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A P P E A R A N C E S

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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

1 the goal posts. We can't continue to expect that we're
2 gonna have a level that we're going forward with right
3 now. We need the extra time to analyze ourselves, as
4 the people. Don't forget, 48,000 people have written in
5 and opposed this project. I'm not sure how this
6 document includes all of the opposition. I'm not sure
7 how this project includes, again, all of the different
8 court cases that come down, regarding tribal
9 sovereignty, treaty law. These are all things that need
10 to be in place, as well as the jobs, as well as the
11 environmental soundness of this document. We can do it.
12 I'm very in supportive of options for groundwater, but
13 we can -- we have to listen to the people. We can't
14 just keep on doing private, sanctioned, unstable
15 infrastructure like this and think that we're gonna be
16 combating climate change. We're gonna keep on getting
17 the same issues that we voted against when we voted for
18 Prop 1, when we voted for good water. We didn't think
19 of this type of centralized, unstable, obsolete
20 infrastructure. We have to do something different.
21 Now's our chance to show the world, is California being
22 a leader? We can do things different. We can build
23 differently. We can do our water politics differently.
24 We don't have to buy into the corporate. We don't have
25 to continue to rely on the unstable marketplace, that is

1 New York Stock Exchange. We have to make sure to
2 understand that people have voices, Indigenous people
3 have the most understanding to combat climate change,
4 and that has the driver's seat in moving forward with
5 any kind of environmental document analysis report.

6 SARA KATZ: Thank you so much, Isaac, for your
7 comment.

8 Our next speaker will be Sher -- Sheridan
9 Noelani Enomoto.

10 Sheridan, if you could unmute yourself.

11 SHERIDAN: [Inaudible], can you hear me?

12 SARA KATZ: Yes, we can.

13 SHERIDAN: Okay. Hello, mi kiko. My name is
14 Sheridan Noelani Enomoto. I'm also a
15 Co-Director of State of California Salmon, and also a
16 team member of that.

17 I agree with Isaac, and I also just want to
18 say that I disagree with the previous caller about the
19 awareness of this project. I think there's actually a
20 lot of ignorance around what's been happening, all the
21 way from Poya Poya Gra (phonetic), Mount Shasta, all the
22 way to Mechoopda, or Chico, need of land, specifically
23 because it hasn't been included in the process. And I
24 don't think everybody has been made aware, and I also
25 want to add that we should not take lightly all of the