



January 15, 2108

Subject: Humboldt County's Comments on the Proposed Sites Reservoir Project

Dear Mr. Sundberg:

Thank you for letter of January 9, 2018 regarding the Sites Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). We are in receipt of your EIR/EIS comment letter and will formally respond to your comments as part of the Final EIR/EIS.

In regard to relationship of the Sites Project and your goals of achieving net ecosystem and water quality conditions in the Trinity River downstream of Lewiston Dam, the Sites Project has never planned or proposed to divert water that was released by Reclamation and conveyed to the Sacramento River watershed. Such water is covered by existing water rights and would not be available for diversion by the Sites Project. Hence, **the Sites Project Authority commits to the construction and operations that will result in no additional demands for diversions from the Trinity River to the Sacramento River basin.**

Sincerely,

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

Fritz Durst, Chair  
Sites Project Authority

Cc: David Murillo, Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region, Bureau of Reclamation

