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Dear Jim,

Representing over 600 cotton growers and 27 operating gins in the State of California, the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association wishes to express our support for the Sites Project. After the entire state was crippled by several years of drought, it is increasingly evident that innovative water storage projects are needed.

The Sites Project would create an additional 1.8 million acre-feet of storage which would produce up to 500,000 acre-feet of supplies to California's water system annually. This water would be extremely valuable in helping achieve a more efficient and reliable water supply system. Capturing and capitalizing on years of increased precipitation would not only help keep families and farms in business but it would also generate economic growth, produce jobs and help California achieve ecosystem benefits.

We have seen billions of gallons of precious water be lost to the ocean due to the lack of adequate infrastructure. The water challenges that California has encountered over the past several years will continue, however investing in opportunities such as the Sites Project will bring balance and sustainability to the most precious resource in the state. We look forward to do anything we can to help advance the Sites project.

Sincerely,

Roger Isom
President/CEO

