

California Legislature

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Armando Quintero
Chair, California Water Commission
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Dear Chairman Quintero:

We write today to convey our support for the Site Reservoir Project's application for funding from the Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP). The Sites project would provide valuable benefits to California's farms and cities, while providing much needed flexibility for water managers to adjust flows for the environment and for flood control.


As you know, the Sites Project is a 1.8 million acre-foot off-stream reservoir that would divert and store excess Sacramento River flows. The diversion levels would be dependent upon hydrologic conditions and would be structured to ensure that water taken out of the Sacramento River is truly in excess of downstream needs. If Sites Reservoir had been operational during the last wet season (October 2016-March 2017), 1.4 million acre-feet of water could have been diverted and stored.

The operational flexibility that the Sites project would provide to the State's entire water system is what makes this project so unique and worthy of funding. A few of the reservoir's many uses include, but are not limited to, dedicated water for fishery and flow purposes, a reliable water supply for California's agriculture, increased habitat for migratory birds on the Pacific Flyway, and greater water security for urban areas.

Opportunities to apply lessons learned during the last five years of drought must not be wasted. The drought and this year's record breaking rainfall have shown us how critical it is to develop smart storage that allows us to store more water in wet years for future use in dry ones. Sites Reservoir is that smart storage.

Thank you for the work that you and the Water Commission are doing to increase water supply reliability across California. We look forward to your announcement of funding awards. Please call us at (916)-319-2003 should you need any further information regarding our support for this vital project.

Sincerely,



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