STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE
NOVEMBER 4, 2026

ITEM 3

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ADOPTION OF A DECISION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING APPLICATION 33534A, ISSUING A PERMIT, DENYING A PETITION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF STATE-FILED APPLICATION 25517, AND DENYING PETITIONS FOR RELEASE FROM PRIORITY OF STATE-FILED APPLICATIONS 25513, 25514, 25517 (UNASSIGNED PORTION), 22235, 23780, 23781 FOR SITES PROJECT AUTHORITY.

DISCUSSION

The Sites Project Authority seeks to appropriate water for operation of a proposed new surface water storage project, the Sites Reservoir Project, which would entail the diversion and storage of water from the Sacramento River for later use in northern and southern California for multiple purposes, including agricultural use, municipal use, and fish and wildlife protection. The project would use existing infrastructure to divert water from the river near Red Bluff and Hamilton City and store it in a proposed new reservoir with a storage capacity of 1.5 million acre-feet (Sites Reservoir). Sites Reservoir would be located near the town of Maxwell, approximately 17 miles west of the Sacramento River in Glenn and Colusa counties. New and existing facilities would transfer water into and out of the reservoir, ultimately releasing water back to existing canals or the river system for use by storage partners.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopt the proposed Decision and issue the permit, authorizing the appropriation of water for the Sites Reservoir Project, and if so, what terms and conditions should be included in the approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the State Water Board adopt the proposed Decision and issue the Permit.