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Mr. Jerry Brown
Executive Director
Sites Project Authority
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Subject: Reclamation Proposed Participation for the Sites Reservoir Project (Project)

Dear: Mr. Brown:

I wanted to express my appreciation to you and your team for working with the Bureau of Reclamation Team in the development of the Summary to the Addendum for the Feasibility Report in a highly efficient and expedited manner.

Per the Summary, Reclamation currently plans to participate in the Sites Reservoir Project with an approximate 16 percent investment. This would be a significant achievement for Reclamation and the Sites JPA. While there is significant future work to accomplish regarding the implementation of the project, I wanted to share Reclamation's intent for participation in the project.

It should be noted that the Summary expressed completion of several items prior to Reclamation's formal participation which are similar to the requirements set forth by the State of California for your final award hearing. Some of the items are as follows:

- Final environmental documentation.
- All required Federal, state, and local approvals, certifications, and agreements.
- Benefits and Obligations Agreement for Federal investment.
- Operations Agreement with Authority for Federal investment.
- Contracts for public benefits that pertain to Federal participation.
- Contracts for non-public benefit cost share.
- Updated Project cost summary.
- Contracts or other mechanisms for Federal investment which are reimbursable.

Once again, thanks in advance for the continued coordination between our respective staffs on this important project to improve California Water.

Sincerely,

Ernest A. Conant
Regional Director