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A P P E A R A N C E S

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1 doing here and continue forward with love in your heart.

2 Thank you.

3 SARA KATZ: Thank you so much, Grant.

4 Our next speaker is Max Steiner.

5 Max, if you could please unmute yourself.

6 MAX STEINER: Ah, a prompt. Thank you.

7 My name is Max Steiner. I'm the Democratic
8 candidate for Congress in District 1. I've talked to
9 thousands of people in this part of the State. I think
10 that most people are pretty set in whether they oppose
11 or do not oppose Sites. I have not heard anyone
12 complain about a lack of study of this 25-year project.
13 And I -- I hear the complaint about people asking for an
14 extension on -- on a time to comment. I do not think
15 that's necessary. I don't think anyone thinks that's
16 necessary on the left who lives here. Definitely, they
17 don't think so on the right.

18 Listen, I think Sites is a -- is a contentious
19 project, and I -- I -- you know, good job on engaging
20 with it and for hosting these calls. I think that's
21 excellent. I will just say that I'm a supporter of this
22 project. I think with increasing precipitation, falling
23 as rain, and not as snow, we need to increase surface
24 capacity. We have serious groundwater issues in the
25 north state. We have serious water issues in the north

1 state. We have a very, you know, oversubscribed water
2 flow out of the Sacramento Basin, and I think that some
3 part of the solution will be increased service capacity.

4 So, I thank you again for your time, as
5 someone who has spoken to -- you know, I've handed out
6 7,000 pamphlets. I've probably talked to 10,000 people.
7 The first issue is not Sites. It is fire and forestry.
8 But water is always number three. And everyone knows
9 what Sites is. Everyone who lives here, from Shasta
10 to -- to Chico knows what Sites is, knows what the plan
11 involves, knows the options. And -- and I think that
12 this has been studied enough. It's time to make a
13 decision and build or not build.

14 Thank you very much for your time.

15 SARA KATZ: Thank you, Max. Clearly
16 appreciate that.

17 It looks like we have Isaac Kinney requesting
18 to speak again. And if I don't see any other hands, I
19 will go ahead and ask Isaac to unmute himself and please
20 respect the two-minute timer.

21 ISAAC KINNEY: Hello. Yes, again, Isaac here.
22 Trying to make sure that, you know, we're really doing
23 our due diligence. This project cannot be just pushed
24 through. Although there has been extensive studies,
25 this project has changed, continues to change as we move