

June 13, 2017

Jim Watson
General Manager
Sites Project Authority
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Dear Jim,

The City Council of the City of Willows is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project.

California will continue to face intense water challenges including limited supplies, a growing population, the effects of climate change, increased flow requirements for native fish, and water for wetlands used by migratory birds. Now more than ever, California's water system needs a more flexible, environmentally friendly and sustainable solution to capturing and storing water for use when it's needed most.

The Sites Project would add up to 1,800,000 acre-ft. of capacity to produce 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies to California's water system on an annualized basis. With its ability to integrate operations with the state's water system, Sites is an innovative and modern approach that will help the state capture, store and move water where it needs to be, when it is needed most.

The Sites Project will help make California's water system more efficient and reliable. The project helps meet the objectives of the California Water Action Plan by providing a substantial supply of high-quality water to support the economy and the environment. Sites reflects California's innovative approach to meeting the needs of the environment, economic growth, and our quality of life.

Sites works for the ecosystem, and for families, farms, and businesses across the State. We encourage the California Water Commission to invest in the public benefits that the Sites Project would provide.

We look forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Hansen
Mayor



