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

SUBJECT: Support of Sites Water Storage Project

Dear Mr. Watson:

The North Delta Water Agency (NDWA) is writing to express support for construction of the Sites Reservoir Project.

The additional off-stream storage would provide increased operational flexibility to manage instream flows to benefit flood control, water supply, fish species, and Delta water quality. The NDWA board is particularly supportive of the opportunity for the Project to integrate operations with the State Water Project which could assist the Department of Water Resources in maintaining the water quality criteria and water supply objectives specified in the NDWA-DWR 1981 Contract.

The fact that the Sites Project is being developed by and would be managed by a Joint Powers Authority dominated by local counties and flood control and water supply agencies that will ensure the water diverted into storage from Sacramento River Flows is truly in excess of downstream needs in accordance with area-of-origin and Delta protection water rights statutes.

NDWA looks forward to working with the Sites Project Authority to advance this important project.

Sincerely,

Melinda Terry,
Manager

Cc: David Guy, NCWA Executive Director

