

SITES
RESERVOIR
PROJECT

**CERTIFIED
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**RDEIR/SDEIS
VIRTUAL
PUBLIC MEETING**

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6:00 P.M.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

Sara Katz,
Meeting Moderator

Aly Forsythe,
Sites Environmental Planning and Permitting
Manager

Vanessa King,
Bureau of Reclamation

Sarah Rossetto,
Q&A Monitor

Mike Hendrick,
Fisheries Biologist

1 your comment.

2 ROBERT KUNDE: Can you hear me, Sara?

3 SARA KATZ: I can.

4 ROBERT KUNDE: So, thank you for the
5 opportunity to comment. My name is Robert Kunde,
6 K-u-n-d-e. I represent the Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water
7 Storage District on the Sites Reservoir Project
8 Committee, and I'd like to -- I don't have a comment on
9 the -- but I do have a comment on the process.

10 The Sites Project Authority has adopted a
11 number of core principles, as part of its Mission
12 Statement. One of those core principles is
13 transparency. The Sites -- the Sites project has a
14 website that's very well constructed, called
15 Sitesproject.org. The Sites Project is being led by the
16 Sites Project Authority, which is a public agency. As a
17 public agency, they're -- all of their meetings have to
18 be noticed, publically, and they are noticed on the
19 website, along with a schedule of the meeting dates.

20 As a member of that Project, I would encourage
21 all members of the public to attend meetings. In order
22 to have -- to have a successful project, we need to have
23 the best input from the best minds, and lots of input,
24 even from not the best minds, and I'm putting myself in
25 that category.

1 We are committed to transparency, and there is
2 a -- a public process for notifying people what we're
3 doing. That process is open to the public through these
4 meetings. There is a Reservoir Project Committee that
5 is similarly required to provide notices of its
6 meetings, and I'm not sure what else can be done in
7 terms of public outreach to making sure as many as
8 people -- as possible know about the project.

9 You know, there -- there's a website. There's
10 press releases. There's public email blasts. I don't
11 think CEQA requires Sites to send a mailing to everyone
12 who lives north of San Jose. So, perhaps some party
13 would be -- have some input that would help us in terms
14 of providing better notice to the public.

15 Thank you for giving me the opportunity to
16 comment.

17 SARA KATZ: Currently, we do not have any
18 other hands raised, but we will be staying here until
19 8:00 p.m. to receive public comment.

20 As a reminder for those on the phone, if you
21 are interested in making public comment, you can dial
22 star 9 to raise your hand to provide a comment, and then
23 star 6 to unmute yourself and speak.

24 For anyone who have may -- may have recently
25 signed on, this the formal public comment period for the