

opposition to Sites Reservoir Project

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To:EIR-EIS-Comments <eir-eis-comments@sitesproject.org>;

Dear Mr. Watson,

My name is Daniel Witte and I am a nature lover, boater and fisherman. I strongly oppose the Sites Reservoir Project for many different reasons.

The Sites Reservoir will devastate many species of fish in the Sacramento River and Delta. These include salmon and the Delta Smelt. If the Sites Reservoir is put in place, there will be significant reductions of fresh water in the Sacramento River and Sacramento San Joaquin Delta down stream. This reservoir has the ability to take half of the Sacramento River's flows in drought years.

The Sacramento San Joaquin Delta has a very high farming population. In fact, the majority of California's vegetable come from Delta farms. If there is limited fresh water flowing through the Delta, salt water from the Bay will intrude farther up. The Delta farmers cannot farm with salt water because it would kill their crops. If the Delta farmers cannot farm, then they would have not source of income to feed their families.

In addition, the commercial salmon industry relies heavily on the Delta. The salmon industry generates \$250000000000 per year. The largest salmon run on the West Coast passes through the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta to reach their spawning grounds. If there are no salmon returning to the oceans, then there will be no fish for the fishermen to catch. As a result of no fish, the fishermen will get no money.

Lastly, there are many solutions for storing water in drought years that do not harm the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta or the Sacramento River. One of these is desalination. Desalination would actually produce more water in drought years and would not harm the environment in the process.

Please take my comments seriously and withdraw the Sites Reservoir plan.

Sincerely,
Daniel