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**To:** [California Water Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Please reject additional funding for Sites Reservoir.  
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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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