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Dear Chair Varela and Directors,

I appreciate the Board's interest in tracking the obviously-problematic Pacheco Reservoir Expansion project. I think the timeline of District Board review of the project waiting until late in 2024 could cost the District and its residents tens of millions of dollars if the decision is to end the project, compared to making an earlier decision to end the project.

I would like to make the following suggestion - that the District Board schedule a Board Agenda Item this fall where the Board will consider whether and when to agendize a subsequent decision to "Continue Work" or "Terminate Work" on the Pacheco Expansion. At this first meeting, District staff can provide their recommendation on whether to hold the subsequent Continue or Terminate agenda item, and the Board can direct staff on what information it would like available at the subsequent meeting, should the Board decide to hold it. This second meeting, if scheduled, should also be held before the end of 2023.

I additionally suggest that at a "Continue or Terminate" meeting, one piece of information that should be provided is the potential cost savings to the District of terminating the project early, as opposed to continuing spending money on the project and then terminating it later.

I believe this recommendation tracks the spirit of the feedback from the District Board at the March 2023 meeting.

I would be happy to discuss this issue and answer any questions.

Sincerely,
Brian Schmidt

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