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Sites Project Authority Statement on Proposed Order for Sites Reservoir Water Right

Maxwell, CA – Today, the Sites Project Authority released the following statement after the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Administrative Hearings Office’s (AHO) transmittal of a draft Decision Conditionally Approving the Water Right Application for the Sites Reservoir Project and associated Draft Water Right Permit:

“We are carefully reviewing these extensive documents and will take the time necessary to fully understand their potential implications on the Project’s operations and the benefits that it can provide to the people of California. Elements of the draft decision and permit are different from the end of the hearing process last year, and we will need to evaluate and reconcile these differences.

In the coming weeks, interested parties will have the opportunity to submit public comment to the State Board on the terms and conditions of the draft decision and permit. The Authority intends to actively participate in this process.

We remain committed to delivering the benefits that the people of California overwhelmingly supported with the passage of Proposition 1 in 2014. Today, the water challenges facing our state remain daunting. We will continue working with our state and federal partners, as well as our statewide participants, to ensure Sites Reservoir can help meet the goals of the California Water Plan.”

Sites Reservoir is a 1.5 million acre-foot, off-stream reservoir proposed north of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that would improve California’s water reliability and resiliency in drier years for farms, families, fish, and fowl. The Project is backed by a broad coalition of cities, counties, water agencies, and irrigation districts across California, as well as the State of California through the Water Storage Investment Program and the federal government under the 2016 Water Infrastructure and Investment for the Nation Act. Additional information can be found at www.sitesproject.org or on Facebook, Instagram, and X at @SitesProject.