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To: EIR-EIS-Comments@sitesproject.org
Subject: Stop Draining Our Rivers for Industrial Agricultural Profit
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Dear Sites Project Authority,

Water is a public resource! This should be obvious and its management should address the diverse interests of the public. The Sites Reservoir proposal is a sham. It is a false solution to California's water-supply challenges. Our entire family of four voters ask you to please reject it.

Crops that would be supported with this project does not feed the world or the US. They are crops that are water hogs: beef and dairy -- driving catastrophic water system collapse. Planning for the future, we need to make strategies that support small farmers and low water consumption. 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.

Northern California salmon fisheries, and the tribes and coastal fishing communities that depend on them, shouldn't have to subsidize nut and livestock producers' profit yields. Something is really wrong if all of a sudden, there is no water. How could there have been plenty of water in the past but all of a sudden, Nature it's bounty hasn't provided enough. 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.

Sincerely,
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