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August 4, 2017

Mr. Armando Quintero, Chair
California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

RE: Support for Sites Reservoir Project Proposition 1 Application

Dear Chair Quintero:

I write in support of the Sites Reservoir Project in its application for Proposition 1 funding through the Water Supply Investment Program.

I deeply appreciate your work and the work of the California Water Commission to support storage projects that are vital for our water future. I have long worked to secure federal funding for feasibility studies on Sites and other CALFED storage projects, and I am grateful for the State's willingness to advance qualified projects through the Water Supply Investment Program.

Sites Reservoir offers a remarkable opportunity to reoperate California's longest and largest river, the Sacramento, to provide multiple benefits for fish, farms, and cities in an innovative manner. By partnering with the Sites Project Authority in the development of the Reservoir, the state would acquire water storage capacity and have management control over the resulting releases to ensure environmental benefits are achieved.

Sites is a 1,800,000 acre-foot off-stream reservoir that, if operating today, would increase water storage capacity in the Sacramento Valley by 15% and provide approximately 500,000 acre feet per year of additional water supply on average with approximately half for human use and half for the environment.

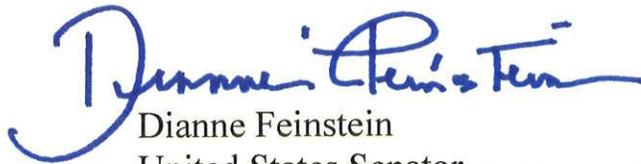
Sites Reservoir would allow reoperation of California's water infrastructure in numerous beneficial ways, including:

- Preserving more of Shasta's cold water pool for salmon by making early releases on behalf of Shasta to then enable Shasta to release an equal amount of cold water in summer and fall months;
- Coordinated operations with Folsom and Oroville Reservoirs could likewise offer both water supply and environmental benefits;
- Releases from Sites could increase flows through the Yolo Bypass and other side channels to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that augment food supply for migrating salmon and delta smelt;
- Releases from Sites can provide Level 4 water for wildlife refuges; and
- For Central Valley farms and communities as well as for cities in the Bay Area and Southern California, improve water supply reliability and help to conserve local groundwater basins for use during prolonged droughts.

The past few years have starkly illustrated why California needs to store more water from the wet years for the dry years. As our climate changes, scientists expect the pattern of record-breaking drought and then floods to recur ever more often, elevating the importance of capturing more of the storm runoff that will increasingly dominate our water supply.

It has been a long time coming for major surface storage projects in California to be on the cusp of construction. I greatly appreciate your careful consideration of this important project as you disburse Proposition 1 funding. Please do not hesitate to contact me or John Watts of my staff with any questions.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

cc: California Water Commission members
Jim Watson, General Manager, Sites Project Authority

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 31, 2017

Armando Quintero
Chair, California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
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Dear Chairman Quintero,

We write today to convey our support for the Sites Reservoir Project's application for funding from the Proposition 1 Water Storage and Investment Program. The Sites project has the potential to provide multiple benefits to California's farms, cities and to the environment.

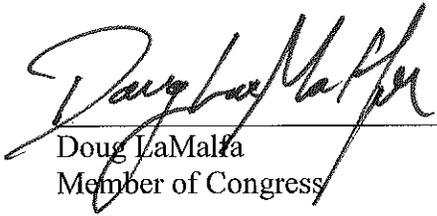
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The operational flexibility that the Sites project would provide to the State's entire water system is what makes this project so unique and worthy of funding. A few of the reservoir's many uses include, but are not limited to, a reliable water supply for California cities and agriculture, dedicated water for fishery and environmental flow purposes, increased habitat for migratory birds on the Pacific Flyway, and improved flexibility and drought resiliency for the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project.

Opportunities to apply lessons learned during the last five years of drought must not be wasted. The drought, and this year's record breaking rainfall, have shown us how critical it is to develop smart storage that allows us to store more water in wet years for future use in dry ones. Sites Reservoir is that smart storage.

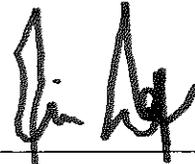
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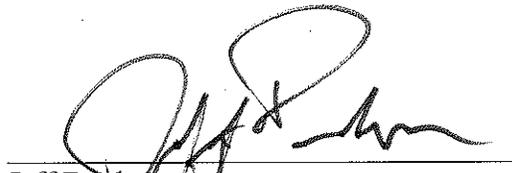
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Doug LaMalfa
Member of Congress

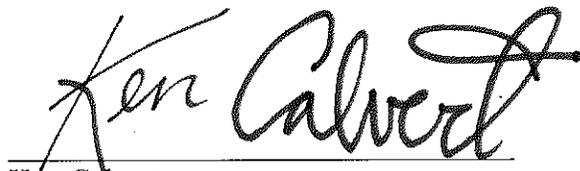

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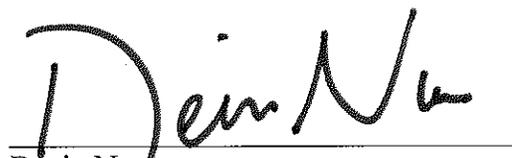

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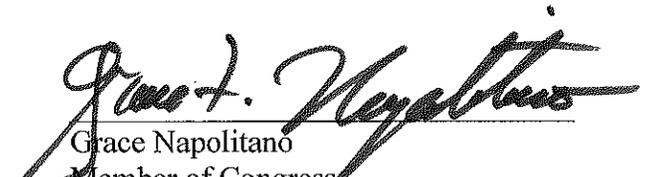

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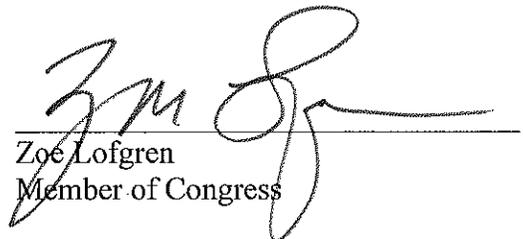

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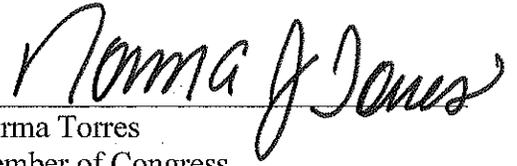

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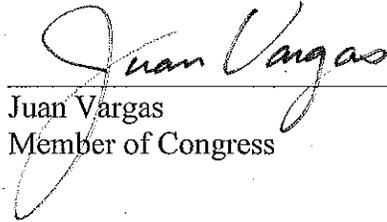
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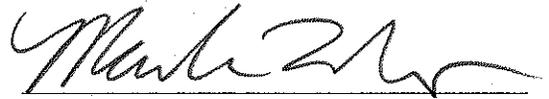
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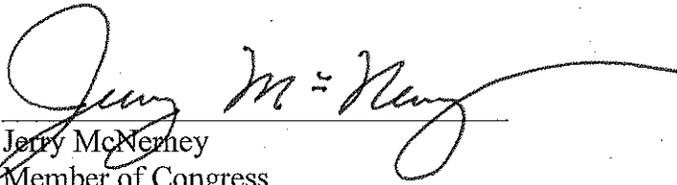
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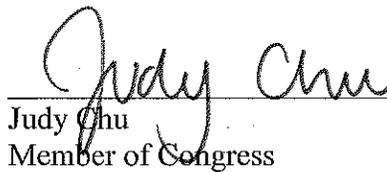
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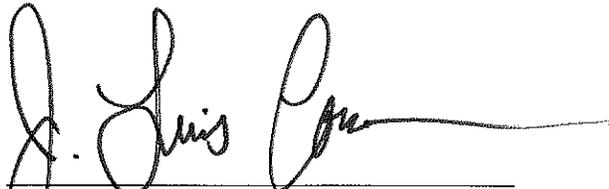


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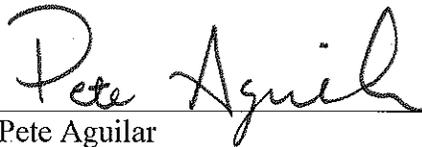

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Washington, DC 20515-0506

February 17, 2017

Joseph Byrne
Chair
California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, California 94236-0001

Dear Chair Byrne

I write today in support of the Sites Reservoir Project's request for funding under Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act. The Sites project has the potential to provide multiple benefits to California's water resources equation including public and environmental benefits for communities and habitat in Northern California.

As you are aware, the \$4.4 billion Sites Reservoir Project calls for pumping Sacramento River water into an off-stream reservoir in Colusa and Glenn Counties. Should Sites be built, the 1.81 million acre-foot reservoir has the potential, depending on the watery year, to add up to a maximum of 500,000 acre-feet of water to California's water system annually.

In particular, I support the public and environmental benefits that Sites could provide. As you know, we must constantly balance the fresh water supplies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The potential for Sites' public benefit portion is substantial, whether these benefits preserve additional cold water in Shasta Reservoir or support tributaries to the Sacramento River, including the American River. The project also may benefit reservoirs on these tributaries, such as Folsom Reservoir, and help balance their water resources in the best way possible.

With all of the water supply and environmental benefits that Sites has the potential to provide, I look forward to seeing the final environmental documentation that will assure the Proposition 1 public benefit portion of the project is truly attainable.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued efforts to invest in our state's water infrastructure. Should you have any questions feel free to contact me or have your staff reach out to my office at (202) 225-7163.

Sincerely,



DORIS MATSUI
Member of Congress

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 11, 2017

Mr. Armando Quintero, Chairman
California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Chairman Quintero and Commission Members:

We write to express support for Water Supply Investment Program (WSIP) funding relative to all applications received for potential CALFED surface water storage projects, namely Temperance Flat Reservoir, Los Vaqueros Reservoir, and Sites Reservoir.

The CALFED Bay-Delta (CALFED) program represents a new era in surface water storage planning, where projects are conceived to support multiple objectives, including more traditional purposes of water supply reliability, hydropower, and flood protection, in conjunction with ecosystem restoration and water quality improvements. The proposed CALFED projects will provide greater water supply reliability for California's growing population, agricultural heritage, and diverse economy, as well as aquatic and riparian ecosystem restoration in the Delta and its tributaries, and improved drinking and habitat water quality. These storage projects possess significant public benefits, including ecosystem restoration, water quality, flood protection, emergency response, and recreation.

CALFED identified five potential surface water storage projects in the CALFED Preferred Program Alternative, three of which we expect to apply for Proposition 1 WSIP funding: Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage (Temperance Flat), Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion, and North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (Sites). These three projects will help California most, at a time when storage is critically needed to prepare for future times of drought and flood emergencies.

In 2014, California voters approved \$2.7 billion in funding for water storage projects as part of Proposition 1, The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Act of 2014. We believe that voters approved Proposition 1 with large-scale surface storage projects in mind, namely the CALFED preferred alternatives. This approval by voters signaled that they understand the importance of water storage and their willingness to fund construction projects.

The recent drought followed by one of the wettest years on record only further highlights the state-wide need for more storage to prepare for drought and flood emergencies. These CALFED projects, identified over many years and through an extensive process with rigorous science and analysis, public stakeholder input, and government agency review at the local, state and federal level, represent California's best opportunities for necessary storage investments to modernize

our water infrastructure system for the 21st Century. Thank you for your consideration, and we urge you support the CALFED projects that apply for Proposition 1 funding from the WSIP program.

Regards,



David G. Valadao
Member of Congress



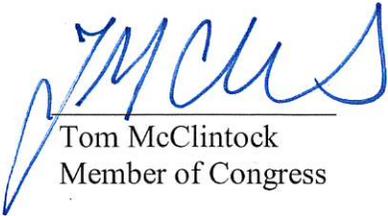
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July 10, 2017

Armando Quintero
Chair, California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, California 94236-0001

Dear Chairman Quintero:

We write today to convey our support for the Sites Reservoir Project's application for funding from the Proposition 1 Water Storage and Investment Program. The Sites project has the proven potential to provide multiple benefits to California's farms, cities and to the environment.

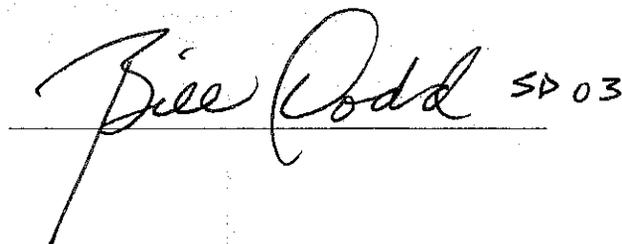
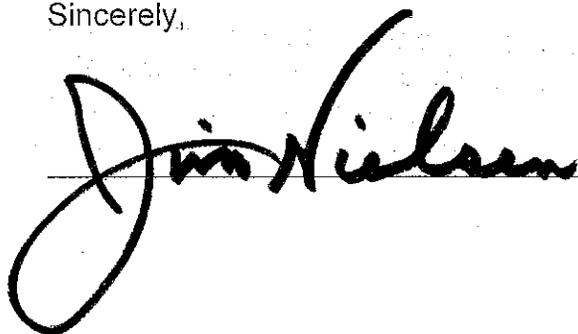
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The operational flexibility that the Sites project would provide to the State's entire water system is what makes this project so unique and worthy of funding. The reservoir's many beneficial uses include, but are not limited to, dedicated water for fishery and flow purposes, a reliable water supply for California agriculture, increased habitat for migratory birds on the Pacific Flyway, and greater water security for urban areas.

Opportunities to apply lessons learned during the last five years of drought must not be wasted. The drought and this year's record breaking rainfall have shown us how critical it is to develop smart storage that allows us to store more water in wet years for future use in dry ones. Sites Reservoir is the kind of smart, well-planned water storage project that will achieve a multitude of beneficial uses.

Thank you for the work that you and the Water Commission are doing to increase water supply reliability across California. We look forward to your announcement of funding awards.

Sincerely,

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California Legislature

July 21, 2017

Armando Quintero
Chair, California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, California 94236-0001

Dear Chairman Quintero:

We write today to convey our support for the Site Reservoir Project's application for funding from the Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP). The Sites project would provide valuable benefits to California's farms and cities, while providing much needed flexibility for water managers to adjust flows for the environment and for flood control.

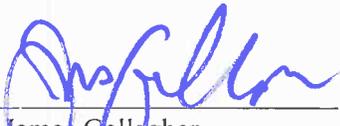
As you know, the Sites Project is a 1.8 million acre-foot off-stream reservoir that would divert and store excess Sacramento River flows. The diversion levels would be dependent upon hydrologic conditions and would be structured to ensure that water taken out of the Sacramento River is truly in excess of downstream needs. If Sites Reservoir had been operational during the last wet season (October 2016-March 2017), 1.4 million acre-feet of water could have been diverted and stored.

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Thank you for the work that you and the Water Commission are doing to increase water supply reliability across California. We look forward to your announcement of funding awards. Please call us at (916)-319-2003 should you need any further information regarding our support for this vital project.

Sincerely,



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Assemblyman, 3rd District

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Vince Fong
Assemblymember, 34th District

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July 14, 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
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Dear Jim,

The California Agricultural Aircraft Association is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project. The California Agricultural Aircraft Association (CAAA) is a non-profit trade association representing the professional aerial application industry in California.

California will continue to face intense water challenges including limited supplies, a growing population, the effects of climate change, increased flow requirements for native fish, and water for wetlands used by migratory birds. Now more than ever, California's water system needs a more flexible, environmentally friendly and sustainable solution to capturing and storing water for use when it's needed most.

The Sites Project would add up to 1,800,000 acre-ft. of capacity to produce 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies to California's water system on an annualized basis. With its ability to integrate operations with the state's water system, Sites is an innovative and modern approach that will help the state capture, store and move water where it needs to be, when it is needed most.

The Sites Project will help make California's water system more efficient and reliable. The project helps meet the objectives of the California Water Action Plan by providing a substantial supply of high-quality water to support the economy and the environment. Sites Project reflects California's innovative approach to meeting the needs of the environment, economic growth, and our quality of life.

Sites Project works for the ecosystem, and for families, farms, and businesses across the state. We encourage the California Water Commission to invest in the public benefits that the Sites Project would provide.

We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,

Terry Gage
President, CAAA



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July 12, 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Jim,

On behalf of more than 48,000 farm families and individual members, the California Farm Bureau Federation is pleased to offer our support for the Sites Project.

Farm Bureau's purposes are, among others, to work for the solution of the problems of the farm, the farm home and the rural community throughout California and to protect and advance the social, economic and educational interests of California farmers. Farm Bureau strives to protect and improve the ability of farmers and ranchers engaged in production agriculture to provide safe, reliable, and healthful food and farm products through responsible stewardship of California's diverse natural resource base.

With a diminished Sierra snowpack, punctuated by above normal snow and rainfall like we experienced this year, ever-increasing environmental policy demands such as increased flow requirements for native fish, water for wetlands and a growing population, California will continue to face intense water challenges. Now more than ever, California's water system needs a more flexible, environmentally friendly and sustainable solution for diverting and storing water during periods of excess flows for human and environmental uses during dry periods.

The Sites Project would add up to 1,800,000 acre feet of capacity and produce an average 500,000 acre feet of critical supplies to California's water system a year. With the ability to integrate with the state's water system, Sites is strategically located and provides an innovative approach that will help to capture, store and move water where and when it is needed most. The project would provide significant new water for instream flows, recreation, groundwater recharge and assist with the long-term success of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Providing a substantial supply of high-quality water to support farms, the economy and the environment, the Sites Project meets the objectives of the California Water Action Plan, making California's water system more efficient, flexible and reliable.

Sites works for the ecosystem, and for families, farms, and businesses across the state. We encourage the California Water Commission to invest in the public benefits that the Sites Project would provide.

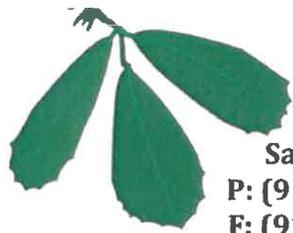
We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny Merkley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Danny" and last name "Merkley" clearly distinguishable.

Danny Merkley
Director of Water Resources

Cc: Keith Dunn, Dunn Consulting



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July 20, 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
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Dear Jim,

The California Alfalfa & Forage Association, representing thousands of forage growers in the state, is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project.

The Sites Project is a proposed above ground, off-stream water storage project located in Northern California and would add up to 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies to California's water system annually. Sites is an innovative and modern approach that goes beyond water supply and flood protection by adding flexibility and generating a much-needed new water source for improved water quality, seasonal fish flows, climate change and drought relief.

The Sites Project creates an additional supply of reliable water that can be used for urban, agricultural, environmental, and industrial purposes. Sites would also improve water quality in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) and enhance environmental flows to benefit the Delta's ecosystem.

California will continue to face severe water challenges including limited supplies, a growing population, the effects of climate change, and increased flow requirements for native fish. Now more than ever, California's water system needs a more flexible, environmentally friendly solution to capturing and storing water for use when it's needed most. The Sites Project would provide an additional tool for water managers to effectively balance competing demands and provide safe and reliable water to support the current and future needs of California's environment and economy.

We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jane Townsend'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jane Townsend
Executive Director



July 20, 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Jim,

The California Agricultural Irrigation Association (CAIA) is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project. CAIA is a network of irrigation professionals throughout California whose goal is to promote common ideals, standards, and business practices. CAIA advocates for the development of efficient irrigation design and management practices that promote water and soil conservation while increasing yields and improving crop quality.

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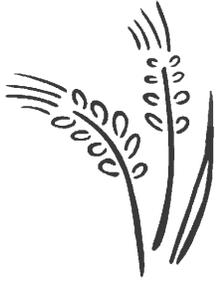
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We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,

Jane Townsend
Executive Director



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July 20, 2017

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Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Jim,

The California Association of Wheat Growers, representing the interests of California wheat growers on the state and federal levels, is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project.

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We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,

Nick Matteis
Executive Director



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July 20, 2017

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Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Jim,

The California Bean Shippers Association, representing dry bean warehouses, dealers, and exporters, is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project.

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We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,

Jane Townsend
Manager/Executive Secretary

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July 11, 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
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Dear Mr. Watson,

On behalf of the California Fresh Fruit Association I write to express support for the Sites Reservoir Project. The California Fresh Fruit Association is a non-profit, agricultural trade association representing permanent crops (fresh fruit) grown and packed throughout California. For the past five years, many of our organization's family farming operations were severely impacted by drought and water management decisions that reduced the availability of critically needed surface water supplies. Having additional above-ground surface storage north of the Delta better enables flexible water management as the added supply would help to address Delta salinity levels while relieving overall stress on the state's water system. Moreover, we believe the added capacity would allow other reservoirs to carry water into the summer months, a time that is very critical for crop development. With new supply comes an enhanced opportunity for greater flexibility in water management decision making, whether it's making supplies available, or enhancing fulfillment of water contracts. We are encouraged by the project's potential to free up water for you use through an exchange for irrigation or to put to use to alleviate environmental needs.

It is our understanding the Sites Project would add up to 1,800,000 acre-ft. of capacity to produce 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies to California's water system on an annualized basis. With its ability to integrate operations with the state's water system, Sites is an approach that will help the state capture, store and move water where it needs to be, when it is needed most. California will continue to face intense water challenges including limited supplies, a growing population, the effects of climate change, increased flow requirements for native fish, and water for wetlands. Now more than ever, California's water system needs a more flexible and sustainable solution to capturing and storing water for beneficial uses, including irrigation, when it is critically needed.

We encourage the California Water Commission to invest in the Sites Project and to look to fund qualifying above-ground surface storage projects, which should also include the Temperance Flat Project, to best ensure our limited financial resources are put towards securing California's water future; a future where agricultural irrigation benefits from reduced uncertainty because of the enhanced ability to manage water more effectively. To strengthen the California water picture, first we must expand our capacity to capture more water for a growing state.

We look forward to advancing important above-ground surface storage projects.

Sincerely,

George Radanovich, President

Cc: Tim Johnson, President, California Rice Commission
Christopher Valadez, Director, Environmental & Regulatory Affairs, California Fresh Fruit Association



CITY OF COLUSA

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July 18th 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Jim,

My organization, the City of Colusa, is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project.

The Sites Project is a proposed above ground, off-stream water storage project located in Northern California and would add up to 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies to California's water system annually. Sites is an innovative and modern approach that goes beyond water supply and flood protection by adding flexibility and generating a much-needed new water source for improved water quality, seasonal fish flows, climate change and drought relief.

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We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,

KIRK KELLEHER, MAYOR

CITY of WILLIAMS

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PHONE: (530) 473-2955 • FAX: (530) 473-2445

July 10, 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Jim,

My organization, City of Williams, is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project.

The Sites Project is a proposed above ground, off-stream water storage project located in Northern California and would add up to 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies to California's water system annually. Sites is an innovative and modern approach that goes beyond water supply and flood protection by adding flexibility and generating a much-needed new water source for improved water quality, seasonal fish flows, climate change and drought relief.

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We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,


Frank Kennedy, City Administrator

RESOLUTION 15-02

A Resolution of the City of Williams to Support Construction of the Sites Reservoir Project.

WHEREAS, the City of Williams's mission includes protecting and enhancing the reliability, availability, affordability, and quality of water resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Williams is in the center of one of the most productive agricultural areas of California; and

WHEREAS, 2014 was the driest year on record in California and the fourth consecutive drought year; and

WHEREAS, water is the lifeblood of our agricultural community and farming is the foundation of our economic wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, as additional water storage is needed to sustain our water needs for the continued prosperity of our City; and

WHEREAS, the Sites Reservoir, technically called the North of the Delta Off stream Storage project, will increase our water supply for our farming community and residents in the future; and

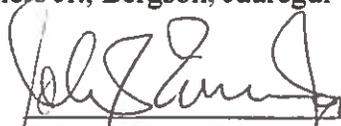
WHEREAS, the Sites Reservoir will improve the Delta water quality and be capable of holding up to 1.9 million acre feet of water; and

WHEREAS, many water purveyors are implementing or considering actions under their water shortage contingency plans; and

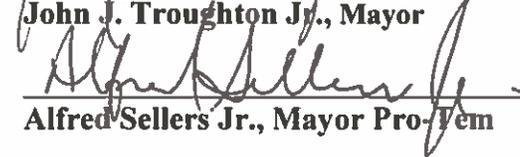
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Williams encourage the construction of the Sites Reservoir.

MOVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Williams, California, this 21st day of January, 2015 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Council Member Troughton Jr., Sellers Jr., Bergson, Jauregui
NOES: Council Member Boes.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

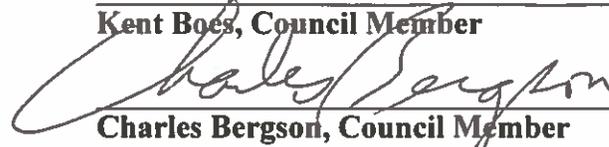


John J. Troughton Jr., Mayor



Alfred Sellers Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem

Kent Boes, Council Member



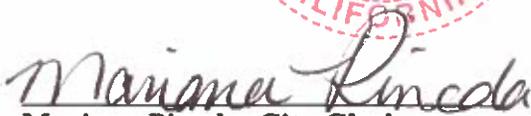
Charles Bergson, Council Member



Santos Jauregui, Council Member



ATTEST:



Mariana Pineda, City Clerk

June 13, 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Jim,

The City Council of the City of Willows is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project.

California will continue to face intense water challenges including limited supplies, a growing population, the effects of climate change, increased flow requirements for native fish, and water for wetlands used by migratory birds. Now more than ever, California's water system needs a more flexible, environmentally friendly and sustainable solution to capturing and storing water for use when it's needed most.

The Sites Project would add up to 1,800,000 acre-ft. of capacity to produce 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies to California's water system on an annualized basis. With its ability to integrate operations with the state's water system, Sites is an innovative and modern approach that will help the state capture, store and move water where it needs to be, when it is needed most.

The Sites Project will help make California's water system more efficient and reliable. The project helps meet the objectives of the California Water Action Plan by providing a substantial supply of high-quality water to support the economy and the environment. Sites reflects California's innovative approach to meeting the needs of the environment, economic growth, and our quality of life.

Sites works for the ecosystem, and for families, farms, and businesses across the State. We encourage the California Water Commission to invest in the public benefits that the Sites Project would provide.

We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Hansen
Mayor



Board of Supervisors
COUNTY OF TEHAMA



July 11, 2017

Jim Watson, General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Mr. Watson:

The County of Tehama took formal action this date to support the Sites Reservoir Project and its application for Proposition 1 funding.

The Sites Project is a proposed above ground, off-stream water storage project located ten miles west of Maxwell, in Northern California. When complete, this project would add up to 500,000 acre-feet to California's water system annually. Sites is an innovative and modern approach that goes beyond water supply and flood protection by adding flexibility and generating a much needed new water source for improved water quality, seasonal fish flows, climate change and drought relief.

The Sites Project creates an additional supply of reliable water that can be used for urban, agricultural, environmental, and industrial purposes. This project would also improve water quality in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and enhance environmental flows which would benefit the Delta's ecosystem.

Into the future California will continue to face severe water challenges including limited supplies, a growing population, the effects of climate change, and increased flow requirements for native fish. Now more than ever, our water system needs a more flexible, environmentally friendly solution to capturing and storing water for use when it's needed most. The Sites Project would provide an additional tool for water managers to effectively balance competing demands and provide safe and reliable water to support the current and future needs of California's environment and economy.

We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,



Dennis Qanta
Chairman

Tehama County Board of Supervisors



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Sutter Basin Growers Cooperative
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Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

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Farmers' Rice Cooperative
Sacramento

Dear Jim:

The California Warehouse Association, representing the state's rice warehousing industry, is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project.

Secretary/Treasurer

JOE ALVES
Farmers' Rice Cooperative
Princeton

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Past President

CARL HOFF
Butte County Rice Growers Assn.
Richvale

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BRIAN BARRETT

ADM Rice, Inc.
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CHARLEY MATHEWS, JR.

District 10 Dryers LLC
Marysville

We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

JOE TAUSCHER

Colusa Rice Company, Inc.
Colusa

Sincerely,

DON TRAYNHAM

The Sun Valley Rice Company, LLC
Arbuckle

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Quinn", written over a horizontal line.

Ann Quinn
Executive Vice President

Executive Vice President

ANN QUINN

July 27, 2017

Jim Watson, General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Jim,

My organization, PackageOne, Inc. is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project.

PackageOne is an environmentally conscious company that recognizes the importance of preserving natural resources for the youth of tomorrow. As a corporate citizen, we're in the business of not only developing innovative packaging products but of improving lives. We are highly committed to the environment and believe in Green. Our mission is to enable commerce and save the planet, one box at a time.

California will continue to face intense water challenges including limited supplies, a growing population, the effects of climate change, increased flow requirements for native fish, and water for wetlands used by migratory birds. Now more than ever, California's water system needs a more flexible, environmentally friendly and sustainable solution to capturing and storing water for use when it's needed most.

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The Sites Project will help make California's water system more efficient and reliable. The project helps meet the objectives of the California Water Action Plan by providing a substantial supply of high-quality water to support the economy and the environment. Sites reflects California's innovative approach to meeting the needs of the environment, economic growth and our quality of life.

Sites works for the ecosystem, families, farms, and businesses across the state. We encourage the California Water Commission to invest in the public benefits that the Sites Project will provide.

We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,



Tom Kandris



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SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

August 2, 2017

Jim Watson, General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Jim,

The Sacramento Metro Chamber believes that the Sites Project is a cost-effective solution to California's long-term water needs and an important step forward for California's water future. We are pleased to offer our support.

The Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber is the California Capital Region's leading proponent of regional cooperation and advocacy to secure the public policy and infrastructure investments necessary for business growth, economic development, and quality of life. Our members account for 200,000 employees in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

As a fast-growing region of 2.4 million people – already larger than 15 states – California's Capital Region is critical to our state and national economy. We are known for our unique farming economy that contributes to California's role as the nation's largest agricultural producer. In 2015, California provided over a third of our country's vegetables and two-thirds of our country's fruits and nuts valued at over \$20 billion.

Additional water storage above the Delta is critical to continue our significant role in the nation's agricultural economy, maintain environmental standards, and increase state-wide water supply reliability. Current infrastructure and facilities are unable to capture much-needed water in wet years to hedge against our cyclical droughts that devastate agriculture. The Sites Project is an innovative solution to help capture, store and move water where it needs to be and when it is needed most for the benefit of the entire state.

With the capacity to hold 162 billion of gallons of water, and the ability to add 500,000 acre-feet of water annually to the state's water system, California needs Sites Reservoir. The additional water source will not only protect the long-term viability of our agricultural community, it will also bring additional water supply reliability to help create and protect thousands of regional and statewide jobs.

For over 120 years, the Sacramento Metro Chamber has been a leader in advocating for and supporting our regional agricultural and business community. We take pride in the critical role that we play in helping to craft an economic blueprint for the region and state. On behalf of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, we are pleased to offer our support for the Sites Project.

Sincerely,

Robert Dugan, Senior Vice President
Public Policy and Economic Development
Sacramento Metro Chamber
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August 21, 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

RE: Sites Reservoir Project

NOTICE OF SUPPORT

Dear Mr. Watson:

The City of Rocklin is pleased to join our water service provider the Placer County Water Authority (PCWA) and the neighboring City of Roseville in support of the Sites Reservoir project proposed in Colusa County.

Rocklin is a fast-growing city of approximately 65,000 people and has been named one of the nation's 10-best places to raise a family, in part due to a strong economy, top-quality public services, and numerous recreational opportunities.

Rocklin's water provider PCWA would receive no direct water rights from the Sites project, but Rocklin leadership and PCWA recognize the importance of taking action on innovative water management regionally and statewide to support sustained growth and prosperity.

Sites Reservoir could be beneficial to the northern Sacramento Valley water system by providing flexibility with additional cold water flows into the American and Sacramento Rivers, potentially assisting with future PCWA delivery projects. The proposed reservoir could also expand the available water resources used to benefit the environment and Delta ecosystem.

California as a whole will continue to face intense water challenges including limited supplies, a growing population, the effects of climate change, increased flow requirements for native fish, and water for wetlands used by migratory birds. Now more than ever, California's water system needs a more flexible, environmentally friendly and sustainable solution to capturing and storing water for use when it's needed most.

The Sites Project will add up to 1,800,000 acre-ft. of capacity to produce 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies to California's water system on an annualized basis without damming a river. Water would fill the off-stream reservoir from the Sacramento River through a canal and runoff system during times of high flow, including the winter months when surplus water is usually available.

With its ability to integrate operations with the state's water system, Sites is an innovative and modern approach that will help the state capture, store and move water where it needs to be when it is needed most.

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Sites works for the ecosystem, families, farms, and businesses across the state. Rocklin encourages the California Water Commission to invest in the public benefits that the Sites Project will provide.

Sincerely,



Rick Horst
City Manager, City of Rocklin

Howard Chan
City Manager

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915 I Street, Fifth Floor
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916-808-5704

August 14, 2017

Mr. Armando Quintero, Chair
California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

RE: Support for Sites Reservoir Proposition 1 Application

Dear Chair Quintero:

On behalf of the City of Sacramento, I am writing to express our support for the Water Supply Investment Program funding application submitted for Proposition 1 funding for the Sites Reservoir Project. The Sites project has the proven potential to provide multiple benefits to California's farms, cities and to the environment.

In 2014, California voters approved \$2.7 billion in funding for water storage projects as part of Proposition 1: The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Act of 2014. The approval by voters signaled that they understand the importance of water storage and are willing to fund construction projects. The recent drought followed by the wettest year on record only further highlighted the state-wide need for more storage to prepare for drought and flood emergencies.

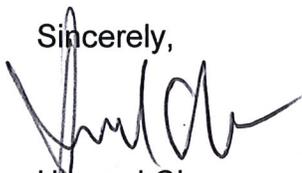
The Sites Reservoir would add up to 1.8 million acre-feet of capacity to produce 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies to California's water system on an annualized basis. With its ability to integrate operations with the state's water system, Sites is an innovative and modern approach that will help the state capture, store, and move water where it needs to be, when it is needed most.

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We encourage the California Water Commission to invest in the public benefits that the Sites Project would provide.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jim Peifer at (916) 808-1416 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Howard Chan
City Manager



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Mr. Armando Quintero, Chair
California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Chair Quintero:

Ducks Unlimited (DU) is seeking your support of two water supply projects benefiting wildlife refuges in California, as proposed in the California Water Supply Investment Program (WSIP) applications for Proposition 1 funding for the Sites Project and Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project. Both projects will provide ecological benefits specifically for migratory waterfowl and federally listed threatened & endangered species. Ducks Unlimited believes your support on both these projects would carry a strong influence with the California Water Commission (CWC) and specific value to California citizens and California's wildlife.

Sites is a planned off-stream reservoir that diverts water from the Sacramento River and its tributaries. Sites water can have multiple beneficial effects on wildlife. For example, water released from reservoirs in Northern California, which could include Sites, may serve as a cold-water source for salmon rearing in the upper reaches of the rivers, be used to grow crops in the valley, and can also provide significant wildlife habitat for millions of birds along the Pacific Flyway. Additionally, a significant portion of water released for salmon would also flow south to California's Bay-Delta providing salinity control, further benefit fisheries and provide water supply for other water users throughout the state. The Proposition 1 public benefits of Sites includes: ecosystem improvements, including changing the timing of water diversions, improvement in flow conditions, temperature, or other benefits that contribute to restoration of aquatic ecosystems and native fish and wildlife, including those ecosystems and fish and wildlife in the Delta. Most importantly, Sites is able to provide water for wildlife north & south of the Delta.

Los Vaqueros is an off-stream reservoir in Brentwood, currently owned and operated by Contra Costa Water District, that can be expanded to provide ecosystem benefits that qualify for Proposition 1 funding. The primary ecosystem benefit proposed for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project is an increased supply of water deliveries to south-of-Delta wildlife refuges.

Proposition 1, as set forth in Water Code section 79754, directed the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to provide priorities and relative environmental values of ecosystem benefits to CWC for use in reviewing the WSIP applications. That section also directed the CWC to consult with CDFW in the development of the program's regulations. Increasing water supply to refuges is identified in the WSIP guidelines as one of the key priorities. The Sites Reservoir

Project and Los Vaqueros Expansion Project propose to provide a significant volume of water to meet this conservation priority.

Only 5% of the historical acreage of the Central Valley's wetlands remain, largely as publicly and privately managed wetlands. These wetlands serve as critical habitat to hundreds of winged and terrestrial species, are part of California's commitment to national and international Pacific Flyway agreements, help to recharge overdrafted aquifers, serve as filters to improve water quality flowing to the Delta, and provide sportswomen, sportsmen, and recreationalists opportunities to interact with nature.

Chair Quintero, your support on investing in Sites Reservoir Project and expanding Los Vaqueros Reservoir is critical to move the ball forward in carrying out what the voters approved when they passed Proposition 1. These projects include significant, well-defined public benefits for the environment. Ducks Unlimited believes the refuge water supply benefits from the proposed projects could make a tremendous difference for critical wetland habitats and we are supportive of the CWC funding both. We look forward to providing more detailed comments and feedback on the proposed project as the CWC selection process moves forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark E. Biddlecomb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Mark E. Biddlecomb
Director of Operations
Western Region

Cc: Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor, California.

August 14, 2017

Mr. Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Subject: Support for Sites Project

Dear Jim,

The State Water Contractors appreciate this opportunity to provide support to the Sites Project Authority. As you are aware, the State Water Contractors (SWC) are an organization representing 27 of the 29 public water entities that hold contracts with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the delivery of water from the State Water Project (SWP). Collectively, the members of the SWC provide all, or a part, of the water supply delivered to approximately 25 million Californians, roughly two-thirds of the State's population, and to over 750,000 acres of irrigated agriculture. The members of the SWC provide this water to retailers, who, in turn, serve it to consumers throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, the San Joaquin Valley, the Central Coast, and Southern California.

Several of the SWP contractors are participating in the Sites Reservoir planning process to evaluate options to store extra water to provide increased operational flexibility to the state's water delivery system and a needed backstop to help respond to the impacts of climate change, which is expected to bring less snow runoff and flashier storms. Analysis performed to date indicates that Sites offers an opportunity to improve operational flexibility to California's primary water system; meet the coequal goals identified in the 2009 Delta Reform Act by providing a substantial supply of high-quality water to support the economy and the environment; dedicates water for environmental flows; contributes flows for water quality purposes; mitigates the effects of climate change; and contributes to the state's renewable energy goals.

California will continue to face intense water challenges including limited supplies, a growing population, the effects of climate change, increased flow requirements for native fish, and water for wetlands used by migratory birds. With its potential to integrate operations with the state's water system, Sites is an innovative and modern approach that will help the state capture, store and move water where it needs to be, when it is needed most. As such, we encourage the California Water Commission to invest in the public benefits that the Sites Project would provide.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Pierre
General Manager



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March 1, 2016

The Honorable Joseph Byrne, Chair
California Water Commission
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Sites Reservoir Project-Support

Dear Chairman Byrne:

The Shasta County Board of Supervisors would like to express our strong support for the development of the Sites Reservoir Project.

Projects to protect and improve watersheds, wetlands, forests, and floodplains would provide clean, quality water into the Sacramento River system with supply and water quality benefits having a great effect on Northern and Southern California. Studying the feasibility of this project, among others, is a return on investment for both water supply reliability and the ecosystem, as well as encouraging these benefits to accrue sooner and in a cost-effective manner. The Shasta County Board of Supervisors supports the Sites Reservoir Project as a potential applicant under the voter-approved Water Storage Investment Program.

If you have any questions about our position, or wish to discuss the issue further, please contact Mr. Larry Lees, Shasta County Executive Officer, at (530) 225-5561.

Sincerely,

Pam Giacomini, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
County of Shasta
State of California



August 1, 2017

Advocate for the Heavy Construction Industry

Armando Quintero
Chair, California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, California 94236-0001

RE: Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Project Funds

Dear Chairman Quintero:

The California Water Commission has an opportunity with Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Project (WSIP) funds to upgrade our state’s aging water infrastructure system while also helping put Californians to work.

The California Alliance for Jobs writes today in support of the Sites Reservoir Project’s application for funding through WSIP. This potential reservoir project has the ability to provide multiple levels of benefits to California communities – rural and urban – as well as benefits to the environment around it. As a “north of the Delta” reservoir site, Sites would be able to provide California’s current water systems with additional water security, storage capacity, and delivery flexibility.

Sites Reservoir would hold almost two million acre-feet of water through off-stream diversions. This capacity would allow the project to: provide reliable water supplies to current and future California cities and industries, dedicate water for environmental flows and fisheries, increase current and potential habitats for migratory birds, and improve the economy of currently disadvantaged communities across California.

Investing in the Sites Project also puts people to work. Thousands of family-supporting jobs are produced with every billion dollars invested in water infrastructure. Funding a project like Sites would provide decades worth of well-paying, middle class jobs for all Californians.

California’s recent five-year drought and wet winter of 2017 showed the importance of smart and flexible water infrastructure to allow for storage during wet years and convey water during the dry ones. Sites Reservoir is necessary for California’s continued economic growth and environmental sustainability.

Respectfully yours,

Michael P. Quigley
Executive Director
California Alliance for Jobs



Sites Reservoir Supporters

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Yes, I support the Sites Project. Please list me/my organization as a supporter of Sites.

Please provide the following information:

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Executive Director

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Thank you for your support!

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PASSMORE RANCH

July 31, 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Mr. Watson,

Passmore Ranch is pleased to offer its support for the sites Project. My ranch's primary business is aquaculture and on top of that, I live here in California too. Water is precious to both me, my family, and my ranch.

California will continue to face intense water challenges including limited supplies, a growing population, the effects of climate change, increased flow requirements for native fish, and water for wetlands used by migratory birds. Now more than ever, California's water system needs a more flexible, environmentally friendly and sustainable solution to capturing and storing water for use when it's needed most.

The Sites Project will add up to 1,800,000 acre-ft. of capacity to produce 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies to California's water system on an annualized basis. With its ability to integrate operations with the state's water system, Sites is an innovative and modern approach that will help the state capture, store and move water where it needs to be when it is needed most.

The Sites Project will help make California's water system more efficient and reliable. The project helps meet the objectives of the California Water Action Plan by providing a substantial supply of high-quality water to support the economy and the environment. Sites reflects California's innovative approach to meeting the needs of the environment, economic growth and our quality of life.

Sites works for the ecosystem, families, farms, and businesses across the state. We encourage the California Water Commission to invest in the public benefits that the Sites Project will provide.

I look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Warm Regards,



Michael Passmore
Founder, CEO



YUBA-SUTTER FARM BUREAU

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July 28, 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Jim,

The Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau, is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project.

YSFB is a non-governmental, non-profit, voluntary membership California Corporation whose purpose is to protect and promote agricultural interests throughout Yuba and Sutter counties and to find solutions to problems of the farm, the farm home and the rural community. YSFB represents more than 1,200 agricultural, associate and collegiate members in Yuba and Sutter counties.

YSFB is deeply interested in protecting the long-term viability of agricultural areas and rural communities located in our region as the stability of the local agricultural industry plays an integral role not only within our rural communities and counties, but regionally, nationally and internationally.

California will continue to face intense water challenges including limited supplies, a growing population, the effects of climate change, increased flow requirements for native fish, and water for wetlands used by migratory birds. Now more than ever, California's water system needs a more flexible, environmentally friendly and sustainable solution to capturing and storing water for use when it's needed most.

The Sites Project will add up to 1,800,000 acre-ft. of capacity to produce 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies to California's water system on an annualized basis, while allowing other reservoirs to hold water later into the summer months. The Sites Project will increase Northern California water storage by 23 percent, providing supplies of water for use in dry and critical years. Summed up, the Sites Project, with its ability to integrate operations with the state's water

system, is an innovative and modern approach that will help the state capture, store and move water where it needs to be when it is needed most.

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We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,

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David Burroughs
President, Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau

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July 17, 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Jim,

The City of Orland City Council is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project.

The Sites Project is a proposed above ground, off-stream water storage project located in Northern California and would add up to 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies to California's water system annually. Sites is an innovative and modern approach that goes beyond water supply and flood protection by adding flexibility and generating a much-needed new water source for improved water quality, seasonal fish flows, climate change and drought relief.

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We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,

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Dennis G. Hoffman
Mayor



Roseville Coalition of Neighborhood Associations

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July 15, 2017

Jim Watson General Manager

Sites Project Authority

P.O. Box 517

Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Jim,

My organization, Roseville Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (RCONA), is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project. *RCONA is a 501c3 Public Benefit Corporation representing 16 active Neighborhood Associations all across the City of Roseville. Our mission is to improve the social, physical, and economic health of all neighborhoods across the Roseville community by sharing information, facilitating training and education, providing resources and encouraging communication between neighborhoods, government, educational institutions, and other community groups.*

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Sites works for the ecosystem, and for families, farms, and businesses across the state. We encourage the California Water Commission to invest in the public benefits that the Sites Project would provide.

We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,

Werner Kuehn, President **RCONA**

Sites Reservoir Supporters

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Yes, I support the Sites Project. Please list me/my organization as a supporter of Sites.

Please provide the following information:

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July 21, 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Jim,

Representing over 600 cotton growers and 27 operating gins in the State of California, the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association wishes to express our support for the Sites Project. After the entire state was crippled by several years of drought, it is increasingly evident that innovative water storage projects are needed.

The Sites Project would create an additional 1.8 million acre-feet of storage which would produce up to 500,000 acre-feet of supplies to California's water system annually. This water would be extremely valuable in helping achieve a more efficient and reliable water supply system. Capturing and capitalizing on years of increased precipitation would not only help keep families and farms in business but it would also generate economic growth, produce jobs and help California achieve ecosystem benefits.

We have seen billions of gallons of precious water be lost to the ocean due to the lack of adequate infrastructure. The water challenges that California has encountered over the past several years will continue, however investing in opportunities such as the Sites Project will bring balance and sustainability to the most precious resource in the state. We look forward to do anything we can to help advance the Sites project.

Sincerely,

Roger Isom
President/CEO



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July 21, 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
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Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Jim,

Representing over 128 tree nut hullers and processors of almonds, pecans, pistachios and walnuts in the State of California, the Western Agricultural Processors Association wishes to express our support for the Sites Project. After the entire state was crippled by several years of drought, it is increasingly evident that innovative water storage projects are needed.

The Sites Project would create an additional 1.8 million acre-feet of storage which would produce up to 500,000 acre-feet of supplies to California's water system annually. This water would be extremely valuable in helping achieve a more efficient and reliable water supply system. Capturing and capitalizing on years of increased precipitation would not only help keep families and farms in business but it would also generate economic growth, produce jobs and help California achieve ecosystem benefits.

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We look forward to do anything we can to help advance the Sites project.

Sincerely,

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Roger Isom
President/CEO

cc: Carol Baker, Vice-Chair, California Water Commission
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June 27, 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
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Dear Jim,

The Sutter County Board of Supervisors is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project.

The Sites Project is a proposed above ground, off-stream water storage project located in Northern California and would add up to 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies to California's water system annually. Sites is an innovative and modern approach that goes beyond water supply and flood protection by adding flexibility and generating a much-needed new water source for improved water quality, seasonal fish flows, climate change and drought relief.

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We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,

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Dan Flores
Vice-Chairman

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July 19, 2017

Mr. Armando Quintero
Chair
California Water Commission
PO Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001
Emailed to: CWC@water.ca.gov

RE: Support for Sites and Temperance Flat Projects

Dear Chairman Quintero:

Founded in 1926, Western Growers members are local and regional family farmers growing fresh produce in Arizona, California, Colorado and New Mexico. Our members and their workers provide half the nation's fresh fruits, vegetables and tree nuts, including half of America's fresh organic produce. It is on their behalf that we express our strong support for both the Sites Reservoir and Temperance Flat Reservoir projects in their applications for Proposition 1 public benefit funding.

One of the consequences of climate change is that California's historic precipitation and runoff patterns will change, resulting in greater unreliability of the Sierra snowpack. We must now contend with less snowpack along with faster, flashier and more chaotic runoff into our existing storage and conveyance infrastructure. Indeed, we may have already begun to experience such changes. This year's record-breaking rain and snow accumulations, coming on the heels of the worst recorded drought ever experienced, vividly demonstrates the need to adapt and enhance a system designed in a climatic era that no longer exists, and for a state population less than half of what it is today.

From October 1, 2016 through July 9, 2017 (nine months of the current water year), more than 50 million acre feet of water flowed into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. After accounting for diversions for in-Delta use and exports by the State Water Project and Central Valley Project, more than 46 million acre feet flowed out to the ocean.

The Sites Project would add up to 1.8 million acre feet of capacity in an off-stream reservoir north of the Delta. State and federal water project operations in recent years have demonstrated the great need for this project as operators struggled with conflicting demands on the Sacramento River system. The Sites Project would provide critically needed flexibility for system operators by capturing high runoff flows on the Sacramento River and allowing later releases from Sites or upstream reservoirs for environmental and economic uses.

Temperance Flat Reservoir would be located on the San Joaquin River in the foothills northeast of Fresno and would create an additional 1.26 million acre-feet of water storage. Combined with the existing Millerton Lake, the complex would provide storage capacity of 1.78 million acre feet. The need is obvious: In 17 of the last 40 years, water has been released from Millerton Lake (Friant Dam) for flood control purposes, due to lack of storage capacity. This season alone Millerton will have released approximately 2.5 million acre feet to the ocean, lost for groundwater recharge or water supply.



Mr. Armando Quintero
July 19, 2017
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The voters of California approved Proposition 1 by a margin of more than two-to-one, and they had a clear understanding, in the midst of a historic drought, that they were being asked whether California should invest in new water storage projects. Governor Brown and other signatories of the official ballot argument in support of Proposition 1 wrote in relevant part: “Proposition 1 invests in *new storage increasing the amount of water that can be stored during wet years* for the dry years that will continue to challenge California.” (Emphasis added.)

As surface water storage projects, Sites and Temperance Flat provide the only means of capturing and storing heavy snowmelt and rain runoff – especially in wet years – that can be later utilized for groundwater recharge. Without this surface storage supply, groundwater recharge opportunities are lost as flood flows cannot be accommodated by saturated recharge lands. As the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act is implemented, the need for this capacity and flexibility is greater than ever.

Both projects would also provide needed additional flood protection for communities throughout the Central Valley.

These projects will help make California’s water system more efficient and reliable. The projects help meet the objectives of the California Water Action Plan by providing a substantial supply of high-quality water to support the economy and the environment.

We respectfully urge the Commission to support both the Sites Reservoir Project and the Temperance Flat Reservoir Project to the fullest extent possible.

Sincerely,

Dave Puglia
Executive Vice President

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Jim Watson, General Manager, Sites Project Authority
Mario Santoyo, Executive Director, San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority



August 7, 2017

Armando Quintero, Chair
California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236

Re: Sites Reservoir Project – Support

Dear Chairman Quintero:

On behalf of the Southern California Water Committee, I am writing to express support for the Sites Reservoir Project, and upcoming consideration of the project's application for Proposition 1 funding.

California needs flexible and reliable solutions to address its water woes, especially in light of today's climate realities and our recurring drought cycles. After a crushing five-year drought, this past winter was the wettest in 122 years but California lost the opportunity to capture and store billions of gallons of surplus water due to restrictions on our delivery system and lack of storage options.

We must focus on ways to smooth out the boom or bust cycle, this means having the ability to move water during big storm events and the capacity to save it in reservoirs for drier times. California has had nine droughts since 1900, totaling 41 years. The likelihood that droughts will worsen in the future means we must invest now to improve our old and inefficient water infrastructure.

Californians have the right to expect a clean and reliable water supply not just for today but for generations to come, and the Sites Reservoir Project aligns with delivering on this expectation. For these reasons, we support the Sites Reservoir Project and appreciate your consideration of the project for Proposition 1 funding this fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charley Wilson".

Charley Wilson
Executive Director
Southern California Water Committee





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May 23, 2017

Mr. Armando Quintero, Chair
California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001



RE: Support for the Sites Reservoir Project Proposition 1 Application

Dear Chair Quintero:

As the representative organization for businesses in the East Bay, the East Bay Leadership Council (EBLC) has a vested interest in projects that will improve water supplies, resiliency and the environment – water is vital for the health of business, residents and the environment. The EBLC is writing to express support of the Water Supply Investment Program funding application submitted under Proposition 1 for the Sites Reservoir Project.

In 2014, California voters approved \$2.7 billion in funding for water storage projects, signaling that residents understand the importance of water storage and want to invest in construction projects in exchange for receiving environmental benefits. The recent drought followed by the wettest year on record only further highlighted the state-wide need for more storage to prepare for drought and flood emergencies. The EBLC agrees that two of the storage proposals are superior to others in providing water supply and Delta ecosystem benefits; namely, Sites Reservoir and Los Vaqueros Reservoir. These off-stream reservoirs provide many environmental and water supply benefits that can be achieved through federal, state and local funding. This letter focuses on Sites Reservoir; a separate letter will be provided for Los Vaqueros.

A key component of the East Bay Leadership Council's water policy action plan includes advocating for new and expanded water storage to diversify and enhance regional water supplies. California's most recent drought provided a stark reminder of the importance of a reliable water supply portfolio capable of balancing the water demands across all users: residential, business, agricultural and environmental. Sites Reservoir would provide an additional tool for regional water managers to balance these competing needs. Additionally, public investment in Sites Reservoir would provide the state's environmental resource agencies with an amount of water they would prioritize and manage, on a real-time basis and in every water year type, to advance the long-term objectives of restoring the ecological health and improving water management for beneficial uses of the Delta. This "environmental water" would also create measurable ecosystem and water quality benefits in the Sacramento River and provide additional water for the national wildlife refuges in the Central Valley. Such a new and flexible tool will only increase in value as the state manages its limited water resources through an uncertain future that includes offsetting for the effects of climate change on people and the environment.

The EBLC appreciates the California Water Commission's consideration of this important project and encourages the Commission to approve the Proposition 1 funding application.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact Josh Huber, EBLC's Policy Director, with any questions at 925-246-1880

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristin Connelly".

Kristin Connelly
President & CEO

Cc: California Water Commission members

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August 4, 2017

Mr. Armando Quintero
Chair, California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, California 94236-0001

**RE: Sites Reservoir Project Application for Funding from the
Proposition 1 Water and Storage Investment Program**

Dear Chairman Quintero:

On behalf of the State Building and construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO I write today to convey our support of the Sites Reservoir Project's application for funding from the Proposition 1 Water Storage and Investment Program. The Sites project not only has the potential to provide multiple benefits to California's farms, cities, and environment, but will also create good paying construction jobs which will help the economy.

As you know, the Sites Project is a 1.8 million acre-foot, off-stream regulating reservoir that would divert and store excess Sacramento River flows. The diversion levels would be dependent upon hydrologic conditions and would be structured to ensure that water taken out of the Sacramento River is truly in excess of downstream needs.

The operational flexibility that the Sites project would provide to the State's entire water system is what makes this project so unique and worthy of funding. A few of the reservoir's many uses include, but are not limited to: dedicated water for fishery and environmental flow purposes, a reliable water supply for California cities and agriculture, increased habitat for migratory birds on the Pacific Flyway, and improved flexibility and drought resiliency for the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project.

Opportunities to apply lessons learned during the last five years of drought must not be wasted. The drought (exacerbated by climate change), and this year's record-breaking rainfall, have proven how critical it is to develop smart storage that allows us to store more water in wet years for future use in dry ones. Sites Reservoir is that smart storage.

Thank you for the work that you and the Water Commission are doing to increase water supply reliability across California. We look forward to your announcement of funding awards.

Sincerely,



CESAR DIAZ
Legislative Director

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CC: Members, California Water Commission



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August 9, 2017

Mr. Joe Yun, Executive Director
California Water Commission
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Re: Support for Sites Reservoir

Dear Mr. Yun,

On behalf of the California Women for Agriculture (CWA) membership I would like to express support for the Sites Reservoir Project and additional surface water storage in California. Our state's ongoing water crisis demands varied and comprehensive solutions, including ample new water storage and infrastructure south of the Delta, to help ensure the ongoing viability of agriculture in California, as well as the communities and families that rely on this great industry. The Sites Project is a critical component of such solutions.

CWA is an all-volunteer organization with over 1,000 members engaged public relations, education and legislative advocacy on behalf of California agriculture at the local, state and national level. Our membership includes farmers and ranchers, individuals involved in support industries such as insurance, banking and consulting, and interested consumers from throughout the state. As a group focused on actively promoting the importance of a healthy and vibrant agricultural industry, we have been consistently engaged in discussions around the California drought, water management, and ensuring available water supplies are maximized for the benefit of all Californians. The impacts of the drought were devastating for our industry and forced family farmers to make very difficult decisions. Groundwater wells are an option for some growers, but many are located in areas where groundwater is not available, quality is less than optimal, or costs associated with pumping from deep wells are not feasible for the return on the crop being grown. Growers throughout the state have been severely negatively impacted, and some permanently, by significantly reduced surface water allocations.

The need for surface storage has never been more apparent as it has been in recent years. Water is a scarce commodity and for this reason growers have implemented state of the art irrigation technology over the years. Without that, impacts of the drought would have been much more severe on agriculture. As agriculture continues to conserve and do more with less, the allocations of water directed to environmental purposes increase. An increase to water in the system will be the only

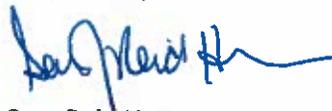
solution to ensure all needs will be met. There is an immediate need for balance because a safe and affordable food supply is essential for California.

CWA has supported increased surface storage, including the Sites Reservoir Project, from the early discussions and negotiations for the Prop 1 Water Bond. We were particularly vocal about the need for continuous appropriations in an amount sufficient to incorporate both Sites and Temperance Flat in the scope of the proposition. That was the intention of the funding. The 1.8 million acre feet of additional water storage Sites would provide operational flexibility to the State's entire water system, making this project unique and worthy of funding.

Sites will provide benefits to California cities, agriculture and the environment, including dedicated water for fishery and environmental flow purposes, increased habitat for migratory birds on the Pacific Flyway, and improved flexibility and drought resiliency for the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project.

We ask that you consider the myriad of regional and state benefits that will be provided for by the construction of this project. There is strong local support for this project and we ask that you allocate sufficient funds from Section 8 of the Prop 1 Water Bond to the Sites Flat Project.

Respectfully,



Sara Reid Herman
State President Elect
California Women for Agriculture

cc: Armando Quintero
Carol Baker
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SACRAMENTO COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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January 10, 2018

Mr. Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
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Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Mr. Watson,

The Sacramento County Farm Bureau's (SCFB) Board of Directors is pleased to offer the organization's full support for the Sites Reservoir Project near the community of Maxwell in Colusa County.

We are a non-profit association, supported by the dues of our Sacramento County farmers, ranchers and business organizations dedicated to the agricultural industry. We are a member of the California Farm Bureau Federation (CFBF), a non-profit organization of farmers and ranchers with over 78,000 members throughout the state.

California will continue to face intense water challenges including limited supplies, a growing population, the effects of climate change, increased flow requirements for native fish, and water for wetlands used by migratory birds. Now more than ever, California's water system needs a more flexible, environmentally friendly and sustainable solution to capturing and storing water for use when it's needed most.

The Sites Project would add up to 1,800,000 acre-ft. of capacity to produce 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies to California's water system on an annualized basis. With its ability to integrate operations with the state's water system, Sites is an innovative and modern approach that will help the state capture, store and move water where it needs to be, when it is needed most.

The Sites Project will help make California's water system more efficient and reliable. The project helps meet the objectives of the California Water Action Plan by providing a substantial supply of high-quality water to support the economy and the environment.

Sites works for the ecosystem, and for families, farms, and businesses across the state. We encourage the California Water Commission to invest in the public benefits that the Sites Project would provide. We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,

Bill Bird
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RESOLUTION NO. 17-19

SUPPORTING THE SITES RESERVOIR PROJECT ON BEHALF OF
THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE

WHEREAS, the State of California is in the midst of a multi-year drought that has severely strained the state and federal water systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Roseville, which relies on the Central Valley Project's Folsom Reservoir for its water supply; and

WHEREAS, Folsom Reservoir saw a record low reservoir level in 2015 with the reservoir reaching 135,000 acre-feet; and

WHEREAS, Folsom Reservoir provides beneficial cold water in the American River and is relied upon by the Bureau of Reclamation as a first responder reservoir to send water to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to repel salinity and meet water quality objectives; and

WHEREAS, Roseville values the development of surface water storage infrastructure that provides for more water system reliability north of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; and

WHEREAS, the proposed North of Delta Offstream Storage Project (or Sites Reservoir Project) would add up to 1.8 million acre-feet of potential off-stream water supply storage to be operated for human consumptive uses, the production of food, and environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Sites Reservoir Project is an offstream regulating reservoir that does not impede fish passage and it can provide an environmental block of water that could be used for various purposes, including: improved reliability of flows to support migratory birds of the Pacific Flyway, increased cold water pools available for salmon north of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, water quality and ecosystem improvements in the Delta and recreational value; and

WHEREAS, if Sites Reservoir is built, it could be operated in tandem to relieve pressure off of Folsom Reservoir in cold water and environmental releases of water; and

WHEREAS, if Sites Reservoir is built, could support the state's renewable energy goals; and

WHEREAS, the potential multiple benefits of Sites Reservoir could help Roseville's water supply reliability and ensure the city's future prosperity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Roseville supports the construction and operation of Sites Reservoir; and directs the City Manager to allocate the appropriate advocacy, communications and technical resources to ensure that Sites

Reservoir is built and operated, to benefit the Roseville community and economy, through added water supply reliability, for generations to come.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Roseville this 18th day of January, 2017, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES COUNCILMEMBERS: Gore, Alvord, Herman, Allard, Rohan

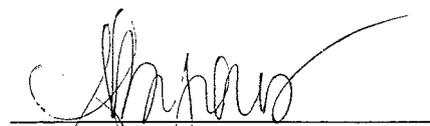
NOES COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS: None



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk



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Yes, I support the Sites Project. Please list me/my organization as a supporter of Sites.

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