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State Water Resources Control Board

ABRIDGED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SITES RESERVOIR PROJECT

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The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) will hold a pre-hearing conference and a public hearing on the pending petition for partial assignment of state-filed Application 25517 (priority date of September 30, 1977) and accompanying water right Application 25517X01, and the pending petitions for releases from priority of state-filed Applications 25513, 25514, 25517 (unassigned portion), 22235, 23780, and 23781 in favor of water right Application 25517X01 of **Sites Project Authority**.

Proposed Sites Reservoir Project

Sites Project Authority seeks to divert up to 1,500,000 acre-feet of water per year from September 1 of each year to June 14 of the succeeding year from the Sacramento River in Glenn and Tehama Counties at a rate not to exceed 4,200 cubic feet per second, and Funks Creek and Stone Corral Creek, in Colusa County, for storage in a proposed new reservoir (Sites Reservoir) with a capacity of 1,500,000 acre-feet. The diverted and stored water would be used in northern and southern California for multiple purposes, including agricultural use, municipal use, and fish and wildlife protection.

Public Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference

The pre-hearing conference will be held on **April 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**, by Zoom teleconference. The public hearing will begin on **June 17 or 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**, and continue on **July 9-12, 15, and 17, August 12-15, 19, 21, 22, and 27-29, September 16, 18, 23, 24, and 30, and October 2 and 8-10, 2024**, beginning each day at **9:00 a.m.**

The public hearing will primarily be held by Zoom teleconference, but the AHO may conduct limited portions of the hearing as a hybrid hearing, during which parties, witnesses, or interested persons may appear by Zoom teleconference or in person at a physical location at the CalEPA building at 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California.

Representatives of parties and other people who want to participate in the pre-hearing conference or the hearing may access these Zoom teleconferences by using the following link and call-in information:

<https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/92567514898?pwd=NmxQUFJ3WW9MUThLdUJAcmtobG9ZQT09> with Meeting ID: 925 6751 4898 and Passcode: 830366

Or by calling in at: +16699009128,,92567514898#,,,,*830366# US (San Jose)

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Purpose of Hearing

The purpose of this hearing is to receive evidence to be considered in determining whether the State Water Board should approve the petition for partial assignment of state-filed Application 25517, accompanying water right Application 25517X01, and petitions for releases from priority of state-filed Applications 25513, 25514, 25517 (unassigned portion), 22235, 23780, and 23781 in favor of water right Application 25517X01 filed by the Sites Project Authority, and, if so, what specific terms or conditions should be included in any approval.

To Participate in the Hearing and for More Information

Each person or entity that wants to participate in the hearing must file a Notice of Intent to Appear with the AHO. The deadline for parties to file a Notice of Intent to Appear to participate in this hearing is **April 2, 2024**.

For more information about the background to this proceeding, the hearing issues, the pre-hearing conference, the hearing procedures including how to file a Notice of Intent to Appear, and the hearing schedule, please see the Notice of Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference (Sites Reservoir) posted at:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/administrative_hearings_office/sites-project-authority.html

For additional details concerning the Sites Project Authority's petition for partial assignment, accompanying water right application, and petitions for releases from priority, please see the notice of the application and petitions that was issued by the Division of Water Rights, which is available on the State Water Board's website at: www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/notices/docs/a025517x01_rev1.pdf