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Dear Interested Party,

ROSE GALLO-VASQUEZ  
COLUSA COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

In compliance with state and federal environmental regulations, the Sites Project Authority and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation have released a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/EIS) on the Sites Reservoir Project for review and comment. The Draft EIR/EIS describes the environmental effects and mitigation measures related to construction and operation of the Sites Reservoir Project.

The enclosed Notice of Availability discusses Project specifics and details related to the Draft EIR/EIS public review period, including how to comment and the various ways to access the draft environmental documents.

Public participation is essential to the environmental review process and important for development of the Sites Reservoir Project. Release of the Draft EIR/EIS starts a 90-day public review and comment period. **Comments should be received by November 13, 2017**, and may be submitted by mail, electronically or at a public meeting.

Two public meetings will be held to provide information and an opportunity to learn more about the Sites Reservoir Project and submit comments on the draft environmental analyses.

**Public Meetings:**

**Maxwell: September 26, 2017**

Sites Project Authority Office  
122 Old Highway 99 West  
Maxwell, CA 95955  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Sacramento: September 28, 2017**

Sacramento Convention Center  
1400 J Street, Room 306  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Additional information on the Sites Reservoir Project, including the environmental review process, can be viewed online at <https://www.sitesproject.org/environmental-review/>.

We appreciate your participation in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Dolbow Vann', written over a white background.

Kim Dolbow Vann  
Sites Project Authority, Board President





## Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/EIS) for Sites Reservoir Project, Sites, California

**AGENCY:** Sites Project Authority

**SUMMARY:** The Sites Project Authority, as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State lead agency, and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Federal lead agency, have made available for public review and comment the Sites Reservoir Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/EIS). The Draft EIR/EIS describes the environmental effects of the No-Action Alternative and four action alternatives. Two public meetings will be held to receive comments from individuals and organizations on the Draft EIR/EIS.

**DATES:** The Draft EIR/EIS will be available for public review from August 14, 2017 to November 13, 2017. Submit written comments on the Draft EIR/EIS on or before November 13, 2017.

Two public meetings have been scheduled to receive oral or written comments regarding environmental effects:

- Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Maxwell, CA
- Thursday, September 28, 2017, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Sacramento, CA

A 1-hour open house to view project information and interact with the project team will take place at the beginning of each public meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on the Draft EIR/EIS to Mr. Rob Thomson, Sites Project Authority, P.O. Box 517, Maxwell, CA 95955; or Mr. Michael Dietl, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2830, Sacramento, CA 95825; or [EIR-EIS-Comments@SitesProject.org](mailto:EIR-EIS-Comments@SitesProject.org).

Electronic CD copies of the Draft EIR/EIS may be requested from Sites Project Authority at 530-438-2309, or [EIR-EIS-Comments@SitesProject.org](mailto:EIR-EIS-Comments@SitesProject.org). The Draft EIR/EIS is also accessible from the following websites:

<https://www.sitesproject.org/information/DraftEIR-EIS> or  
[https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa\\_projdetails.cfm?Project\\_ID=139](https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=139).

The public meetings will be held at the following locations:

- Maxwell – Sites Project Authority, 122 Old Highway 99 West, Maxwell, CA 95955
- Sacramento – Convention Center: 1400 J Street, Room 306 Sacramento, CA 95814

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact Mr. Rob Thomson, Sites Project Authority, at 530-438-2309, or via email at [EIR-EIS-Comments@SitesProject.org](mailto:EIR-EIS-Comments@SitesProject.org).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Draft EIR/EIS describes the Sites Reservoir Project, and potential alternatives to the Sites Reservoir Project; environmental setting; potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that could result from implementation of each of the alternatives; and mitigation measures for potentially significant impacts, as applicable. Five alternative methods of constructing and operating the Sites Reservoir Project to meet all or the majority of the purpose, need, and objectives of the project are evaluated in the Draft EIR/EIS. The alternatives were developed to avoid or substantially reduce one or more of the project's significant impacts. Other alternatives evaluated over the past several decades (some of which were the subject of prior CEQA and NEPA analyses and decision making) are summarized and discussed in Chapter 2 Alternatives Analysis of the Draft EIR/EIS.

