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From: OPR California Jobs <California.Jobs@opr.CA.GOV>
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 1:39 PM
To: Ashley Overhouse; Jerry Brown; Alicia Forsythe; OPR California Jobs
Subject: RE: Questions - FW: Sites Reservoir Project - FW: New Infrastructure Streamlining Application Received

Dear Ashley,

Thank you for your email.

OPR is in the process of working with the Governor's Office and our state agency partners to finalize the guidelines for the infrastructure judicial streamlining program. The guidelines will not create new criteria. The criteria for eligibility comes directly from SB 149. The guidelines will make that criteria easier to understand for applicants and the public. Since the guidelines are not yet available, please do not hesitate to reach back out with specific questions about the criteria for water-related infrastructure projects, which are contained in Public Resources Code Sections 21189.81(h) and 21189.82(a)(4) and (c), and 21189.86.

As you noted, SB 149 requires OPR to post the application on its website for 15 days before the Governor can certify the project. That clock starts when the application is posted. The Sites application was posted on OPR's website on October 6th. The listserv notification is provided as a courtesy. OPR began sending e-blasts a few years ago to help keep the public better informed about the judicial streamlining process, but that practice is not statutorily required and the sending of the e-blast does not trigger any deadlines.

Please let us know if there is any additional information that would be helpful.

Best,
The OPR SB 149 team

From: Ashley Overhouse <AOverhouse@defenders.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 11:30 AM
To: jbrown@sitesproject.org; Alicia Forsythe <aforsythe@sitesproject.org>; OPR California Jobs <california.jobs@opr.ca.gov>
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Dear Jerry, Alicia, and Austin,

Hope you are all doing well. After reading the language of SB 149, I had a couple questions about the notification and the process for this application for Sites Reservoir.

First, is the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and Sites Project Authority planning on giving a full 15 days for the public comment period? If I'm interpreting the notice below correctly, it looks like the public has only 13 days, October 10-October 23, 2023.

Second, is OPR still planning on issuing guidelines for eligible projects? Since no guidelines (as far as I can find) have been issued to determine eligibility, what criteria will OPR be using to determine if Sites Reservoir is eligible for certification?

I have appreciated the transparent and clear communication Sites Project Authority has always given stakeholders. I have the same respect for OPR, it is a critical office for enforcement of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Thank you in advance for any clarifying information you can give me.

Best,
Ashley Overhouse



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From: Governor's Office of Planning and Research <california.jobs@opr.ca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 9:28 AM

Subject: New Infrastructure Streamlining Application Received



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Infrastructure Streamlining Program (SB 149)

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New Infrastructure Streamlining Program Application Received

An application for certification under the Infrastructure Streamlining Program has been submitted to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for the Sites Reservoir Project. The application can be accessed on [OPR's website](#).

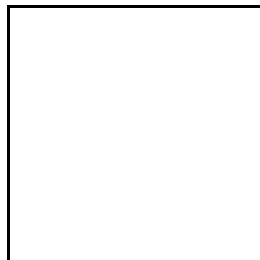
Public comments will be accepted on the application until **Monday, October 23, 2023.**

Public comments may be submitted electronically to California.Jobs@opr.ca.gov.

Public comments must include a reference to the Sites Reservoir Project by name. Public comments may be posted to a public website. **Do not submit any sensitive or personal information in the comment letter.**

Public comments submitted to OPR will be considered regardless of the format in which they are received. However, **we encourage public comments to be submitted in a format that complies with State and federal accessibility requirements and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0, or a subsequent version, published by the Web Accessibility Initiative of the World Wide Web Consortium at a minimum Level AA success criteria.** Instructions on how to create an accessible document can be found on [OPR's Accessibility Page](#).

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