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The Honorable Joseph Byrne, Chair
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**Subject: Comments of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District ("District") on
 Draft WSIP Regulations, dated September 2, 2016**

Dear Chair Byrne and Commission Members:

The District delivers water to 77,800 acres of farms in the Southern San Joaquin Valley. An additional 23,000 acres of lands reliant on groundwater also benefit from these deliveries. The District pays for and receives benefits from both surface storage (via contract for 5% of State Water Project supplies) and groundwater storage (via a 24% interest in the Kern Water Bank). Additions to the state's water storage infrastructure are critical to (a) meeting future water supply and environmental needs, (b) restoring water supplies lost to agriculture due to Delta export restrictions resulting from endangered fisheries, and (c) addressing groundwater overdraft issues through the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and associated regulations. The District is particularly interested in the proposed surface storage at Sites Reservoir and Temperance Flat Reservoir which may allow flood flows to be captured for later delivery during fish friendly periods for purposes of fishery benefits, agricultural deliveries and groundwater recharge.

The District has reviewed various comment letters on the draft WSIP regulations. Rather than repeat the comments of others, please be advised the District hereby supports the following comments of others on the draft WSIP regulations.

Date	Commenting Agency
September 29, 2016	Sites Project Authority
September 28, 2016	Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7
August 3, 2016	California Legislature
September 13, 2016	Fresno County Board of Supervisors

Sincerely,

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cc: Sites Project Authority
 Alameda County FC&WCD, Zone 7
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