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Dear Commissioners: I understand your meeting of July 15th will discuss the Sites Reservoir project. I will try to attend and comment via Zoom, but in case something goes wrong with the connection at either end, here is a summary of my comments:

- Sites is a bad idea. Pumping water uphill for miles is expensive and unlikely to inspire ag users to want to purchase at a rate high enough to recover delivery costs. And when you factor in water losses from evaporation and soil saturation, the project makes even less sense. Further, the project is based on faulty science and is likely to contribute to consequences on our commercial and sport fisheries.
- The project seems to have overlooked the fishing and water rights of Native Tribes.
- The project is just an excuse for the horrible Delta Tunnel project to look better - a bad idea that is needed to help out an even worse idea. Taxpayers should not be abused that way.
- I am strongly opposed to the project. As Restore the Delta has pointed out for years, there are much better ways - cheaper, less damaging to the environment and more efficient - to solve California's challenging water needs.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully,  
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