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SITES PROJECT COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED
PUBLIC MEETINGS ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DOCUMENTS
RESCHEDULED

MAXWELL, CA—The Sites Project Authority (Authority) and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) – lead agencies for the Sites Project – have extended the public review and comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/EIS) by an additional 64 days. The comment period on the draft environmental documents will close on January 15, 2018.

The comment period extension will provide the public and agencies additional time to review and submit comments on the environmental analysis for the proposed Sites Project. In extending the comment period, the Authority is also announcing the rescheduling of two public meetings previously planned for September 26 and 28, 2017.

The new meeting dates are:

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Embassy Suites: 100 Capitol Mall, Old Sacramento Ballroom, Sacramento, CA 95814

Thursday, December 7, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sites Project Authority Office: 122 Old Highway 99 West, Maxwell, CA 95955

The public meetings will provide information and an opportunity to learn more about the Sites Project and submit comments on the draft environmental documents.

The Draft EIR/EIS evaluates and describes the environmental effects and proposed mitigation measures associated with construction and operation of the Sites

Reservoir and associated facilities. Reclamation anticipates publishing their Notice of Availability for the Draft EIR/EIS comment period extension in the Federal Register by the end of this week.

The Sites Project is the culmination of decades of planning to optimize water supplies and deliveries throughout California and provide direct and real benefits to instream flows and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) ecosystem. The 1.3 to 1.8 million acre-foot offstream surface water storage project is being advanced to greatly increase the reliability of statewide water supplies for environmental, agricultural and urban uses.

The Authority is comprised of several Northern California public agencies who are motivated to build local water sustainability in a way that helps the state meet its overall water system needs.

The 154-day Draft EIR/EIS public review period provides an opportunity for regulatory agencies and the public to comment on the adequacy and completeness of the environmental analyses and proposed mitigation measures, helping inform project development.

The Draft EIR/EIS and more information about the environmental review process can be found online at: <https://www.sitesproject.org/environmental-review/>. Public comments can be emailed to: EIR-EIS-Comments@SitesProject.org.

For questions about the Sites Project or public meetings please contact: Janet Barbieri, Sites Project Authority, at 530-919-9306.

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The Sites Project is an innovative and environmentally-focused offstream water storage solution. It creates a unique opportunity for direct and real benefits to instream flows, the Delta ecosystem, and water supply.

There are currently 32 participants in the Sites Project. The following compose the Sites Project Authority: Colusa County Water District, County of Colusa, County of Glenn, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Maxwell Irrigation District, Orland-Artois Water District, Placer County Water Agency/City of Roseville, Proberta Water District, Reclamation District 108, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Western Canal Water District, Westside Water District.

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