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Honorable Authority Members:

Notwithstanding our role on the Sites Project Authority Board, the County of Colusa appreciates the opportunity to formally comment on the Sites Reservoir Project Draft EIR/S. The following are provided to assist the Sites Authority Board with detailed comments regarding specific County operations that may be affected by the Sites Project. We hope and anticipate that the Project will be completed in a manner that will limit the adverse impacts to our County while maximizing the water supply and environmental (public) benefits of this major improvement to the California water management system.

The following provides both general and specific comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (published on August 14, 2017 by the Sites Reservoir Project Authority).

**Emergency Services**

Chapter 29 (Public Services and Utilities) of the Draft EIR/EIS analyzes public services including police protection and emergency response. We believe the presence of 200,000 recreationists per year at Sites Reservoir is a significant number (nine times the total population of the County), well beyond the capacity of current public safety personnel. This increased seasonal visitation will impact law enforcement presence and response times to the Reservoir and the remainder of the County. Additionally there will be a need for on-site storage of patrol watercraft.

The South Bridge is the County's preferred alternative for most effective emergency response times to the communities of Lodoga and Stonyford, as well as the Mendocino National Forest and East Park Reservoir.

An Emergency Response Plan should be developed in coordination with local agencies, and should ensure implementation of Reverse 911 system for downstream emergency notifications.

**Land Use**

Chapter 20 (Land Use) of the Draft EIR/EIS analyzes the potential land use and agricultural impacts of the proposed project and its alternatives. As stated in the Draft EIR/EIS, the Colusa County General Plan Land Use Element provides for the creation of Sites Reservoir and the General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map have also already identified the proposed Sites Reservoir as a study area. However, when Colusa County adopted its new General Plan in 2012 and Zoning Code in 2014, the County did not adopt specific land use designations to reflect the Sites Reservoir because of the uncertainty, at that time. Rather, the County in its General Plan