



January 12, 2023

Colusa Indian Community Council  
Mr. Daniel Gomez, Tribal Chairman  
3730 Highway 45  
Colusa, CA 95932

Subject: Invitation to Participate in a Tribal Working Group; Sites Reservoir Project in Glenn, Colusa, Tehama, and Yolo Counties, California

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Cortina Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians  
Mr. Charlie Wright, Chair  
P.O. Box 1630  
Williams, CA 95987

Subject: Invitation to Participate in a Tribal Working Group; Sites Reservoir Project in  
Glenn, Colusa, Tehama, and Yolo Counties, California

Dear Honorable Chairperson Wright:

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Grindstone Indian Rancheria of Wintun-Wailaki  
Mr. Ronald Kirk, Chairperson  
P.O. Box 63  
Elk Creek, CA 95939

Subject: Invitation to Participate in a Tribal Working Group; Sites Reservoir Project in  
Glenn, Colusa, Tehama, and Yolo Counties, California

Dear Honorable Chairperson Kirk:

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Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians  
Mr. Andrew Alejandre, Chairperson  
22580 Olivewood Avenue  
Corning, CA 96021

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Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation  
Mr. Anthony Roberts, Chairperson  
P.O. Box 18  
Brooks, CA 95606

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Colusa Indian Community Council  
Mr. Wayne Mitchum Jr., Tribal Chairman  
3730 Highway 45  
Colusa, CA 95932

Subject: Invitation to Participate in a Tribal Working Group; Sites Reservoir Project in Glenn, Colusa, Tehama, and Yolo Counties, California

Dear Honorable Chairperson Mitchum:

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- Tribal interests in the biological mitigation sites to be developed as part of the project, including use of Tribal Ecological Knowledge; and
- Tribal interests in stewardship and future access to Project lands and resources that are not otherwise used for Project activities.

We anticipate that there will be other topics that you will want to address and are open to discussing topics of interest to the TWG members.

We hope that you will accept this invitation to be part of the TWG and help us better understand the challenges and concerns of the local Native American community relative to the Proposed Project, as well as explore opportunities to productively address these same issues. Both Ali and Kevin (mentioned above) are available if you have any questions about the TWG. Ali can be reached at [aforsythe@sitesproject.org](mailto:aforsythe@sitesproject.org) or (916) 880-0676 , and Kevin at [kspesert@sitesproject.org](mailto:kspesert@sitesproject.org) or (530) 632-4071. One of them will be contacting you directly in the upcoming weeks to further discuss formation of the TWG.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'FRITZ DURST'.

Fritz Durst  
Chair





Cc: Ms. Melissa Mitchum  
Director of Tribal Preservation  
Colusa Indian Community Council  
3730 Highway 45  
Colusa, CA 95932



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January 18, 2023

Colusa Indian Community Council  
Mr. Wayne Mitchum Jr., Tribal Chairman  
3730 Highway 45  
Colusa, CA 95932

Subject: Invitation to Participate in a Tribal Working Group; Sites Reservoir Project in Glenn, Colusa, Tehama, and Yolo Counties, California

Dear Honorable Chairperson Mitchum:

The Sites Project Authority has periodically reached out to you over the past several years to provide you information about the progress of the Sites Reservoir Project (Proposed Project or Project), and to invite you to consult on the Project under Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52), pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1, as a tribe with a traditional and cultural affiliation with the Proposed Project area. We understand that not all tribes have the availability to consult under AB 52, but we continue to value your input on the Proposed Project. To this end, we are inviting you to participate in a Tribal Working Group (TWG) to address topics of concern and interest to tribes who have a traditional and cultural affiliation with the Proposed Project area.

We envision the TWG to include only those tribes with a direct ancestral relationship with the Project area: Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians; Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation; Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation; Grindstone Indian Rancheria of Wintun-Wailaki Indians; and Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians. The TWG would be organized and facilitated by Ali Forsythe, the Authority's Environmental Planning and Permitting Manager, and Kevin Spesert, the Authority's External Affairs Manager, along with the Authority's consultant team currently working with Yocha Dehe under AB 52. To facilitate communication within the Authority, a member of the Sites Reservoir Board of Directors and a Sites Reservoir Committee would be invited to attend meetings.

The need for confidentiality regarding information shared about sensitive topics is fully acknowledged and understood by the Authority which is one of the reasons we propose the meetings be held by invitational only. It is anticipated that sensitive topics, such as tribal cultural resources, would only be addressed at a very general level within the TWG. It is understood that individual tribes may not wish to share some information with their neighboring tribes and that such discussions would be managed appropriately and respectfully.



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It is expected that the first meeting would be held in February 2023 with an expected frequency of bi-monthly. This meeting would be introductory, be about 2 hours and would provide a status update about the Proposed Project and a discussion with participants about administrative items such as meeting schedule and time, holding in-person or virtual meetings, and agreeing on goals and objectives for the group through mutual development of a TWG chartering document. The Authority will staff and pay for the meeting facilitation and provide all of the technical support needed for the meetings. Subsequent meetings would address topics generated by the interests of the TWG members. To kickstart the process, we have considered the following as potential topics for discussion:

- Workforce development including jobs for Tribal members during construction and implementation of the Project;
- Discussing any Tribal member concerns with local transportation impacts that might be associated with construction of the Project;
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**From:** [Alicia Forsythe](#)  
**To:** [Janis Offermann \(Janis@Horizonh2o.com\)](#); [Risse, Danielle](#); [Laurie Warner Herson](#); [Kevin Spesert](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Sites Project - Tribal Working Group  
**Date:** Monday, January 23, 2023 2:47:48 PM

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Hi all – We have our first interest in the Tribal Working Group!

Kevin – Lets you and I talk about how to contact the other tribes for their interest. I will text you on a time we can talk. We also need to talk about who from the RC/AB we should have attend. Randal wants to participate. We also need to schedule a training session/prep session with them prior to the TWG meeting.

Janis – It sounds like we sent the letter to the wrong person at Colusa. But since they have responded, I don't think we need to resend.

Ali

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Alicia Forsythe | Environmental Planning and Permitting Manager | Sites Project Authority |  
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**From:** Alicia Forsythe  
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**Cc:** Execs <[Execs@colusa-nsn.gov](mailto:Execs@colusa-nsn.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: TWG

Wonderful Molly! We are really excited for the Tribal Working Group!

We're reaching out to the other tribes here this week. We will circle back in the next week or two on scheduling the first meeting.

Ali

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**From:** Molly West <[mwest@colusa-nsn.gov](mailto:mwest@colusa-nsn.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2023 5:15 PM  
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**Cc:** Execs <[Execs@colusa-nsn.gov](mailto:Execs@colusa-nsn.gov)>  
**Subject:** TWG

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Good Evening,

CICC's Executive Committee is interested in being a part of the Tribal Working Group. Do you know when you will have more details prepared?

Thank you,

*Molly West*

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**Cc:** ["Kevin Spesert"](#)  
**Subject:** Sites Reservoir Tribal Working Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 12:13:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [20230112\\_TWG Notificaiton Letter Formatted CortinaIndianRanchera Wright.docx](#)

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Hello, Chairperson Wright

On behalf of the Sites Project Authority (Authority), I just left a voice message on your tribal administration office phone and am following up with this email.

The Authority would like to invite you to participate in a Tribal Working Group (TWG), as described in the attached letter, which was also forwarded to you via the U.S. mail. The intent of the TWG is to provide a forum for local tribes to discuss concerns you might have about the proposed Sites Project and to help craft solutions to those issues, as well as to provide input on such topics as recreation opportunities and biological mitigation.

We hope you will consider this invitation and join us in the TWG.

Please feel free to contact me via email or at the phone number listed below if you have any questions. You may also contact Kevin Spesert, the Authority's External Affairs Manager, who is cc'd here, at [kspesert@sitesproject.org](mailto:kspesert@sitesproject.org) or (530) 632-4071.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

janis

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**From:** [Janis Offermann](#)  
**To:** [Laverne Bill \(LBill@paskenta.org\)](mailto:LBill@paskenta.org)  
**Subject:** Sites Reservoir Tribal Working Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:14:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [20230112\\_TWG Notificaion Letter Formatted PaskentaBand Alejandre.pdf](#)

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Good morning, Laverne

I hope you are enjoying your new position with Paskenta and settling in. I imagine it is keeping you quite busy.

Now that you are with the tribe, we are hoping that Paskenta will elect to be more involved with the Sites Reservoir Project. Most recently, we sent the attached invitation to Chairman Alejandre about participating in the Tribal Working Group (TWG), which we had previously discussed with you. If you have any questions about the TWG, please don't hesitate to give me a call, or follow up with either Kevin or Ali via email (both cc'd here), or by phone. Kevin can be reached at (530) 632-4071 and Ali is available at (916) 880-0676.

We look forward to hearing from you about the TWG or any other ways that Paskenta would like to participate in the project.

Many thanks  
janis

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CULTURAL RESOURCES

February 8, 2023

Sites Project Authority  
Attn: Alicia Forsythe, Environmental Planner and Permitting Manager  
P.O. Box 517  
Maxwell, CA 95955

RE: Sites Reservoir Project YD-04142017-03

Dear Ms. Forsythe:

Thank you for the project notification dated January 12, 2023, regarding cultural information on or near the proposed Sites Reservoir Project. We appreciate your effort to contact us and wish to respond.

The Cultural Resources Department has reviewed the project and concluded that it is within the aboriginal territories of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. Therefore, we have a cultural interest and authority in the proposed project area and would like to initiate a formal consultation with the lead agency. At the time of consultation, please provide our Cultural Resources Department with a project timeline, detailed project information and the latest cultural study for the proposed project.

To coordinate a date and time for the consultation meeting, please contact:

CRD Administrative Staff  
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation  
Office: (530) 796-3400  
Email: [THPO@yochadehe.gov](mailto:THPO@yochadehe.gov)

Please refer to identification number YD-04142017-03 in any correspondence concerning this project.

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

*Yvonne Perkins*

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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer