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

Dear Jim,

The Rocklin Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to offer its support for the Sites Reservoir Project.

As the voice of local businesses to the City of Rocklin and beyond, the Rocklin Area Chamber of Commerce advocates for improving and developing the business community both locally and regionally. A reliable water supply is essential to furthering our mission and promoting a stable economic environment.

The Sites Project would add up to 1,800,000 acre-feet of capacity to produce 500,000 acre-feet of critical supplies to California's water system on an annualized basis. With its ability to integrate operations with the state's water system, Sites is an innovative and modern approach that will help the state capture, store and move water where it needs to be, when it is needed most.

In particular, we believe that the Sites Reservoir Project can significantly increase water supply reliability for Placer County residents by reducing the burden on Folsom Reservoir during summer months. A fuller Folsom Reservoir means better access to water supplies and recreation opportunities for Placer businesses and citizens.

The Sites Reservoir Project works for the ecosystem, and for families, farms, and businesses. We encourage the California Water Commission to invest in the public benefits that the Sites Reservoir Project would provide.

Sincerely,

Stephen Makis, 2017 Chair

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