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3 Sara Katz,
4 Meeting Moderator

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6 Aly Forsythe,
7 Sites Environmental Planning and Permitting
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10 Vanessa King,
11 Bureau of Reclamation

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13 Sarah Rossetto,
14 Q&A Monitor

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16 Mike Hendrick,
17 Fisheries Biologist

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1 to raise your hand.

2 We currently do not have any hands raised, but
3 we will be accepting comments until the end of the
4 meeting at 11 am. If you would like to provide a
5 comment, please raise your hand. Thank you.

6 Our next speaker will be Regina Chichizola.
7 If you could spell your name, please, and the
8 organization you represent, and you have permission to
9 talk.

10 Regina, can you unmute yourself?

11 REGINA CHICHIZOLA: Yes. Sorry. It wasn't
12 letting me for a second. I just wanted to state for the
13 record that I think there was a lot of confusion, that
14 people thought that the California Water Commission
15 meeting was the public comment period for this. Because
16 this -- the Zoom for this did not come out until later
17 on Monday, and the California Water Commission noticed
18 their meeting a week or two ago. I think the public was
19 extremely confused about -- about this.

20 Anyways, I'm just saying that because quite a
21 few people have told -- messaged me that they commented
22 yesterday thinking that it was for this meeting. So,
23 anyway, I just wanted to let ya'll know, I think there's
24 a lot of confusion going on about how the public comment
25 period for this worked in the relation to the California

1 Water Commission. And it might be worth doing some kind
2 of, like, YouTube update or something to let people know
3 this is a different public comment period and letters
4 have to come in separately if you want to be on the
5 record, because people do not know.

6 And then I also wanted to state that the
7 amount of people that have sent in emails now is at
8 48,976, which just, I think, shows interest that if this
9 was noticed in a way that was more understandable to
10 people, that more people would be participating. And
11 I'm not -- I'm not saying that to, like, give you all
12 flack or anything, it's just -- because it's before the
13 holidays and the California Water Commission meeting was
14 on the same day, a lot of people are really confused.

15 Yeah, so some kind of paper explaining the
16 difference between the different processes, I think,
17 would be helpful. And that's just a suggestion, and
18 thank you. I'm gonna leave this meeting now. I just
19 wanted to hear what the public had to say. But it does
20 confirm my belief that this whole process is very
21 confusing, 'cause a lot of people told me they were
22 gonna do public comment, and I think they all called
23 into the Water Commission instead, thinking it was
24 this -- for Sites Res -- that it was the public comment
25 period.

1 SARA KATZ: Thank you, Regina.

2 REGINA CHICHIZOLA: Thanks, bye.

3 SARA KATZ: We currently do not have any
4 additional hands raised, but we will be accepting
5 comments until the end of the meeting. If you would
6 like to provide a comment for the record, please raise
7 your hand. And there are also ways to participate in a
8 written manner, which we will show on the screen at
9 11:00 a.m. Thank you.

10 Again, we will be taking comments for the
11 record until 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in
12 submitting a comment, please raise your hand. For those
13 on the phone, remember you can dial -- dial star 9 to
14 raise your hand to provide your comment, and then star 6
15 to unmute and speak. Thank you.

16 We have a -- a new hand that has been raised.
17 It's Melissa.

18 Melissa, if you could spell your name and any
19 organization you might be affiliated with, and you can
20 unmute yourself now.

21 MELISSA TOMLINSON: Hi. Yes. Good morning.
22 My name is Melissa Tomlinson. I think you asked me to
23 spell it for you, so M-e-l-i-s-s-a, last name,
24 T-o-m-l-i-n-s-o-n.

25 I'm calling in from Veshanwoni (phonetic)