

## Public Comment: Sites Project

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I strongly oppose the Sites Project. I strongly urge the state of California to reject this project, and to spend no more taxpayers' dollars on it.

This project will do nothing to move California toward a future of sustainable water use. During the most recent drought, Californians showed that conservation was the answer. Please note that per capita water use in California has not returned to its pre-drought levels.

This project has not yet been thoroughly reviewed. That is because it hasn't been fully proposed. No funding should be provided until the entire project has been fully vetted, especially its compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

This project will remove water from the most important source of flows into and through the San Francisco-San Joaquin Bay-Delta ecosystem. This ecosystem is in serious decline. The California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), in 2016, released a draft Supplemental Environmental Document (SED), proposing increased flows in the major tributaries of the San Joaquin River. The SWRCB will be issuing a similar water quality update for the Sacramento River in 2018. The Sites project will need to comply with the final decisions on Sacramento River flows into the Bay-Delta ecosystem. It is prudent management to postpone any decision, let alone any construction, until after the SWRCB's work is completed.

This project is not cost-effective. Better, more cost-effective solutions are available. For example, the state of California needs to spend its scarce dollars on maintaining the dams we currently have, not building new ones. The near-failure of Oroville Dam in 2017 is only one example of poorly allocated resources.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

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