



SANTA CLARA & SAN BENITO COUNTIES
Building Trades
The outstanding workforce

Santa Clara & San Benito Counties Building & Construction Trades Council

2102 Almaden Road Suite 101 San Jose, CA 95125-2190 · Phone 408.265.7643 · info@scbtc.org

March 15, 2023

David Bini
Executive Director
Brett Davis
President

Chair Varela and members of the Board,

On behalf of the Santa Clara & San Benito Counties Building & Construction Trades Council representing 24 affiliates and over 35,000 members, I write to express our strong support for the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project – and its feasibility.

As you know, this proposed expansion project will deliver much-needed water storage by providing a 140,000-acre-foot facility for our region. Water is life and the infrastructure that preserves its abundant quantity and quality is essential to both the health and economic vitality of Santa Clara Valley.

In 2021, we experienced what a disappearing snowpack meant for the water supply for Silicon Valley. Our region was in a water shortage emergency and begging for emergency water transfers. Although the situation has changed due to much-needed rains, we could find ourselves in the same situation sooner, rather than later without adequate water storage.

Pacheco Reservoir will be a place to store water when it rains as much as what we have just experienced. It is possible that if the Pacheco Dam were in place last week, a portion of the peak flows might have been kept out of the Pajaro River. This could have lessened the impact on the vulnerable levy that failed, and unfortunately flooded the Pajaro community.

In addition, the Pacheco Project would not only provide thousands of well-paid construction jobs for our members, but it would also establish new, high-quality habitat for the threatened South Central Coast Steelhead Trout along Pacheco Creek.

Securing water supply for residents and the environment is exactly what California voters supported with Proposition 1 in 2014. The Pacheco Project has been awarded over \$500 million dollars in funding from an outside source, this is an opportunity we cannot turn our backs on.

We urge the Board to continue its work on studying the feasibility of this proposed critical project – with environmental benefits, economic benefits, and water supply and water storage benefits.

Sincerely,

David Bini
Executive Director

Boilermakers 549
Brick & Tile 3
Carpet & Linoleum 12
Cement Masons 400
Electricians 234
Electricians 332
Elevator Constructors 8
Glaziers 1621
Heat & Frost Insulators 16
Iron Workers 377
Laborers 67
Laborers 270
Operating Engineers 3
Painters District Council 16
Painters & Tapers 507
Plasterers 300
Plumbers & Steamfitters 393
Roofers 95
Sheet Metal Workers 104
Sign, Display 510
Sprinkler Fitters 483
Sprinkler Fitters 669
Teamsters 853
UA Local 355

Affiliated with:

State Building and
Construction Trades
Council of California
California Labor Federation,
AFL-CIO
California Labor C.O.P.E.
South Bay AFL-CIO
Labor Council



THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK