STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY

CALIFORNIA WATER COMMISSION RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2023-15

RESOLUTION TO GRANT ADDITIONAL EARLY FUNDING TO THE SITES WATER STORAGE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the California Water Commission (Commission) granted the Sites Project Authority's early funding request of \$40,818,884 when it evaluated the Sites Project Authority's Sites Project in July 2018;

WHEREAS, Title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 6010 sets a maximum award of 5% of the total Maximum Conditional Eligibility Determination (MCED) for the early funding available pursuant to Water Code section 79755(c);

WHEREAS, the Sites Project Authority's previous award represented five percent (5%) of its MCED in July 2018;

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2021, the Commission adjusted the MCEDs for all projects in the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) by 2.5% to account for inflation;

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2022, the Commission adjusted the MCED for the Sites Project to the amount initially requested in the Sites Project application by increasing the MCED by \$25,000,000;

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2022, the Commission additionally adjusted the MCEDs for all projects in the WSIP by 1.5% to account for inflation;

WHEREAS, the Sites Project Authority requested an increase to its early funding award, consistent with the regulations governing the Water Storage Investment Program, to the entire 5% of its revised MCED;

WHEREAS, at its meeting on May 17, 2023, the Commission voted to approve additional early funding for the Sites Project Authority's environmental documentation and permitting consistent with Water Code section 79755(c);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Water Commission approves the increase of the early funding by \$2,950,934 for a total early funding award of \$43,769,818 to SCWBA to complete environmental documentation and permitting for the Sites Prooject; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission directs staff to complete those ministerial tasks associated with completing the implementation of the Commission's direction.

Signed:

Matt Swanson, Chair

California Water Commission

5/17/2123 Date

Attest:

Joseph R. Yun, Executive Officer California Water Commission

Date