



Topic: **Authority Board Agenda Item 5-2** **2017 Dec 18**

Subject: **Colusa Indian Community Council participation as a member of Sites Project Authority Board of Directors**

Requested Action:

Informational. No action will be taken. A representative from the Colusa Indian Community Council will address the Board regarding its interest in becoming an Authority Member.

Detailed Description/Background:

The Colusa Indian Community Council (CICC) is the governing body of the federally recognized Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians. The CICC has expressed an interest in joining the Sites Project Authority as a member of the Authority Board of Directors in a letter dated December 7, 2017 (attached).

Prior Authority Board Action:

No prior action.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

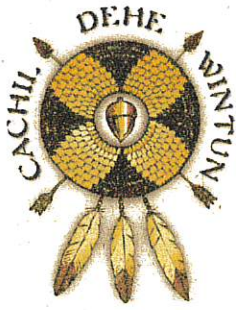
None.

Staff Contact:

Jim Watson

Attachments:

Attachment 5-2: Colusa Indian Community Council December 7, 2017 letter in interest



**COLUSA INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CACHIL DEHE BAND OF WINTUN INDIANS**

December 7, 2017

Kim Dolbow Vann - Chair
Sites Project Authority
PO Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Subject: Colusa Indian Community Council - Sites Project Authority Membership

Dear Chair Dolbow Vann and Authority Board Members:

As a federally recognized Tribe the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians for which the Colusa Indian Community Council (CICC) is the governing body would like to submit this letter to the Sites Project Authority (SPA) Board to express interest in joining the SPA Board.

As a community farming over 5,000 acres, the CICC acknowledges what valuable resource water is and is interested in moving forward the Sites Reservoir Project which will benefit not only Colusa County and the Sacramento Valley but also the entire state of California.

The Tribe would like to work with the SPA on any potential impacts the Sites Reservoir project might have on the community. The CICC operates two water diversions immediately downstream of the proposed Delevan Pipeline Intake/Discharge Facility. The Tribal Reservation and Rancheria are also located downstream of the proposed Delevan Pipeline Intake/Discharge Facility. Within the proposed reservoir footprint there are also documented Indian burial sites. Due to these and all potential impacts, the CICC would like to work collaboratively with the SPA and have a seat on the SPA Board to facilitate the process.

The CICC would like to thank the SPA for the opportunity to join the SPA Board and looks forward to establishing a working relationship with the SPA moving forward to minimize impacts on the Tribe. The CICC would be happy to attend the next SPA Board meeting on December 18, 2017 or a future SPA Board meeting. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Oscar Serrano, Principal Engineer, at oserrano@colusa-nsn.gov.

Respectfully,

Wayne R. Mitchum
Tribal Chairman

cc: Mr. Oscar Serrano, Principal Engineer, CICC
Mr. Jim Watson, General Manager, Sites Project Authority