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California Water Commission
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Honorable Commissioner:

The Shasta County Cattlemen's Association is writing to you with regard to the water situation in California. It should come to no surprise to you that the current water storage in the state is inadequate to meet our needs. The population in CA has approaching 40 million. The drought of recent years has made an already tenuous water situation worse. There has been no additional construction of major storage facilities in decades. Water that was previously allocated for agriculture and urban uses has been dedicated to the environment. The only answer to resolve this problem is to increase the water storage capacity in the state. Adding storage capacity would help alleviate water shortfalls during short water years.

For decades there has been discussion of building Sites Reservoir (and other storage facilities). The time to act is now. Building additional water storage will assure that water flows to meet the needs of urban centers, agriculture and the environment and will keep the California economy growing.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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