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The voters of California approved Proposition 1 by a margin of more than two-to-one, and they had a clear understanding, in the midst of a historic drought, that they were being asked whether California should invest in new water storage projects. Governor Brown and other signatories of the official ballot argument in support of Proposition 1 wrote in relevant part: "Proposition 1 invests in *new storage increasing the amount of water that can be stored during wet years* for the dry years that will continue to challenge California." (Emphasis added.)

As surface water storage projects, Sites and Temperance Flat provide the only means of capturing and storing heavy snowmelt and rain runoff – especially in wet years – that can be later utilized for groundwater recharge. Without this surface storage supply, groundwater recharge opportunities are lost as flood flows cannot be accommodated by saturated recharge lands. As the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act is implemented, the need for this capacity and flexibility is greater than ever.

Both projects would also provide needed additional flood protection for communities throughout the Central Valley.

These projects will help make California's water system more efficient and reliable. The projects help 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.

We respectfully urge the Commission to support both the Sites Reservoir Project and the Temperance Flat Reservoir Project to the fullest extent possible.

Sincerely,

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