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To: EIR-EIS-Comments@sitesproject.org
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Dear Sites Project Authority,

The Sites Reservoir proposal is a false solution to California's water-supply challenges, and I urge you to reject it.

Water is a public resource, and its management should address the diverse interests of the public. This requires planning that reflects the realities of climate change-driven shifts in the amount of rain and snow in the West. Instead of investing in massive water infrastructure projects like the Sites Reservoir project that harm native wildlife, tribal values and local communities, California must focus on reducing demand, increasing efficient use and reuse of existing supply, and leveraging sustainable storage methods like groundwater banking.

For example, salmon in Northern California, and the tribes and coastal fishing communities that rely on them, shouldn't have to suffer in dry years to ensure that nut growers and livestock producers maximize yields. It's time to invest in community and ecosystem health rather than continuing to subsidize an industry that destroys an essential public resource. We don't have the time or resources to waste on harmful projects such as the Sites Reservoir. I'm counting on you to reject the project.

Stop Draining Our Rivers for Industrial Agricultural Profit! According to the RDEIR and SDEIS, the proposed Sites Reservoir project would have significant and unavoidable effects on water and air quality, vegetation, wetland and wildlife, and adverse impacts on tribal cultural resources. Environmental documents clearly show that Sites water diversion would NOT be limited to major storms. In California's northern rivers, more than five times as much water than actually exists is currently allocated. The environmentally destructive Sites reservoir is a private enterprise that would literally steal water from the State of California. This plan must be rejected!

Sincerely,
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