

SITES PROJECT AUTHORITY / BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Sites Reservoir Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/EIS) Public Review and Comment Period Extension

The Sites Project Authority (Authority) and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) have extended the public review and comment period for the Draft EIR/EIS. The comment period on the draft environmental documents will close on January 15, 2018. In addition to extending the comment period, the Authority and Reclamation have rescheduled the two public meetings previously planned for September 26 and 28, 2017.

The Authority is pursuing development of the Sites Project (Project), a new 1.8 million acre-foot, above-ground surface storage reservoir offstream of the Sacramento River in Colusa and Glenn counties, approximately 10 miles west of the town of Maxwell, California. The Project, in addition to providing other important water storage and operational benefits, is being proposed to greatly increase the reliability of water supplies for environmental, agricultural and urban uses.

The Authority, as the State lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, and Reclamation, as the Federal lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act, have made available for public review and comment the Sites Reservoir Project Draft EIR/EIS. The Draft EIR/EIS describes the environmental effects of the No-Action Alternative and four action alternatives, and proposed mitigation measures. The Sites Project would result in significant environmental effects to terrestrial biological resources, paleontological resources, land use, air quality, greenhouse gases and growth inducement.

The comment period extension will provide agencies, Tribes, and other interested parties additional time to review and submit comments on the environmental analyses, alternatives and mitigation measures associated with construction and operation of the proposed Sites Reservoir and associated facilities.

COMMENTING

Public input on the Draft EIR/EIS is essential to the environmental review process, including analyzing environmental effects, and developing mitigation measures. The formal comment period for the Sites Project Draft EIR/EIS is from August 14, 2017 to January 15, 2018.



WRITTEN COMMENTS CAN BE MAILED TO:

SITES PROJECT OFFICE

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Draft EIR/EIS Comments
P.O. Box 517
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BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

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Draft EIR/EIS Comments
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Sacramento, CA 95825



COMMENTS CAN BE EMAILED TO:

EIR-EIS-Comments@SitesProject.org



SUBMIT COMMENTS AT A PUBLIC MEETING:

Two public meetings will be held to provide information and an opportunity for the public and regulatory agencies to submit comments on the draft environmental analyses.

SACRAMENTO – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017
1:00PM - 3:00PM

Embassy Suites
100 Capitol Mall, Old Sacramento Ballroom
Sacramento, CA 95814

MAXWELL – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017
6:00PM - 8:00PM

Sites Project Authority Office
122 Old Highway 99 West
Maxwell, CA 95955



DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

THE DRAFT EIR/EIS CAN BE ACCESSED ONLINE AT BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- ♦ <https://www.sitesproject.org/information/DraftEIR-EIS>
- ♦ https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=139



ELECTRONIC CD COPIES OF THE DRAFT EIR/EIS MAY BE REQUESTED FROM:

Sites Project Authority
(530) 438-2309
EIR-EIS-Comments@SitesProject.org



COPIES OF THE DRAFT EIR/EIS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Sites Project Authority,
122 Old Highway 99 West, Maxwell, CA 95955

Bureau of Reclamation, Mid - Pacific Region, Regional Library,
2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825

Sacramento Public Library, Central Branch,
828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Colusa County Free Library, Main Branch,
738 Market Street, Colusa, CA 95932

Glenn County Public Library, Willows Branch,
201 N. Lassen Street, Willows, CA 95988

Tehama County Library, Red Bluff Branch,
645 Madison Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080

