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**From:** Shann Ikezawa <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 29, 2021 9:09 PM  
**To:** California Water Commission  
**Subject:** Infeasibility of Pacheco Dam Project

Dear Water Commission Staff,

I am writing in opposition to Proposition 1 funding for the proposed Pacheco Dam project.

As a California resident, I understand that our state has faced significant water shortages and that water storage is one means to address these challenges. However, astronomical costs and significant environmental damages that are not fully mitigated make the Pacheco Dam project both irresponsible and infeasible. From the time of its application in 2017, the costs of the Pacheco dam have risen more than two-fold, and the benefits have decreased substantially, to the point it is no longer feasible.

Despite its representations of feasibility to the Commission, Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) own internal analysis shows that compared to other water projects it is considering, the Pacheco Dam project would be substantially more expensive and far riskier than most other water projects it is considering. Valley Water also admits that the new dam would not reduce the severity of water shortages in a drought, supply water in drought years, or provide any new water supplies. The new dam also relies on imported water from the already stressed Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the tiny Pacheco Creek, which may provide as little as 50-acre feet of inflow per year.

In addition to the financial burden of building a \$2 billion+ dam, the construction of this project would permanently destroy the environment in the 1,500-acre inundation area, driving out wildlife and causing irreparable damage to the surrounding biologically, historically, and culturally significant lands. These significant impacts are not fully mitigated, and have not been subtracted from the project's alleged benefits.

We strongly urge you to determine that the Pacheco Dam project is not feasible, and that it should not receive funding from Proposition 1. California taxpayers deserve better projects.

Sincerely,

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