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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 Okay. We'll go to our next speaker, Dan
2 Bacher.

3 Dan, if you want to unmute yourself.

4 DAN BACHER: Yes. I just spoke, but I wasn't
5 able to finish one simple sentence, and this is all I
6 want to leave with you -- or actually two sentences.
7 Now is not the time for you to keep going forward with
8 Sites Reservoir. Now is the time to take decisive
9 action, to stop species extinction. Please remember,
10 extinction is forever.

11 Thank you.

12 SARA KATZ: Thank you, Dan. We have five more
13 minutes that we will be accepting formal public
14 comments, and then we will provide instructions how you
15 might be able to submit them in the written form if
16 that's your preference.

17 Please remember that any comments submitted
18 via the Q&A box will not be entered into the formal
19 record. We would ask that you either raise your hand
20 and read them into the record and/or follow the
21 instructions on our closing slide, which will allow you
22 to submit them formally via email and/or hard copy.

23 Thank you.

24 We have a hand raised with Shannon Wittgen.
25 If you could please, again, your name for the record,

1 any organization you represent, and you can go ahead and
2 unmute yourself.

3 SHANNON WITTGEN: Okay. I hope I'm unmuted
4 here.

5 SARA KATZ: You are.

6 SHANNON WITTGEN: My -- my name is Shannon
7 Wittgen, S-h-a-n-n-o-n, Wittgen, W-i-t-t-g-e-n, and I
8 don't represent any organization. I'm just a private
9 California resident.

10 I live in Mountain House, California. I drive
11 over the California Canal and the Mendoza Canal every
12 day, and I just wanted to -- from my perspective, just
13 reiterate that we should be listening more to Native
14 voices when it comes to land management and water
15 management. I just wanted to chime in there and -- and
16 just kind of let everyone know that this is something
17 that is final to us all, and I think we should be
18 looking to them for leadership. Thanks.

19 SARA KATZ: Thank you, Shannon.

20 We have a hand raised, and the speaker is
21 Garbin. Garbin, I believe you've spoken before, so,
22 again, if your name for the record and any organization
23 you represent, and you are ready to unmute.

24 GARBIN: Yeah. I can't really hear you, so
25 I'm hoping you -- you can hear me.