



August 16, 2025

California Water Commission  
P.O. Box 924836  
Sacramento, CA 94236

Via email [cwc@water.ca.gov](mailto:cwc@water.ca.gov)

RE: Support for removal of WSIP dollar cap regulation on early funding and  
reallocation to Sites Reservoir Project

Dear Commission Members:

The California Rice Commission is witting today in strong support for removal of dollar cap regulation on early funding from the current Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) and reallocating funding to the Sites Reservoir Project. Such an action by the Commission would allow Sites to immediate use these funds to advance construction in 2026.

In the face of growing climate impacts on the environment, communities and agriculture, we encourage the Commission to take this action to expedite the state's ability to adapt to changing demands on our water infrastructure.

On behalf of California's 2,500 farmers and mills, that annually provide important habitat for the Pacific Flyway on our working ag lands, we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Johnson", is written over a horizontal line.

Tim Johnson  
President & CEO