

SITES PROJECT

Securing Statewide Water Supplies



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The Sites Project increases water supply and improves the reliability of water deliveries for municipal, industrial, agricultural and environmental uses in Northern California and throughout the state. Specifically, Sites:



Increases Sacramento Valley water storage capacity by 15%



Operates in cooperation with the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP), which will **improve water supply reliability throughout the state's interdependent water system**



Provides a **reliable source of water in all water year types** and is particularly beneficial during dry/critical years and extended drought periods



Adapt to the effects of climate change by capturing excess runoff caused by flashier storm events and reduced snowpack due to warmer temperatures



Integrated Water Management

Sites offers the state an innovative new water management tool that would enhance flexibility in the Sacramento Valley and provide storage and operational benefits to improve local and statewide water supply reliability.

The Sites Project Authority is working with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Department of Water Resources to develop cooperative operations between the Sites Reservoir, SWP and CVP that would improve water supply reliability throughout the state's integrated water system.

Sites supports the **California Water Action Plan and 2009 Delta Reform Act** by balancing human and environmental needs and providing more reliable water supplies.



By significantly increasing storage north of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta), Sites gives water managers across California increased flexibility to meet the state's water needs while protecting important habitats and improving environmental conditions.



Regional and Statewide Benefits

The water supply benefits of the Sites Project go beyond Northern California, extending to various regions in the state, including the Bay Area and Southern California. The project would provide high-quality water that could be used for drinking, irrigation, recreation, flood management and several other purposes. In addition, Sites could increase the value of regional local water supply reliability improvement projects.



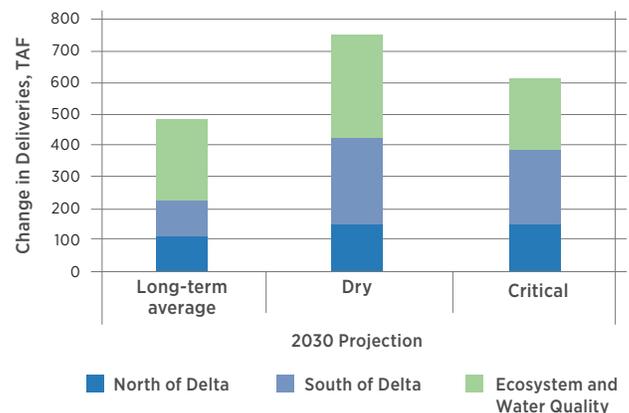
28 regional water management agencies statewide have requested to participate in the Sites Project at a level that would allow them to receive water supply benefits.

The Sites Project Secures Water Supplies From the Impacts of Climate Change



Drought Resilience

The Sites Reservoir provides water in all water year types and is particularly beneficial during dry and critical years and extended drought periods, increasing overall water supplies despite climate change impacts.



Situated for Success

As an offstream reservoir, Sites will not dam an existing river, block fish migration, or reduce flows in the Sacramento River or any watershed. Due to its location north of the Delta, water can be flexibly managed for use when and where it's needed most and benefit flows throughout the system.