

Sites Hearings

Below, hearing dates are listed in reverse chronological order.

Date	Topic	Recording (YouTube Link)
2025		
* The following hearing schedule is tentative and subject to change at the hearing officer's discretion		
March 11	Ben King (T&M King Farms) rebuttal testimony Coordinating NGO witnesses' rebuttal testimony, cont.: Krystal Moreno	Morning Session Afternoon Session
March 10	Coordinating NGO witnesses' rebuttal testimony, cont. Mark Easter Chris Shutes Jon Rosenfield	Morning Session Afternoon Session
March 6	Coordinating NGO witnesses' rebuttal testimony, cont. Shawn Smallwood , cont. Mark Buckley , <i>Affordability of Sites Reservoir</i>	Morning Session
March 5	SDWA rebuttal testimony, cont.: Cross examination of Gregory Wilson and Thomas Burke, cont. Dr. Michelle Leinfelder-Miles , Salinity Coordinating NGO witnesses' rebuttal testimony: Eli Asarian , <i>Evaporation</i> Les Marston , <i>Tribal Water Rights</i> Betsy Bruner , <i>Tribal Engagement Survey</i> Shawn Smallwood , <i>Terrestrial Impacts</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
March 4	Sites Project Authority's Panel 5: Jennifer Hale , <i>Terrestrial Impacts</i> Lisa Webber , <i>Terrestrial Impacts</i> South Delta Water Agency rebuttal testimony: Gregory Wilson , <i>Project permitting</i> Thomas Burke , <i>Modeling; Hydrology; Existing operations and requirements.</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
February 26	Department of Water Resources rebuttal testimony: Aaron Miller , <i>Water Operations and Planning for State Water Project</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session

	State Water Contractors rebuttal testimony: Brandon Goshi , <i>Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Need for Additional Supply</i>	
February 25	Sites Project Authority's Panel 6: Kyle Winslow , <i>Sites Reservoir Water Release Temperatures; HABs</i> Anne Huber , <i>Sites Reservoir Water Release Temperatures; HABs</i> Lesia Erecius , <i>Sites Reservoir Water Release Temperatures; HABs</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
February 24	Panel 2, cont.: Panel 3: Jordon Navarrot , <i>Agricultural Water Management Planning</i> Hal Charter , <i>Agricultural Water Management Planning</i> Rob Kunde , <i>Agricultural Water Management Planning</i> Panel 4: Marin Greenwood , <i>Fisheries Impacts</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
February 21	Sites Project Authority rebuttal testimony panels, Sites Project Authority, Panel 1: Angela Bezzone , <i>Water Availability</i> Panel 2: Alicia Forsythe , <i>Funks/Stone Corral Creeks, Colusa Basin Drain, Exchanges, South-of Delta (SOD) Exports</i> Angela Bezzone , <i>Funks/Stone Corral Creeks, Colusa Basin Drain, Exchanges, SOD Exports</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
February 6	Sites Project Authority's presentation of ITP-related testimony Panel 3, cont. Panel 4: Wesley Walker , <i>Water availability analysis with ITP terms and conditions</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
February 3	Sites Project Authority's presentation of ITP-related testimony Panel 1: Alicia Forsythe , <i>Overview of ITP development, content, and implementation</i> Panel 2: Jennifer Hale , <i>Terrestrial wildlife impacts with Construction ITP conditions</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session

	Lisa Webber, <i>Terrestrial landcover and special-status plants with Construction ITP conditions</i> Panel 3: Chad Whittington, <i>CalSim II modeling assumptions used for ITP Application</i> Marin Greenwood, <i>Impacts on Salmonids, Smelts, Sturgeon with Operation ITP conditions</i> Richard Wilder, <i>Impacts on Salmonids; Sturgeon; Lamprey; and other Far-Field effects with Operation ITP conditions</i>	
2024		
November 7	South Delta Water Agency et al. case-in-chief: Joey Ratto, <i>Farming; Water quality and levels</i>	Morning Session
November 4	Clarke Ornbaun case-in-chief NGO parties' case-in-chief, cont: Jon Rosenfield, <i>Flow hydrology impact, Fish flow requirements impact</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
October 23	South Delta Water Agency et al. case-in-chief (re-direct of Gregory Wilson and Thomas Burke, cont.) South Delta Water Agency et al. case-in-chief: Richard Pellegrini, <i>Farming; water quality and levels</i> Dante Nomellini Sr., <i>Regulatory requirements and considerations; Water rights deficiencies of petition; Injury to lawful water users</i> Bruce Herbold, <i>Fisheries; Outflow; Hydrology; water quality</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
October 22	South Delta Water Agency et al. case-in-chief (cross-exam of Gregory Wilson and Thomas Burke, cont.)	Morning Session Afternoon Session
October 21	NGO coordinating parties' case-in-chief, cont.: Jacob Kann, <i>Water quality effects from reservoir operations, including HABs, nutrients and methylation of mercury reservoir impact</i> Eli Asarian, <i>Water quality effects from reservoir operations, including water temperature and HABs. Impacts of releases on downstream beneficial uses.</i> South Delta Water Agency et al. opening statement and case-in-chief: Gregory Wilson, <i>Project permitting</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session

	Thomas Burke , <i>Modeling; Hydrology; Existing operations and requirements.</i>	
October 10	NGO coordinating parties' case-in-chief (cross-exam of Eli Asarian, cont.) Ben King case-in-chief: <i>Availability of water, water quality, special statutes, SGMA GSP status, existing water rights, operations plan omissions, scope and capacity of public agencies</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
October 9	NGO parties' case-in-chief: Bruce Reznik, <i>Local water supply alternatives</i> Jeffrey Michael, <i>Economic impacts of Sites Reservoir</i> Eli Asarian, <i>Alternative water supplies for agriculture</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
October 8	NGO coordinating parties' case-in-chief: Scott Artis, <i>Fisheries impacts</i> Mark Easter, <i>Greenhouse gas emissions</i> George Bradshaw, <i>Fisheries impacts</i> Shawn Smallwood, <i>Riparian, avian, terrestrial ecology impact</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
October 2	NGO coordinating parties' case-in-chief (cross-exam of Sherri Norris, cont.) NGO parties' case-in-chief: Ronald Stork, <i>Sites Reservoir in the context of historical and current California water policy</i> Chris Shutes, <i>Effects of Sites diversion on the Sacramento River hydrograph</i> Christina Swanson, <i>Climate change impacts</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
September 30	Sites Project Authority case-in-chief, Panel 8, cont. NGO coordinating parties' opening statements and case-in-chief: Sherri Norris, <i>Tribal Beneficial Uses, Harmful algal blooms (HABs); impacts to tribes</i> Lester Marston, <i>Tribal water rights</i> Gary Mulcahy, <i>Tribal cultural resources impact; impacts to Winnemem Wintu</i> Malissa Tayaba, <i>Impacts to tribes, impacts to Tribal Beneficial Uses, impacts to Shingle Springs Band</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
September 24	Sites Project Authority case-in-chief, Panel 9, cont. Sites Project Authority case-in-chief, Panel 10: Kevin Spesert, <i>Land acquisition</i> JP Robinette, <i>Facilities access</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session

	Sites Project Authority case-in-chief, Panel 8: Cory Matsui , <i>Greenhouse gas analysis</i> Kirsten Jaglo , <i>Greenhouse gas analysis</i>	
September 23	Sites Project Authority case-in-chief, Panel 7, cont. Sites Project Authority case-in-chief, Panel 9: Alicia Forsythe , <i>Tribal consultation</i> Danielle Risse , <i>Tribal cultural resources; mitigation</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
September 16	Sites Project Authority case-in-chief, Panel 6, cont.	Morning Session Afternoon Session
September 18	Sites Project Authority, Panel 6, cont. Sites Project Authority case-in-chief, Panel 7: Lisa Webber , <i>Terrestrial; Landcover and special-status plants</i> Jennifer Hale , <i>Terrestrial; Wildlife impacts</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
September 11	Sites Project Authority case-in-chief, Panel 4, cont. Sites Project Authority case-in-chief, Panel 6: Rick Wilder , <i>Salmonids; Sturgeon; Lamprey; Far-Field effects</i> Sophie Unger , <i>Wetted area analysis</i> Marin Greenwood , <i>Salmonids; Smelts; Sturgeon</i> Jason Hassrick , <i>Aquatic study plan; Funks and Stone Corral Creeks</i> John Spranza , <i>Adaptive management plan</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
September 6	Sites Project Authority case-in-chief, Panel 5: Anne Huber , <i>Metals; HABs; Pesticides; Salinity; Temperature</i> Cameron Irvine , <i>Mercury</i> Sites Project Authority case-in-chief, Panel 4: Angela Bezzone , <i>Water availability analysis</i> Wesley Walker , <i>Water availability analysis</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
September 3	Sites Project Authority, Panel 3, cont.	Morning Session Afternoon Session
August 29	Sites Project Authority case-in-chief, Panel 3: Steve Micko , <i>Project modeling integration</i> Chad Whittington , <i>CalSim II; Surface water impacts</i> Samaneh Saadat , <i>DSM 2; HEC5Q; Temperature blending model</i> Kyle Winslow , <i>Reservoir temperature (CE QUAL-W2)</i> Jeff Davids , <i>Groundwater</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session

August 28	Sites Project Authority case-in-chief, Panel 2: Angela Bezzone, <i>Petitions for partial assignment and release from priority</i> Alicia Forsythe, <i>Local planning coordination</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
August 27	Sites Project Authority's opening statement, and case-in-chief, Panel 1: Jerry Brown, <i>Project overview; governance; project benefits</i> JP Robinette, <i>Project facilities</i> Angela Bezzone, <i>Project operations; water right terms; beneficial uses</i> Jeff Herrin, <i>Proposition 1</i> Alicia Forsythe, <i>Permits; CEQA; Realizing project benefits</i>	Morning Session Afternoon Session
August 19	Policy statements	Public Hearing (Virtual) Morning Session Afternoon Session