



MEMORANDUM

FC 14 (02-08-19)

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: John Bourgeois
Deputy Operating Officer

SUBJECT: Response to BMR-22-001 – Staff to respond to comments by Mr. Mulligan regarding whether a CEQA analysis was conducted to analyze potential impacts from wild boars at the Anderson Reservoir (Hsueh)

DATE: 1/25/22

At the 1/11/22 Board meeting, the Board heard comments from Mr. Mulligan questioning whether Valley Water has or had an obligation under CEQA to analyze potential impacts from wild boars as a result of draining of the Anderson Reservoir. The Board asked staff to investigate and below is staff's response.

CEQA requires environmental review before a lead agency makes a discretionary decision. In this case, the Board's discretionary decision to approve the FERC Order Compliance Project (FOCP), which resulted in draining of the reservoir, was determined to be statutorily exempt from CEQA. Therefore, no CEQA review of reservoir draining impacts from the FOCP was or is required.

Feral pigs are present year-round in the county and during conditions of drought they may venture into the urban/residential areas in search of water and food. While it is true that water has been almost completely drained from Anderson Reservoir, Valley Water does not currently have evidence that any boars have in fact crossed the dry reservoir bed to enter into residential neighborhoods. However, Valley Water understands the residents' concerns, and in its future review of projects near the reservoir, such as the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, Valley Water will consider whether this is an impact associated with our project and if so, Valley Water will comply with CEQA and include the analysis in its CEQA document.

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