits – Ecosystem:
 - 2/3rd SOD Refuge
 - 1/3rd NOD Refuge
- Other State public benefits:
 - Local Flood Control
 - Recreation
 - Drought Emergency Supplies (pending)

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- Total capacity share – 16%, 225 taf, could go to 25%
- Similar to Participants
- Anadromous Fish – enhance protection of all life stages consistent with CVPIA, ie Reclamation exchanges with Shasta
- Operational Flexibility – allocate Sites water for authorized CVP purposes

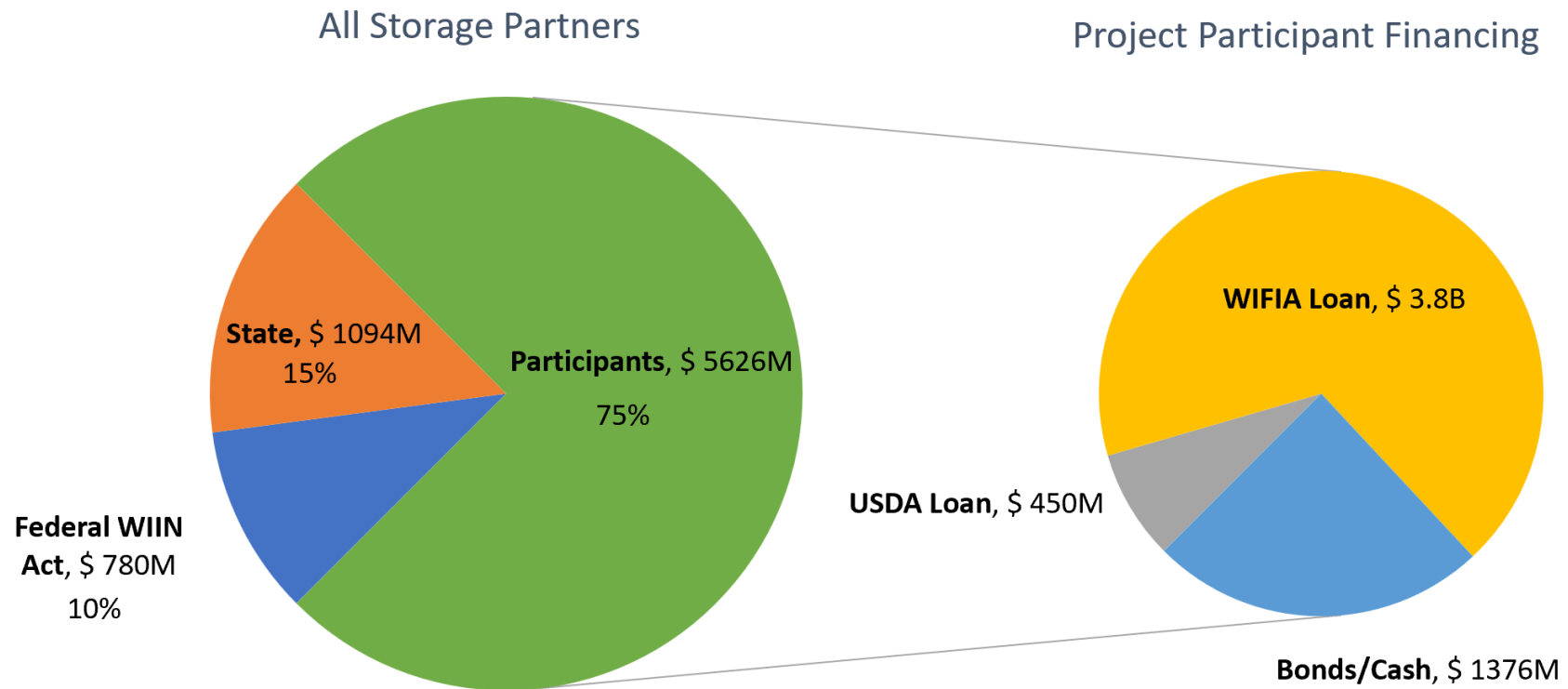
The Authority has a strategy for delivering the Project and managing risk

Contracting Strategy adopted in July 2022

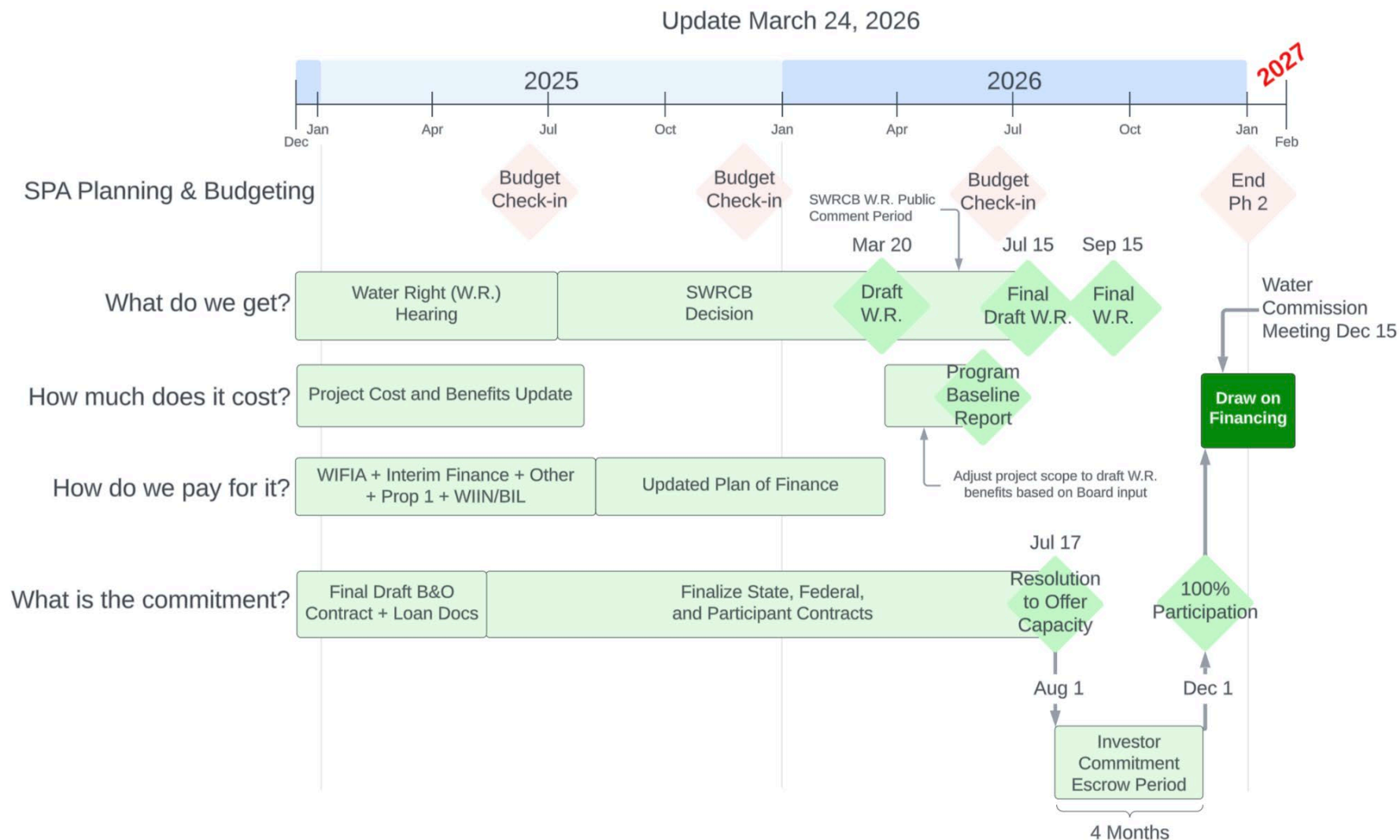


Identified Project Funding Sources

A Local, State, and Federal Partnership

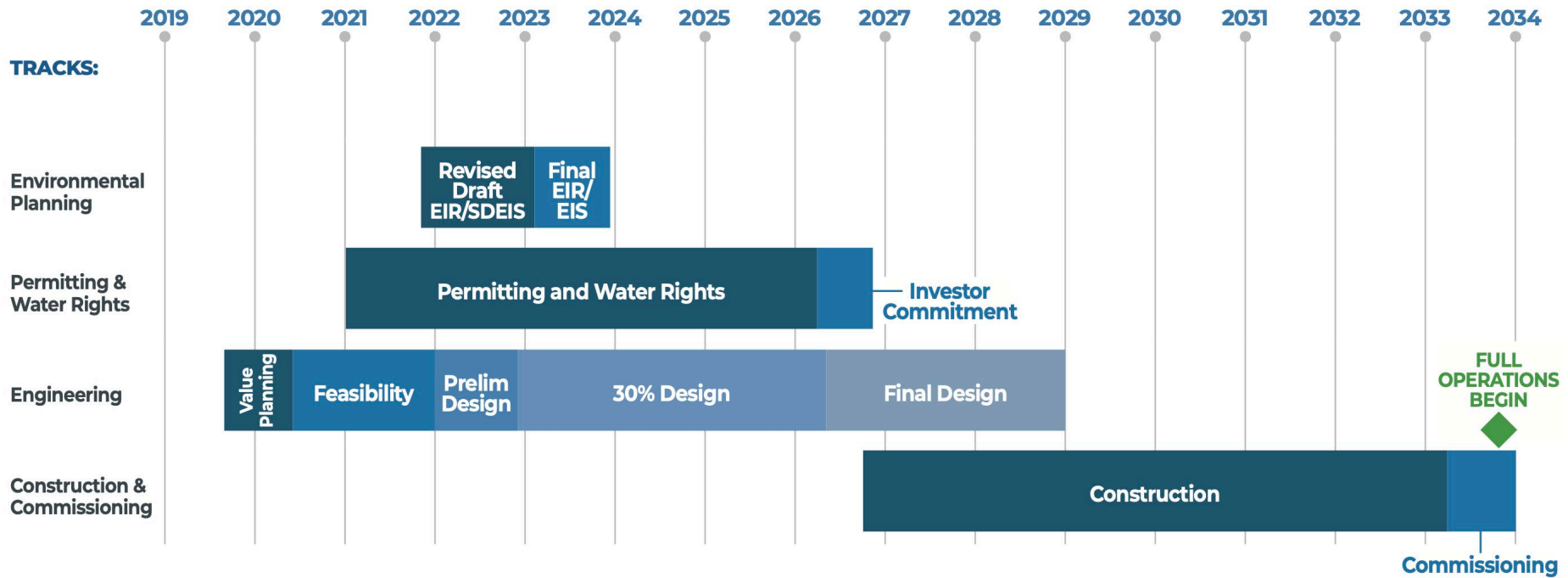


The draft water right brings more clarity to the near-term decision schedule



Timeline: Construction is on the Horizon

Sites Project Schedule (adopted January 2026)



Questions?

