
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF SITE VISIT

In connection with the hearing being held by the
State Water Resources Control Board,
Administrative Hearings Office,
on the pending petition for assignment of state-filed Application
25517 and accompanying water right Application 25517X01 and
the petitions for release 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,

the State Water Board will conduct
a site visit **on September 9, 2024, starting at 10:00 a.m.,
and September 10, 2024, starting at 9:00 a.m.**

The site visit will convene on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority Office at the Red Buff Pumping Plant at 22500 Altube Avenue, Red Bluff, California. The site visit will re-convene on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at the Sites Project Authority Office at 122 Old Hwy 99 West, Maxwell, California. An itinerary and map of the points of interest for the site visit will be provided to the participants at these respective meeting locations.

Although a quorum of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) may be present during all or a portion of the site visit, the Board will not take any final action.

BACKGROUND

The Second Amended Notice of Public Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference issued by the Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) on August 8, 2024, discusses the purpose of this hearing, background information, hearing issues, and other hearing information.

PURPOSE OF SITE VISIT

The purpose of this site visit is for members of the State Water Board, the AHO hearing officer, other members of the State Water Board hearing team, and the parties to this proceeding, to view points of interest that may be relevant to the hearing issues,

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including the proposed project site, related infrastructure and facilities, and topographical features in the area of the proposed project.

The State Water Board may use information obtained during this site visit to inform the AHO's conduct of the hearing, the preparation of a draft and final recommended decision, and consideration of the final recommended decision by the Board. AHO personnel will prepare an audio plus video recording at each stop and may also take photographs. The AHO will add these recordings and photographs to the administrative record for this matter.

PROCEDURES FOR THE SITE VISIT

All parties and any member of the public may attend the site visit. Any person who intends to attend the site visit is requested, but is not required, to fill out the enclosed Optional Intent to Attend Site Visit Form and e-mail it to sites-wr-application@waterboards.ca.gov on or before **September 3, 2024**.

The parties may offer testimony within the scope of the talking points submitted to the AHO on or before August 23, to identify the physical setting or features of interest at the points of interest during the site visit. Any testimony shall be limited to factual matters related to the proposed project's physical setting and features, rather than general or opinion testimony. Any witness who testifies during the site visit shall be subject to cross-examination during the regularly scheduled hearing days upon the request of any other party. Testimony shall be delivered in an orderly manner as directed by the AHO hearing officer and will be captured by video and audio recording taken by AHO personnel.

Everyone participating in the site visit will be responsible for his or her own transportation and participants are encouraged to bring a bag lunch. The Board Members, hearing officer, and hearing team will travel to the site visit and each location in separate vehicles from the other parties and members of the public.

The State Water Board and the State of California do not assume any responsibility to, or liability for, any party to the proceeding or member of the public who decides to participate in any part of this site visit.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

For oral interpretation, written translation, or sign language services, please call (916) 341-5254 or e-mail: opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov (at least 7 calendar days before the date of the site visit).

ACCESSIBILITY AND REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

The State Water Board is committed to making its meetings accessible consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable modifications or accommodations.

Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at: (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922. In addition, persons requiring reasonable modification or accommodation for disabilities should promptly (preferably at least 7 days before the site visit) contact the Clerk at board.clerk@waterboards.ca.gov to initiate a request for reasonable modification or accommodation.

This notice and other notices of State Water Board meetings are available electronically at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/index.shtml. For more information, please contact Skyler Anderson, of the Administrative Hearings Office, at sites-wr-application@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341-6940.

8/29/2024

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- Service List
- Optional Intent to Attend Site Visit Form

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Intent to Attend Site Visit **September 9 and 10, 2024** **(Proposed Sites Reservoir Project Hearing)**

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