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Honorable Anthony Roberts
Chairman
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
P.O. Box 18
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Subject: Request for Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Participation as a Cooperating Agency in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process for the North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS)/Sites Reservoir Project (Project)

Dear Chairman Roberts:

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Sites Project Authority are preparing a joint Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (REIR)/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Project. The Project would add a new offstream storage facility northwest of Sacramento, California, in Glenn and Colusa counties. The Project is intended to improve water supply for multiple uses. As the Federal lead agency, Reclamation requests your participation in the NEPA process based on your jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues which should be addressed in the REIR/SEIS.

We are inviting the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation to be a Cooperating Agency in this project as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA in 40 CFR 1508.1(e). The responsibilities of a Cooperating Agency are described in 40 CFR 1501.8. Should the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation choose to become a Cooperating Agency, then a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the Project and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation's involvement in more detail, and a memorandum of understanding may be established.

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We look forward to your response and participation in the Project review. Please inform us of your decision by December 15, 2020, by contacting Mr. Ryan Davis at rdavis@usbr.gov or (916) 978-5083, or Ms. Melissa Dekar at mdekar@usbr.gov or (916) 978-6153. Please reach out to Mr. Davis if you have questions about the Project or would like further information.

Sincerely,

Ernest A. Conant
Regional Director