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Sites is not a viable solution to California's water problems. It is yet another hugely expensive attack on the natural world and on California taxpayers wallets. . It will flood 13,200 acres of woodlands and wetlands which home multiple species, including endangered species, while decimating fish populations, including Chinook salmon. Like all reservoirs, the rotting plant material it contains will emit significant green house gas and, as temperatures increase, Sites will lose significant amounts of water to evaporation. Instead of giant construction projects like Sites, California needs to turn to sustainable water solutions including water recycling, ground water storage projects and conservation. These are solutions that work with nature rather than destroying it..

Dear Commissioners,

I write to ask that the Commission not to approve any of the \$587,443,747 in uncommitted funds from the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) to fund Sites Reservoir. The Sites Project is requesting an additional \$268.9 million in public funding, bringing total taxpayer support through the Water Storage Investment Program to \$1.36 billion for a project that will not bring us a new source of water and that State Water Contractors (SWC) cannot afford. This follows another \$218.9 million increase approved to the Maximum Conditional Eligibility Determinations just last year, under the justification of inflationary cost increases, meaning the public has now been asked to cover nearly \$500 million in unexpected, “inflationary” cost increases in just a few years. These repeated increases raise serious concerns about project transparency, cost controls, and fiscal accountability.

And we, the public, shouldn't have to hand over another \$269 million after we just gave the Sites Project Authority \$219 million last year to account for inflation.

I urge the Commission to reject this request for additional funding for Sites Reservoir.

Sincerely,

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