

## CITY OF COLUSA

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

Dear Jim,

My organization, the City of Colusa, is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Project.

The Sites Project is a proposed above ground, off-stream water storage project located in Northern California and would add up to 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies 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. Sites would also improve water quality in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) and enhance environmental flows to benefit the Delta's ecosystem.

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, California's 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,

KIRK KELLEHER, MAYOR

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