



April 7, 2017

Mr. Leland Kinter, Chairperson
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
P.O. Box 18
Brooks, CA 95606

Subject: Tribal Cultural Resources Consultation Opportunity for the Sites Reservoir Project

Dear Honorable Chairperson Kinter,

The Sites Project Authority has announced its intent to construct and operate the Sites Reservoir Project - a new off-stream storage reservoir with a capacity of approximately 1.8 million acre feet, located, about 10 miles west of the town of Maxwell. The new reservoir would be in Antelope Valley, on the eastern edge of the North Coast Ranges. The Sites Reservoir Project is proposed to provide storage and operational benefits for water quality and other programs throughout California.

The Sites Project Authority sent you an initial letter dated February 10, 2017, about the proposed Sites Project. That letter was the formal notice required under California law and inviting you to consult with the Authority regarding cultural resources. We did not receive a response to our letter and are contacting you again, just to be certain that you do not desire to enter into consultations on the Sites Reservoir Project. The Authority is also inviting you (and other local tribes) to serve on a committee to advise the Authority on cultural resource matters. The committee would include members of the Board and other representatives from tribes who have a traditional and cultural association with the project area.

If you wish to request consultation pursuant to PRC § 21080.3.1 or participate in the consultation committee, please contact me within the next 14 days at the address below. If consultation under PRC § 21080.3.1 is requested, please provide the name and contact information of the designated lead contact person. The Sites Project Authority will contact the designated person to set a meeting date to begin consultation within 30 days of our receipt of your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Watson".

Jim Watson, General Manager
Sites Project Authority



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