

Board of Supervisors
COUNTY OF TEHAMA



July 11, 2017

Jim Watson, General Manager
Sites Project Authority
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

Dear Mr. Watson:

The County of Tehama took formal action this date to support the Sites Reservoir Project and its application for Proposition 1 funding.

The Sites Project is a proposed above ground, off-stream water storage project located ten miles west of Maxwell, in Northern California. When complete, this project would add up to 500,000 acre-feet to California's water system annually. Sites is an innovative and modern approach that goes beyond water supply and flood protection by adding flexibility and generating a much needed new water source for improved water quality, seasonal fish flows, climate change and drought relief.

The Sites Project creates an additional supply of reliable water that can be used for urban, agricultural, environmental, and industrial purposes. This project would also improve water quality in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and enhance environmental flows which would benefit the Delta's ecosystem.

Into the future California will continue to face severe water challenges including limited supplies, a growing population, the effects of climate change, and increased flow requirements for native fish. Now more than ever, our water system needs a more flexible, environmentally friendly solution to capturing and storing water for use when it's needed most. The Sites Project would provide an additional tool for water managers to effectively balance competing demands and provide safe and reliable water to support the current and future needs of California's environment and economy.

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

Sincerely,



Dennis Garcia
Chairman

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