



Meeting: **Reservoir Committee Agenda Item 2.1**

October 21, 2022

Subject: **Commendation for Senator Nielsen**

Requested Action:

Approve Resolution No. 2022-02 commending Senator Nielsen for his dedicated service to the Sites Reservoir Project.

Detailed Description/Background:

After over 40 years of public service, Senator Jim Nielsen will be retiring. During his time in public service, Senator Nielsen has served as a member of the California State Senate, California State Assembly, California Agricultural Labor Relations Board, and the California Board of Parole and Prison Terms.

During his tenure in office, Senator Nielsen has been an unyielding champion for Northern California farms, businesses, and rural communities and a tireless advocate for the development of new water storage, water management infrastructure, and watershed protection for the benefit of California's farms, communities, businesses, and environment.

Senator Nielsen was instrumental in crafting the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP), which dedicated \$2.7 billion for investments in water storage projects as part of the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1).

Additionally, Senator Nielsen played a vital role in supporting the Sites Reservoir Project's application to the California Water Commission to secure funding from the WSIP program, enabling the Sites Project Authority to ultimately secure \$816 million of Proposition 1 funding to advance the Project.

Throughout his years representing the Sacramento Valley in the California Senate and Assembly, Senator Nielsen has been a strong and vocal supporter of the Sites Reservoir Project and played a critical role in helping to bring this vital project closer to completion.

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Attachments: Attachment A: Resolution 2022-02



**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02 of THE SITES PROJECT AUTHORITY
Board of Directors and Reservoir Committee honoring
SENATOR JIM NIELSEN
For his Leadership and Dedication to the People of California
and his unwavering support for the Sites Reservoir Project**

WHEREAS, Sen. Nielsen has dedicated over 40 years of service to the people of California, in the California State Senate, California State Assembly, California Agriculture Labor Relations Board, and the California Board of Parole and Prison Terms; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Nielsen has been an unyielding champion for Northern California farms, businesses, and rural communities throughout his tenure as a member of the State Senate and the State Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Nielsen has been a tireless advocate for the development of new water storage, water management infrastructure, and watershed protection for the benefit of California’s farms, communities, businesses, and environment; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Nielsen’s leadership was instrumental in the crafting of the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP), which dedicated \$2.7 billion for investments in water storage projects as part of the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) and;

WHEREAS, Sen. Nielsen’s diligent and effective advocacy resulted in overwhelming support and passage of Proposition 1 on November 4, 2014, by the voters of California; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Nielsen played a vital role in supporting the Sites Reservoir Project’s application to the California Water Commission to secure funding from the WSIP program, enabling the Sites Project Authority to ultimately secure \$816 million of Proposition 1 funding to advance the Project; and

WHEREAS, Senator Nielsen has been actively engaged in supporting the Sites Project Authority through the development of the Project’s planning, design, environmental review, and permitting efforts; and

WHEREAS, the improvement of water supplies to farms, cities and the environment within the Sacramento Valley and the State of California is vital to the future of our State; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Nielsen’s leadership and steadfast determination to address this critical issue will be a lasting legacy that will significantly benefit future generations of Californians;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sites Project Authority Board of Directors and Reservoir Committee expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Senator Jim Nielsen for his years of dedicated service to the people of California, for his leadership in advancing the development of water infrastructure throughout California, and for his unwavering support of the Sites Reservoir Project.

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the Reservoir Committee held on the 21st of October 2022 and was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the Authority Board held on the 26th of October 2022, both making up the governing body of Sites Reservoir Project.

AUTHORITY BOARD

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Fritz Durst – Sites Project Authority, Chair

Thad Bettner – Reservoir Committee, Chair

ATTESTED

Sandra Yarbrough – Sites Project Authority, Board Clerk