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The BAOs shall inform and support the Board in its work.

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30             Email from Katja Irvin, Sierra Club/Loma Prieta Chapter, to the Board, dated 09/14/17, regarding a transcription of her public comments on the 09/12/17 Board meeting, agenda item 2.1 – WaterFix (C-17-0333).

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- 36 Reply letter from Director Kremen to Laura Bajuk, Palo Alto History Museum, dated 09/15/17, regarding District sponsorship of a water-related exhibit (C-17-0325).

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# **CEO BULLETIN**

**To: Board of Directors**  
**From: Norma J. Camacho, Interim CEO**

## Chief Executive Officer Bulletin Week of September 8 - 14, 2017

### **Board Executive Limitation Policy EL-7:**

*The Board Appointed Officers shall inform and support the Board in its work. Further, a BAO shall 1) inform the Board of relevant trends, anticipated adverse media coverage, or material external and internal changes, particularly changes in the assumptions upon which any Board policy has previously been established and 2) report in a timely manner an actual or anticipated noncompliance with any policy of the Board.*

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### **State Water Resource Control Board: Proposed Wetlands Permitting Regulations**

The State Water Resources Control Board has proposed new regulations on the discharge of dredge and fill materials into the "Waters of the State", broadly interpreted to include all waters within the state's boundaries, whether private or public, including waters in both natural and artificial channels. This is essentially a California version of the federal Clean Water Act §404 permit issued by the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

The regulations are of concern and duplicative in some circumstances. While some State waters are beyond the federal Clean Water Act jurisdiction, the proposed regulations largely overlap with the waters regulated by the Corps. Much of the State's interests are addressed by the existing processes, such as the §401 Water Quality Certification, and are also regulated by other State agencies, such as the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

Additionally, the proposed regulations would expand current authority by contemplating historic conditions. Typically, environmental permits address current conditions and proposed impacts and do not hold applicants responsible for historic conditions.

The draft regulations were released in July of this year and the water district provided oral testimony at the State Water Board's public hearing for the regulations on September 6, 2017. Comments are due September 18, 2017. The water district will submit written comments and will also consider joining an industry coalitions comment letter.

For further information, please contact Vincent Gin at 408-630-2633.

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**Varela**

**Staff to follow up with Roger Castillo and view the videos on the Coyote Percolation Dam and provide a report back to the Board**

**R-17-0028**

At the August 22, 2017, board meeting, Mr. Roger Castillo addressed the board regarding the water district's operation and removal of the Coyote Percolation Dam in February 2017. Mr. Castillo referred to a video that he had made and is available on the following YouTube link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kpjSAp8jhGI>

Mr. Castillo claimed that the water district had endangered the work crew and stated "personnel were dangling on cables endangering employees". The water district reviewed the video made by Mr. Castillo and did not observe any employees being endangered or working inappropriately. In addition, when the video first came to the attention of the water district earlier this year, the Safety Unit at the water district, reviewed the video and interviewed personnel about the process for removing the Coyote Percolation Dam, they concluded that the proper decision was made in laying the dam panels down to minimize the risk to the work crew.

The Coyote Percolation Dam is an in-stream dam on Coyote Creek which typically stays in place year around and is only removed when Anderson Reservoir is anticipated to spill creating high flows in Coyote Creek. To remove the dam, the water releases from Anderson reservoir upstream are suspended and flows are bypassed around the dam through radial gates to minimize the amount of water behind the Coyote Percolation Dam's steel panels. The water district must then enter the channel downstream of the panels with heavy equipment to un-cable and un-bolt the steel panels so they can be removed. Ideally, no water would be against the dam panels when they are removed.

In February 2017, due to the limited time to suspend releases from Anderson Reservoir prior to an impending storm, the water district was forced to remove the dam panels with approximately a foot of water against the upstream side of the panels. This caused water to begin flowing through the site once the panels started to be removed. Due to this, the water district left several panels cabled to the dam and laid them in the channel for removal at a later date, once the flow had receded. This was done intentionally by the water district to minimize labor hours in the channel and to remove the barrier for the expected high flows.

Had the dam not been removed, the high flows on Coyote Creek would have caused local flooding in the area and potential damage to the dam structure. Installation and removal of the Coyote Percolation Dam is a labor-intensive effort, but is critical to the water district's groundwater recharge program in that area. A less labor-intensive design, such as an inflatable dam, may be possible, requiring a capital project and approval by the California Division of Safety of Dam, as well as the resource agencies.

For further information, please contact Kurt Arends (408) 630-2284

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## Outlook as of September 1, 2017

On June 13, 2017, the Board of Directors approved a resolution calling for the community to voluntarily reduce their water use 20 percent and continued certain water waste prohibitions. The resolution also recommended that all municipalities consider adopting a permanent three day per week watering restriction and resulted in a 10 percent reduction to treated contract deliveries.

Groundwater recharge in 2016 was far greater than in normal years. Preliminary water supply analysis shows that 2017 District recharge, together with natural recharge, will sustain or further improve groundwater storage in 2017.

Due to improved conditions, the District is replenishing storage in the Semitropic Water Bank that was utilized during the recent drought. So far this year the District has stored over an estimated 45,000 acre-feet of imported supplies in the Semitropic Water Bank and plans to add an additional 20,000 acre-feet by the end of the year.

### Weather



#### Rainfall in San Jose

- Month of August = 0 inches
- The average daily high temperature for August was 82.3 degrees Fahrenheit. Temperatures were above normal for the month

### Local Reservoirs



- Total September 1 storage = 85,949 acre-feet
  - » 93% of 20-year average for that date
  - » 51% of total capacity
  - » 76% of restricted capacity (169,009 acre-feet total storage capacity limited by seismic restrictions to 113,667 acre-feet)
- Approximately 1,290 acre-feet of imported water was delivered into local reservoirs during August 2017
- Total estimated releases to streams (local and imported water) during August was 10,087 acre-feet

### Groundwater



- Groundwater (GW) Storage: Total storage at the end of 2017 is predicted to fall within Stage 1 (Normal) of the District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

	Santa Clara Subbasin		Llagas Subbasin
	Santa Clara Plain	Coyote Valley	
August managed recharge estimate (AF)	7,900	900	2,800
January to August managed recharge estimate (AF)	33,400	6,900	11,000
January to August managed recharge, % of 5-year average	96%	97%	87%
July pumping estimate (AF)	7,700	1,600	4,600
January to July pumping estimate (AF)	38,100	7,200	21,000
January to July pumping, % of 5-year average	81%	116%	93%
GW index well level compared to last August	Increase	Increase	Increase

AF = acre-feet

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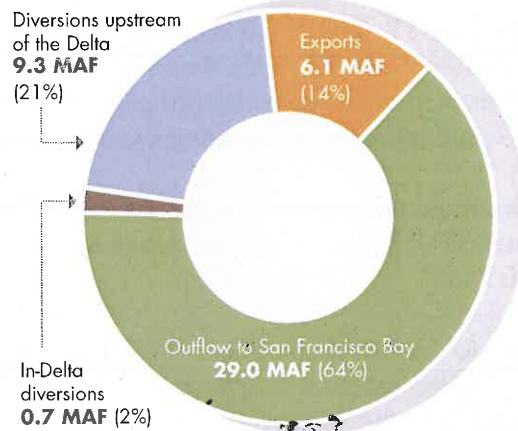


## Imported Water



- 2017 State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP):
  - » 2017 SWP allocation: 85% announced on April 14, 2017, provides 85,000 acre-feet
  - » 2017 South-of-Delta CVP allocations announced on April 11, 2017.
    - M&I water service allocation: 100%, District's M&I allocation is 119,400 acre-feet
    - Agricultural water service allocation: 100%, or 33,100 acre-feet
- Reservoir storage information, as of August 31, 2017:
  - » Shasta Reservoir at 80% of capacity (126% of average for this date)
  - » Oroville Reservoir at 49% of capacity (74% of average for this date)
  - » San Luis Reservoir at 90% of capacity (213% of average for this date)
- District's Semitropic groundwater bank reserves are 223,742 acre-feet as of July 31, 2017
- Estimated SFPUC deliveries to Santa Clara County:
  - » Month of August = 4,594 acre-feet
  - » 2017 Total to Date = 26,544 acre-feet
  - » Five-year annual average is 48,700 acre-feet

**Delta Watershed Diversions and Outflow  
Typical Annual Balance  
Average Years (45.1 MAF)**



**Note:** Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding to the nearest percent.

## Treated Water



- Below average demands of 12,052 acre-feet delivered in August
- This total is 97% of the five-year average for the month of August
- Year-to-date = 69,494 acre-feet or 93% of the five-year average

## Conserved Water



- Saved 69,000 acre-feet in FY16 from long-term program (baseline year is 1992)
- Long-term program goal is to save nearly 72,000 acre-feet in FY17
- The Board has called for a 20% reduction and a limit of three days per week for irrigation of ornamental landscape with potable water
- Achieved a 24% reduction in water use through the first seven months of 2017, compared to 2013

## Recycled Water



- Estimated August 2017 production = 2,100 acre-feet
- Estimated Year-to-Date through August = 11,200 acre-feet or 82% of the five-year average
- Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center produced an estimated 1.3 billion gallons (3,900 acre-feet) of purified water in 2016. Since the beginning of 2017, about 2,800 acre-feet of purified water has been blended with existing tertiary recycled water for South Bay Water Recycling Program's customers

### CONTACT US

For more information, contact **Customer relations** at **(408) 630-2880**, or visit our website at **valleywater.org** and use our **Access Valley Water** customer request and information system. With three easy steps, you can use this service to find out the latest information on district projects or to submit questions, complaints or compliments directly to a district staff person.

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# **BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**



Request	Completed Date	Meeting Date	Director	GM / AGM	Description	20 Days Due Date	Expected Completion Date	Disposition
R-16-0021	Pending	04/12/16	Keegan	Stanton	Staff to take a preliminary look at the use of PLAs on Non-federal District projects.	03/22/17		03/02/17 Continued. 07/28/16 CEO Bulletin.
R-17-0025	Pending	07/11/17	Lezotte	Camacho	Staff is to investigate whether there is a need for additional staffing to handle the construction management-watersheds asset rehabilitation program priorities.	08/10/17	09/29/17	08/17/17 CEO Bulletin.
R-17-0028	Pending	08/22/17	Varela	Fiedler	Staff to follow up with Roger Castillo and view the videos on the Coyote Percolation Dam and provide a report back to the Board.	09/12/17		
R-17-0029	Pending	08/22/17	Varela	Camacho	Staff to follow up with constituent MacKenzie Mossing regarding the increase of wildlife being killed by cars in her neighborhood due to tall weeds growing along Calero Creek Trail.	09/12/17		

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No open informal Board Member Requests



## MEMORANDUM

FC 14 (01-02-07)

**TO:** Rick L. Callender

**FROM:** Rachael Gibson

**SUBJECT:** Letter from Vice Chair Santos to Senator  
Feinstein on the San Luis Low Point  
Feasibility Study

**DATE:** August 29, 2017

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Attached to this memorandum is a copy of the letter from Vice Chair Santos to Senator Feinstein requesting assistance to secure a schedule extension of the current San Luis Low Point Feasibility Study. Office of Government Relations staff worked with Water Utility staff to craft the letter to support the District's effort to secure an extension to allow for a more effective solution to the low point issue, such as expansion of the Pacheco Reservoir. The attached letter from Vice Chair Santos to Senator Feinstein was written in order to support the aforementioned efforts.

Interim Deputy Administrative Officer  
Office of Government Relations

**Attachment:**

1. August 8, 2017 signed Letter from Vice Chair Santos to Senator Feinstein

August 8, 2017

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Subject: San Luis Low Point Feasibility Study

Dear Senator Feinstein:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Norma Camacho

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Michele L. King, CMC

The purpose of this letter is to request your assistance in securing a schedule extension for the San Luis Low Point Improvement Project Feasibility Study (P.L. 114-113) ("Feasibility Study") beyond the existing Congressional deadline of December 31, 2017, and your assistance in allowing the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to revisit its analysis of project alternatives.

The "Low Point" is a longstanding water quality problem that manifests itself whenever water levels in the San Luis Reservoir, a critical element of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project, fall to low levels at the end of the annual storage cycle. The Santa Clara Valley Water District (District), which uses this water to meet Silicon Valley's water needs, experiences this problem acutely and receives complaints from its customers about the poor water quality under those conditions.

Since 2001, Reclamation has been working with the District, the non-federal sponsor, on a Feasibility Study that examines how to resolve the Low Point issue. Most recently, Reclamation has focused on a proposed action in the form of modifications to the District's Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant. These modifications were intended to help address water quality issues with supplies imported from San Luis Reservoir during low point conditions. However, it has been determined that this solution will offer only marginal benefit to the District and a more effective solution is needed. We request that the schedule be extended to December 31, 2024 to allow time for the successful completion of the Feasibility Study and associated environmental documentation in consideration of revised analysis and new funding opportunities.

Consequently, the District is working to complete a Proposition 1 Funding Application to California Water Commission (CWC) for the expansion of Pacheco Reservoir, which was previously included as an alternative in the Feasibility Study, but was screened out due to cost considerations. An expanded Pacheco Reservoir, operated by the District, could resolve the Low Point problem once and for all. If successful, a CWC funding contribution, together with appropriation of Congressionally authorized funding for the Feasibility Study could significantly increase the viability of Pacheco Reservoir expansion.

The District asks that Reclamation put a hold on current Feasibility Study efforts while the District and its partners evaluate whether to move forward with the Pacheco Reservoir expansion. In that context, the District is likely to request Reclamation to serve as the lead agency under NEPA to develop project environmental documentation. When it resumes work

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under the Feasibility Study, Reclamation may find that, in light of new analysis together with additional sources of non-federal funding, the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion project is viable and can be selected as the proposed action.

I emphasize that a permanent solution to the Low Point problem continues to be very important to the District and we do appreciate Reclamation's efforts over the years to study the problem and propose ways to resolve it.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for your assistance with extending this deadline. We thank you for your highly-valued assistance over many years and we look forward to continuing to work together to address water supply challenges in Santa Clara, San Benito and other counties. We trust that communication from you or your staff to the Secretary of Interior's office or the Bureau of Reclamation will foster a satisfactory and speedy resolution. If you require any further information regarding this request, please feel free to have your staff contact Mr. Rick Callender at 408-630-2017.

Sincerely,



Richard P. Santos  
Vice Chair/Board of Directors

cc: District Office, One Post Street, Suite 2450, San Francisco, CA 94104  
Board of Directors (7), N. Camacho, G. Hall, R. Callender, R. Gibson



## MEMORANDUM

FC 14 (01-02-07)

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Garth Hall

**SUBJECT:** August 2017 Drought/Water Use Status Report

**DATE:** August 31, 2017

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As reported in the June 28, 2017, non-agenda memorandum transmitting the May 2017 Water Use Report, future updates are being provided to the Board quarterly in this streamlined one page summary format. The August 2017 Monthly Water Use Reduction update is shown on Attachment 1.

The Water Use Reduction update contains the most recent 2017 water use and water reduction data through the month of July 2017. Data collected to date indicates that water use reductions in the month of July 2017 were 20 percent when compared to July 2013. The cumulative water use reductions through July 2017, when compared to 2013, were 24 percent. This is above the 20 percent target continued by the Board on June 13, 2017.

Future updates will be provided to the Board quarterly.

If you have any questions, please call me at (408) 630-2750.

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Garth Hall  
Acting Chief Operating Officer  
Water Utility Enterprise



## AUGUST 2017: QUARTERLY WATER USE REDUCTION REPORT

<b>2017 Month to Month</b> Reductions by Water Retailer	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Cumulative</b> <b>Jan to July</b>
San Jose Water Company	14%	24%	30%	40%	28%	24%	23%	<b>27%</b>
Santa Clara, city	18%	19%	21%	20%	20%	16%	9%	<b>17%</b>
Sunnyvale	6%	27%	19%	31%	19%	6%	16%	<b>17%</b>
San Jose Municipal Water	11%	30%	29%	41%	28%	23%	21%	<b>26%</b>
California Water Service	33%	42%	43%	43%	22%	19%	17%	<b>29%</b>
Palo Alto	29%	45%	29%	29%	13%	7%	11%	<b>20%</b>
Mountain View	20%	40%	20%	44%	35%	6%	32%	<b>28%</b>
Great Oaks	15%	24%	30%	38%	25%	21%	19%	<b>24%</b>
Milpitas	12%	25%	13%	30%	29%	17%	15%	<b>20%</b>
Gilroy	5%	19%	28%	34%	19%	14%	15%	<b>19%</b>
Morgan Hill	3%	24%	35%	46%	25%	10%	17%	<b>23%</b>
Purissima Hills Water	53%	46%	54%	36%	22%	3%	15%	<b>26%</b>
Stanford*	32%	42%	37%	38%	29%	30%	Not Available	<b>**34%</b>
<b>Combined</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>24%</b>

\* Current Stanford University use not available due to late meter read

\*\* Cumulative for Stanford is January to June



**TO:** Norma J. Camacho, Chief Executive Officer

**FROM:** Rick L. Callender

**SUBJECT:** Levi's Stadium advertising for 2017

**DATE:** Sept. 5, 2017

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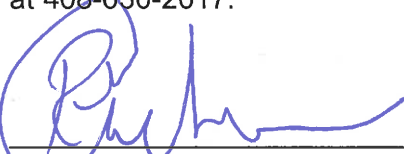
On March 13, 2012, the Board approved an agreement with the City of Santa Clara's Stadium Authority for the use of District property to construct three bridges across San Tomas Creek to access Levi's Stadium. As part of the compensation to the District for use of District property, the Stadium Authority installed interpretive signage that the District designed. That signage remains in place along the pathways to the stadium.

In addition, as part of the agreement, each year the Stadium Authority provides the District with an advertising/media package promoting the District, its services and programs. It includes three elements:

1. LED Messaging: Four exclusive 30-second moments on the in-stadium high-definition LED ribbon panel during regulation playing time at one regular-season NFL home game;
2. IPTV Advertisement: One 30-second exposure on the stadium IPTV network in the public areas of the stadium during regulation playing time at one regular-season NFL home game; and
3. Gameday Magazine Advertisement: One full-page, four-color advertisement in one regular season Gameday Magazine.

Since this agreement was put in place, we have used the opportunity to promote purified recycled water and the "VOW" water conservation campaign during the 2014, 2015 and 2016 football seasons.

This year, as we design the ads, we will incorporate messages that will be part of our year-long public education campaign, which was described to the Board on August 8, 2017. This will be a year-long effort to inform the community about who we are, what we do, and how to access District services. The effort will also be used to encourage engagement with the public, such as through volunteering. If any Board member has any feedback on this marketing opportunity, I welcome them to contact me directly at 408-630-2017.

  
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Chief of External Affairs

cc: Melanie Richardson, Usha Chatwani



## MEMORANDUM

FC 14 (01-02-07)

**TO:** Rick L. Callender

**FROM:** Rachael Gibson

**SUBJECT:** Letters from Chair Varela to California Water Commissioners on Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project

**DATE:** September 5, 2017

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Attached to this memorandum is a copy of letters from Chair Varela to California Water Commissioners offering them a briefing on the District's proposed expansion of the Pacheco Reservoir. As of July 31, 2017, the date letters were sent, staff had already scheduled meetings with Chair Quintero and Commissioner Byrne, and had been notified that Commissioner Keig would be unable to meet. For this reason, letters were not sent to these Commission members.

The letters were part of our outreach to the California Water Commissioners on the multiple benefits of this critical project, for which the District recently applied for Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program funding. As a result of our outreach efforts, the District was able to conduct a briefing and tour of Pacheco Reservoir with California Water Commission Chair Armando Quintero and Commissioner Andrew Ball, and provide briefings in Sacramento for California Water Commission Vice Chair Carol Baker, and Commissioners Joseph Byrne and Daniel Curtin.

Interim Deputy Administrative Officer  
Office of Government Relations and Communications

Attachments: Letters to California Water Commissioners from Chair Varela



July 31, 2017

Ms. Carol Baker, Vice-Chair  
California Water Commission  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

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INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Norma Camacho

Subject: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project—August Briefing in Sacramento

CLERK OF THE BOARD  
Michele L. King, CMC

Dear Vice-Chair Baker:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) Board of Directors, I would like to extend an invitation to you for a briefing during the first two weeks of August at our Sacramento offices regarding the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project. The District is applying for Water Storage Investment Program funding for this regional project that provides water supply and environmental benefits for Santa Clara, San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz counties.

The Pacheco Reservoir is currently owned by the Pacheco Pass Water District and has an operational capacity of 5,500 acre-feet. The proposed expansion is a joint project by the Pacheco Pass Water District, the San Benito County Water District, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and would increase the operational capacity of the reservoir to 140,000 acre-feet. This project would provide year-round flow in Pacheco Creek creating new habitat for threatened South-Central California Coast steelhead trout. Groundwater recharge made possible by the project would support increased agricultural production, providing local jobs. In addition to increased local control of water supplies and decreased reliance on water from the San Luis Reservoir, the larger operational capacity also would serve as an emergency water supply for a region of 1.9 million people.

We are cognizant of limitations of attendance due to the Bagley-Keene Act. As we plan the Sacramento briefing, we will ensure that there is no violation of this or other attendance restrictions. The briefing location would be 1121 L Street, Suite 1000, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Should you have any questions or would like to schedule a Sacramento briefing during the first two weeks of August, please contact Leah Harnish at 408-630-3102, or via e-mail at [lharnish@valleywater.org](mailto:lharnish@valleywater.org).

Sincerely,

John L. Varela  
Chair/Board of Directors

cc: Board of Directors (7), N. Camacho, R. Callender, R. Gibson, B. Broome  
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By e-mail: [Carol.Baker@water.ca.gov](mailto:Carol.Baker@water.ca.gov)



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Mr. Andrew Ball, Commissioner  
California Water Commission  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

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CLERK OF THE BOARD

Michele L. King, CMC

Subject: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project—August Briefing in the Bay Area

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Understanding that there are many demands on your time, we would like to offer to meet you at a Bay Area location of your choice. Should you have any questions or would like to schedule a Bay Area briefing on the project, please contact Leah Harnish at 408-630-, or via e-mail at [lharnish@valleywater.org](mailto:lharnish@valleywater.org).

Sincerely,

John L. Varela  
Chair/Board of Directors

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Mr. Daniel Curtin, Commissioner  
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**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

Michele L. King, CMC

Subject: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project—August Briefing in Sacramento

Dear Commissioner Curtin:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) Board of Directors, I would like to extend an invitation to you for a briefing during the first two weeks of August at our Sacramento offices regarding the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project. The District is applying for Water Storage Investment Program funding for this regional project that provides water supply and environmental benefits for Santa Clara, San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz counties.

The Pacheco Reservoir is currently owned by the Pacheco Pass Water District and has an operational capacity of 5,500 acre-feet. The proposed expansion is a joint project by the Pacheco Pass Water District, the San Benito County Water District, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and would increase the operational capacity of the reservoir to 140,000 acre-feet. This project would provide year-round flow in Pacheco Creek creating new habitat for threatened South-Central California Coast steelhead trout. Groundwater recharge made possible by the project would support increased agricultural production, providing local jobs. In addition to increased local control of water supplies and decreased reliance on water from the San Luis Reservoir, the larger operational capacity also would serve as an emergency water supply for a region of 1.9 million people.

We are cognizant of limitations of attendance due to the Bagley-Keene Act. As we plan the Sacramento briefing, we will ensure that there is no violation of this or other attendance restrictions. The briefing location would be 1121 L Street, Suite 1000, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Should you have any questions or would like to schedule a Sacramento briefing during the first two weeks of August, please contact Leah Harnish at 408-630-3102 or via email at [lharnish@valleywater.org](mailto:lharnish@valleywater.org).

Sincerely,

John L. Varela  
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Subject: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project—Site Tour Near Los Banos

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Michele L. King, CMC

Dear Commissioner Del Bosque:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) Board of Directors, I would like to extend an invitation to you for a project site tour of the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project during the first two weeks of August. The District is applying for Water Storage Investment Program funding for this regional project that provides water supply and environmental benefits for Santa Clara, San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz counties.

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The tour would begin with a meeting at Casa de Fruta (10021 Pacheco Pass Hwy, Hollister, California 95023), and then move to the existing North Fork Dam and Pacheco Reservoir. Should you have any questions or would like to schedule the tour, please contact Leah Harnish at 408-630-3102, or via e-mail at [lharnish@valleywater.org](mailto:lharnish@valleywater.org).

Sincerely,

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Subject: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project—August Briefing in Fresno

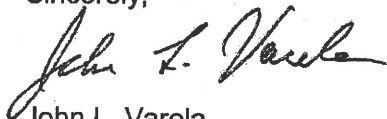
Dear Commissioner Orth:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) Board of Directors, I would like to extend an invitation to you for a briefing on the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project during the first two weeks of August. The District is applying for Water Storage Investment Program funding for this regional project that provides water supply and environmental benefits for Santa Clara, San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz counties.

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Understanding that there are many demands on your time, we would like to offer to meet you in Fresno for a briefing on this vital regional water supply and public benefit project. Should you have any questions or would like to schedule a briefing, please contact Leah Harnish at 408-630-3102, or via e-mail at [lharnish@valleywater.org](mailto:lharnish@valleywater.org).

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Ms. Maria Herrera, Commissioner  
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Subject: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project—August Briefing in Fresno

Dear Commissioner Herrera:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) Board of Directors, I would like to extend an invitation to you for a briefing on the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project during the first two weeks of August. The District is applying for Water Storage Investment Program funding for this regional project that provides water supply and environmental benefits for Santa Clara, San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz counties.

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