

May 19, 2017

Sites Project Authority Attn: Jim Watson, General Manager PO Box 517 Maxwell, CA 95955

RE: Sites Reservoir Project

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for your project notification letter dated, April 7, 2017, regarding cultural information on or near the proposed Sites Reservoir Project, Maxwell, Colusa County. 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 wish to consult with the project lead agency.

Please provide our Cultural Resources Department with a project timeline, detailed project information and the latest cultural study for the proposed project. As the project progresses, if any new information or cultural items are found, we do have a process to protect such important and sacred artifacts. Upon such a finding, please contact the following individual:

James Sarmento, Cultural Resources Manager Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Office: (530) 723-0452

Email: jsarmento@yochadehe-nsn.gov

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

Thank you for providing us with project information and the opportunity to comment. Please contact Mr. Sarmento at your earliest convenience to coordinate a date and time for the consultation meeting.

Sincerely,

James Kinter

Tribal Secretary

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer