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Good morning,

Please see the attached letter from Congressman Sam Liccardo.

Thanks,

Eric Henshall
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Rep. Sam Liccardo (CA-16)

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0516

January 14, 2025

The Honorable Tony Estremera, Board Chairman
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, California 95118

Dear Chairman Estremera,

I write to express my concerns about an agenda item that will be discussed at today's Board of Directors meeting regarding the future of Valley Water's participation in the San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection Project.

I understand that Valley Water has several concerns about the project including governance of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA), the level of flood protection provided by the current design, and cost. A memorandum accompanying the agenda item suggests several next steps to address these concerns, including Valley Water's potential withdrawal from the SFCJPA.

More than a quarter century after the flood in 1998, my constituents in Palo Alto and Menlo Park remain vulnerable to major storms, and Valley Water's continued participation is critical to the project's success. I encourage you to work with the SFCJPA to resolve these issues promptly so the project can move forward, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Please let me know how I can be helpful to supporting this project and to furthering Valley Water's critical mission.

Sincerely,



Sam Liccardo
Member of Congress

cc: Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors