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RE: Comments of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation on the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Sites Reservoir Project

Dear Sir or Madam:

I write on behalf of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, a federally recognized tribal government whose ancestral territory includes the land now known as Yolo County and Colusa County, to provide Yocha Dehe's initial comments on the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("REIR/SDEIS") for the Sites Reservoir Project.

As the Yocha Dehe Cultural Resources Department explained to Janis Offermann in early January, the REIR/SDEIS appears to have omitted important information about Tribal Cultural Resources – including village sites – within the Project footprint. Without that information, meaningful review and comment on the REIR/SDEIS – and the Project itself – is simply not possible.

We also explained to Ms. Offermann that Yocha Dehe will require a few weeks to identify, compile, and review the specific information omitted from the REIR/SDEIS, at which point the Tribe intends to submit further comments. We trust no action on the Project will be taken in the interim.

Please contact Director of Cultural Resources Laverne Bill at lbill@yochadehe-nsn.gov or Attorney General Paula Yost at pyost@yochadehe-nsn.gov if you have any questions.

Wile bo,

Anthony Roberts
Tribal Chairman

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