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Subject: SAVE Del Puerto Canyon-CWC 12/15 meeting comment

To whom it may concern,

I am a local Patterson resident living in the Walker Ranch area. We've been Patterson residents since 1990 and have watched the growth and development of this town over the years. Every year as new residential and commercial developments are erected we've watched the farmland dwindle. My father, a farm laborer, worked many agricultural fields for a prominent farmer back in the 90's and now only references the land in past tense because it no longer serves the same purpose.

With a growing population, I understand the need for growth and development. However, the Reservoir/dam that is currently being proposed would not benefit our residents. We would be taking a big risk with the construction of a ticking time bomb. A dam collapse or break would be an absolute catastrophe. They say it would be built to withstand seismic damage, but I don't want to take my chances.

We worked very hard to purchase our home as did many others. Many of us make the sacrifice daily to commute to the Bay Area and make a living. We chose Patterson because it is a centrally placed commuter town with a low crime rate and that small town feel. We feel safe here!

I would hate to worry about a damn collapse that would flood our town and make us lose our home and precious belongings. Many of us have never experienced a devastating catastrophe like we see on TV year after year. We always feel bad for those affected and are glad it didn't happen to us. We feel at ease because we don't live in a flood zone or a hurricane/tornado stricken area. Would we have to get flood insurance? Will we have to deal with FEMA? These are all things that come to mind now when I hear about this reservoir/dam proposal.

Of course the farmers of Patterson are for it because it benefits them. Many of them are financially capable of bouncing back given a catastrophe. They don't live at the edge of the the proposed construction! Their crops would eventually dry and recover. They can sleep at night knowing thousands of cubic feet of water per second will not flood their home.

We already have the high freeway traffic who stop to get gas and food on their way to the Bay Area. Getting off on Sperry Ave from HWY-5 is a challenge when returning home. It would be even more challenging with the reservoir traffic.

Aside from these reasons of danger and traffic lies the destruction of a natural habitat for wildlife. The canyon is a sacred location filled with many geological, paleontological, and archeological discoveries. It would be a shame to pour cement over such treasures.

There are many more areas to consider for the proposed reservoir/dam. Please consider a location that wouldn't affect a community and create a hazard. I wouldn't move next to an active volcano and I don't want to live next to a structure that in "theory" is supposed to withstand the "big one"!

Thank you for your time. Please Save Del Puerto Canyon and save the community of Patterson from a ticking time bomb.

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