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I don't live in your district, but I have certainly spent a lot of time there. And it's becoming increasingly obvious that all of our actions are interconnected. Decisions you make in Santa Clara impact me in San Luis Obispo County and vice versa. We share one planet and it is in serious trouble. We can't afford to make it any worse with more bad decisions. Dams are no longer a viable solution for satisfying our water needs. They are too destructive and they are too inefficient. I would encourage you to look at underground storage options, water recycling and conservation measures instead. For the price of a dam, you could provide an awful lot of incentives to conserve (e.g. low flow toilets, showerheads, faucets; lawn removal; irrigation upgrades; greywater systems; rainwater collection). It would be immoral and irresponsible to aggravate our critical climate and biodiversity emergencies by unleashing almost 100 million metric tons of carbon dioxide and destroying 1500 acres of natural habitat by building this project. Please vote no and say yes to smart, sustainable solutions.

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