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## State Water Resources Control Board

# **FOURTH** AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The State Water Resources Control Board Administrative Hearings Office will hold a Public Hearing 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 Public Hearing began on **August 19, 2024, at 9 a.m., and continued on August 27-29, September 3, 6, 9-11, 16, 18, 23, and 24, and will continue on September 30, and October 2, 8-10, 22-24, 28, and November 4, 2024, and January 9, 10, 14-16, 20, 21, 24, and 28-30, 2025, (additional dates for rebuttal and surrebuttal to be added), beginning each day at 9 a.m.**

The hearing will be held by Zoom teleconference **only. and will be held in-person (with the option to participate by Zoom) on ~~October 2, at Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building, Coastal Hearing Room, 1001 I Street, Second Floor, Sacramento, California.~~**

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

**Zoom Teleconference (join link: <https://bit.ly/aho-sites-zoom>)**

**Call-in number: 1-669-900-9128**

**Meeting ID: 925 6751 4898 (Passcode: 830366)**

**Interested members of the public who would like to watch this hearing without participating may do so through the Administrative Hearings Office YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/@swrcbadministrativehearing728/featured>.**

~~Although a quorum of the State Water Resources Control Board is expected to be present at the hearing on October 2, and some members in excess of a quorum may participate remotely as authorized by Government Code section 11123.2, the Board will not take any final action.~~

**The in-person option for the October 2, 2024, hearing day is cancelled. All parties must appear by Zoom teleconference to participate in the hearing. A quorum of the State Water Resources Control Board will not be present.**

### **PURPOSE OF HEARING**

The purpose of this hearing is to receive evidence to be considered in determining whether the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) should approve the petition for partial assignment of state-filed Application 25517, accompanying water right Application 25517X01, and 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 filed by the Sites Project Authority, and, if so, what specific terms or conditions should be included in any approvals.

Additional background information about this proceeding and the procedures applicable to this hearing are in the June 5, 2024 Amended Notice of Public Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference, which is incorporated herein. The procedures and deadlines in the June 5 Amended Notice of Hearing remain in effect unless explicitly revised in subsequent amendments to the hearing notice or this Fourth Amended Notice of Hearing.

### **HEARING SCHEDULE AND DEADLINES**

<b>Deadlines / Schedule</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>
Additional case-in-chief hearing days (as necessary).	<b>September 23, 24, 30, 2024, and October 2, 8-10, 22-24, and November 4, 2024, starting at 9:00 a.m. (and additional days as necessary).</b>
Deadline for parties to file rebuttal exhibits and updated exhibit identification indices.	<b>December 6, 2024.</b>
Rebuttal portion of hearing.	<b>January 24, and 28-30, 2025, and additional days as necessary, starting at 9:00 a.m.</b>

The schedule for the rebuttal portion of the hearing remains contingent on the issuance of incidental take permits for construction and operation of the proposed Sites Reservoir Project by CDFW, which is expected to occur in October 2024. The hearing officer directs the Authority to immediately notify the AHO if the Authority's expectation changes as to when it is likely to receive the incidental take permits.

The hearing officer will schedule additional hearing days for rebuttal in a subsequent amended hearing notice.

### **AHO WEBPAGE AND NOTICES**

Subject to legal limitations, including the requirements for Internet website accessibility in Government Code section 11546.7, the AHO will post all notices and other documents regarding these proceedings on the AHO's Internet webpage at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/administrative\\_hearings\\_office/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/administrative_hearings_office/)

### **HEARING LIVE-STREAM AND RECORDING**

The hearing will be live-streamed through the AHO's YouTube channel, accessible by clicking on the link provided below. The live-stream will consist of a morning session and an afternoon session. To view the morning session, click the link identified as "morning." The morning session will conclude at the lunch break. To view the afternoon session, click the link identified as "afternoon." The afternoon session will begin after the lunch break.

After the conclusion of the hearing, a recording of the morning and afternoon YouTube live-stream sessions will be available on the AHO's YouTube channel. These recordings will include automatic captions for accessibility.

The live-stream and recordings may be accessed at the following link by clicking on Live and Videos, respectively:

<https://www.youtube.com/@swrcbadministrativehearing728/featured>.

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