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Thank you for sharing. Looks fine to me.

From: Alicia Forsythe <aforsythe@sitesproject.org>
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 3:34:43 PM
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Subject: Sites Project - CEQA Findings and SB 149 Language

Hi Chris – We are drafting our CEQA Findings in preparation for our Board to consider the Final EIR and the Project this coming Friday, November 17. We’ve added a little language in there on SB 149 that I wanted to run by you. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions on this language. I apologize but we’ll need feedback quickly if you have any – we have to finalize the packet just as soon as possible on Monday to ensure it posts on time.

Hope you have a great weekend!

Ali

Text in CEQA Findings –

Consistent with Public Resources Code Section 21189.82(c), the Board further confirms that the adoption of the MMRP, attached to these findings as Exhibit B, provides a binding and enforceable agreement with the Governor of California to implement the mitigation measures related to significant environmental impacts in any disadvantaged community as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21189.81(b).

Text in Staff Report –

Senate Bill 149 Status

On November 6, 2023, California Governor Gavin Newsom certified the Sites Reservoir Project as an infrastructure project qualifying for judicial streamlining under SB 149. SB 149 requires the Authority to make certain public notices within 10 days of the certification. This notification was fully completed by November 16 with the required notice posted in 10 newspapers and postcards mailed to landowners with the Project area and the notice has been posted on the Sites website at <https://sitesproject.org/environmental-review/>.

Under SB 149, the Authority must make a binding commitment to the Governor to implement specified mitigation measures related to disadvantaged communities. This will be accomplished by the Authority adopting the findings and MMRP in item 3 above. Under SB 149, the Authority must also certify the record of proceedings within 5 days of approval of the Project. This will be accomplished by delegating this responsibility to the Executive Director.

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