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Mr. Keith Corum, Chairman
Glenn County Board of Supervisors
526 W Sycamore Street
Willows, CA 95988

RE: Support and Update of Sites Reservoir Off River Storage Project

Dear Chairman Corum:

Assemblyman James Gallagher and I want to re-affirm our strong support for the Sites Reservoir Project (Project) and the importance of this Project, not just for the vital water needs it meets but also for the tremendous economic development impact Sites Reservoir has for Glenn County and the region.

In addition to the well-known benefits to agricultural, environmental, and drinking water reliability, the project will provide extensive economic benefits for Glenn County.

With an estimated 10,500 jobs provided by construction and 2.8 million cubic yards of material used from the Orland Quarry the economic benefits to Glenn County are substantial. Material from the Quarry is estimated to cost \$200 million.

A portion of the jobs during construction are expected to pay a daily per diem that will bring approximately \$7.4 million into the local economy each year, totally just over \$44 million for the entirety of construction. Not only will these provide support to local businesses, but will bring in significant tax revenue to the county.

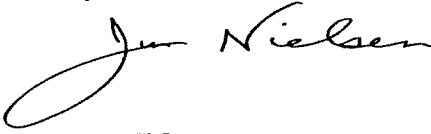
Also of critical importance is the "Area of Origin" protection language in the Proposition 1 bond funding. This same "Area of Origin" language is also in the 2010 legislation that updated the California Water Plan.

As we continue to move forward toward project construction and operation, we are committed to supporting the project and ensuring that the county's needs are met and concerns are addressed. We greatly value the involvement and input from the North State on this vital project, recognizing it would not be possible without unwavering local support.

Assemblyman Gallagher and I are truly looking forward to the day we can stand with the partnering agencies in the Sites Reservoir Project to put that first shovel in the ground for the construction of this

historic and critical project. If you have any further questions or comments, please contact my Chief of Staff, Rob Olmstead, at (916) 772-0571, or Assemblyman Gallagher's Chief of Staff Curtis Grima, at (530) 671-0303.

Sincerely,



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Senator, Fourth District



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