

### **Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project: Status Update**

Capital Improvement Program Workshop (January 10, 2023)



## Water Supply Master Plan Strategy







1 Secure

existing supplies and infrastructure

2 Expand

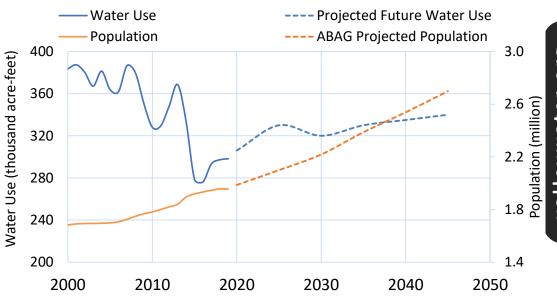
water conservation and reuse

**3 Optimize** 

the use of existing system

## **Level of Service Goal**

Meet 100 percent of annual water demand during non-drought years and at least 80 percent of demand in drought years (Board Policy E.2-2.1)





## **Existing Storage**

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- Local groundwater basins
- Local reservoirs
- Semitropic groundwater bank



## Water Supply Master Plan Recommendations

- Diversify existing storage
  - Capture wet year water
  - Operational flexibility
  - Water in dry years
- Risk management
  - Large project uncertainty
  - Pursue variety of projects



## **New Storage Options**

Storage Project	Valley Water Share (Thousand Acre-Feet)	Share of Capital Cost (\$)
New Groundwater Bank	200	160 Million
Los Vaqueros Expansion	50	240 Million
Pacheco Reservoir	55 - 91	1.1 – 1.7 Billion
B.F. Sisk Dam Raise	TBD	TBD
Sites Reservoir	TBD	TBD

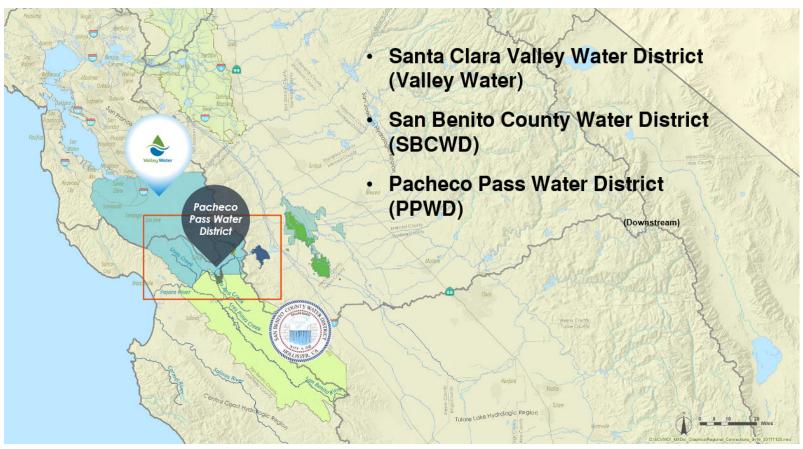


## Pacheco - One Diversification Option

- In county
- Controlled by Valley Water
- Greater operational flexibility
- Dependent on existing infrastructure requiring investment
- Similar benefits to other storage projects

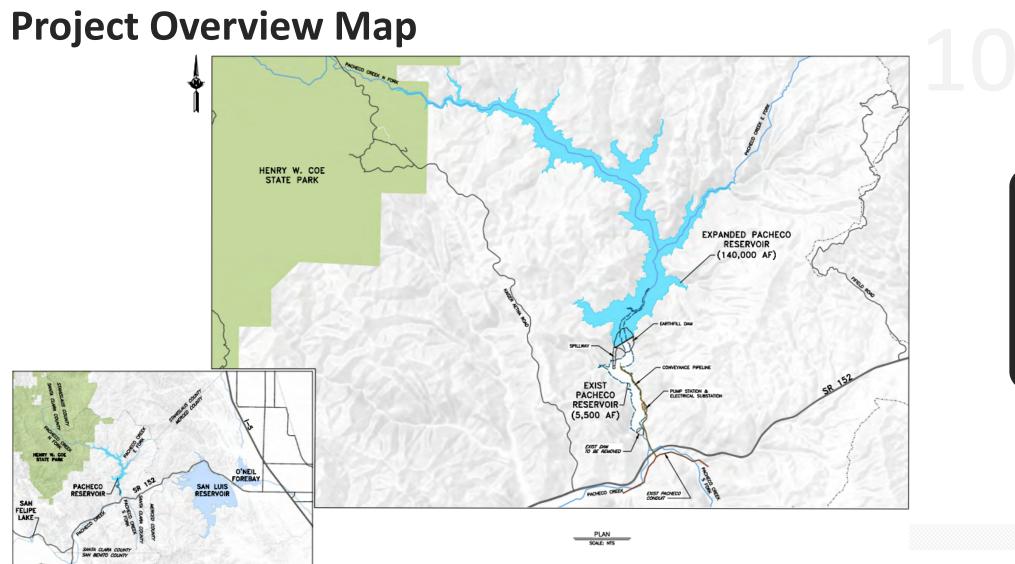


## **Project Partners**









## Existing North Fork Dam and Pacheco Reservoir

#### Dam

- 100-foot-tall earthen embankment dam
- 0.4 miles upstream of North Fork Creek and South Fork Creek confluence
- Construction completed in 1939

#### Reservoir

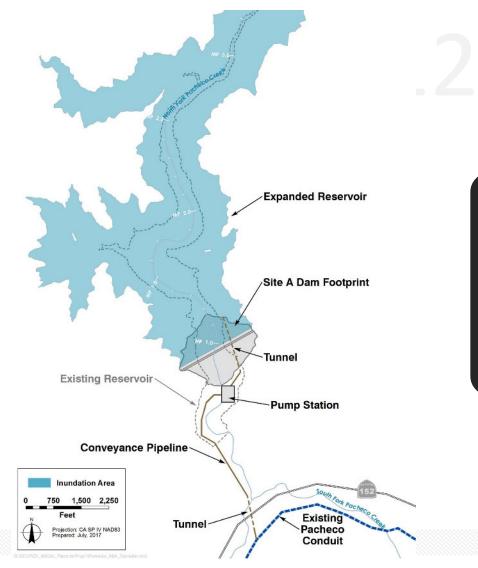
- · Current capacity: 5,500 acre-feet
- Operated for groundwater recharge along Pacheco Creek by Pacheco Pass Water District





## **Project Components**

- Dam approximately 300 feet high, one location under consideration
- Reservoir up to 140 thousand acre-feet (TAF)
- Spillway capable of passing the Maximum Probable Flood
- Intake/Outlet Works large diameter pipe, smaller outlet pipe to Pacheco Creek
- Pump Station & Conveyance Pipeline to transfer water to and from Pacheco Conduit
- Roadways access to and from SR 152

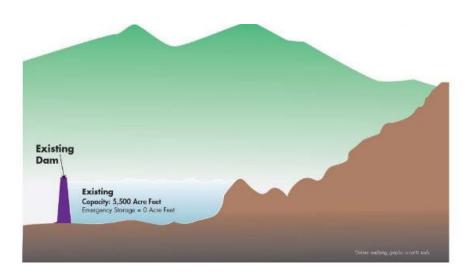




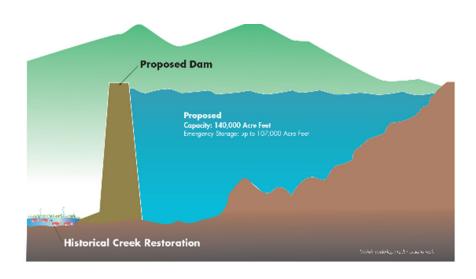
## **Existing & Proposed Dam Storage Capacity**

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Existing – 5,500 AF



Expanded – 140,000 AF

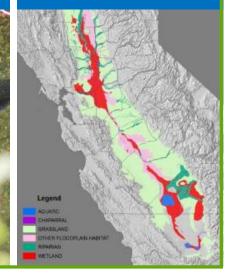




#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Enhance habitat for federally threatened steelhead

Enhance water supply in below- normal years to wildlife refuges in the Delta



Increase water supply reliability and emergency water supply



Resolve the water quality problem in supply sourced from San Luis Reservoir



Reduce flooding along Pacheco Creek and to disadvantaged communities





## Project Funding

#### WSIP Grant - \$504,141,383

CA Water Commission – Dec. 15, 2021, found Project feasible and remains eligible for funding

Early Funding Agreement extension has been approved

## Low Cost Federal WIFIA Loan - up to \$1.4B

Board approved Master Agreement Dec. 13, 2022

Initial loan available for planning and design costs only

Construction loan subject to Board approval of CEQA and Project Plans and Specs

#### WIIN Act Grant through Reclamation

DEC Review of 30% Design and Cost Estimate - no official comments

Needs Reclamation / Department of Interior Approval for funding

#### **VW & Partners**

Valley Water rate payers

Potential partners



## **Planning Phase - Complete**

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#### 2020

Phase 1 Geotechnical Exploration – June

#### 2021

Problem Definition Report– March

#### 2022

- Revised Alternatives Analysis September
  - ➤ Based on DSOD Hardfill Dam Concerns and Other Updated Information
  - ➤ Updated Recommended Alternative from U/S Hardfill to U/S Earthfill
- Staff Recommend Alternative/Alternatives
  Formulation Report November
- Planning Study Report November



## **Current Design Timeline**

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#### Mid 2022

Phase 2 Geotechnical Exploration initiated

30% Basis of Design Report, Plans and Specifications

#### December 2022

Phase 2 Geotechnical Exploration suspended due to rain/winter season

#### Spring 2023

Phase 2 Geotechnical Exploration resumed

#### Mid 2024

Phase 2 Geotechnical Exploration incorporated into 60% Basis of Design Report, Plans and Specifications

Electrical Transmission design to be done by PG&E

#### Late 2025

90% Basis of Design Report, Plans and Specifications

#### Mid 2026

100% Basis of Design Report, Plans and Specifications

2022

2023

2024

2025

2026



### **Current Environmental Timeline**

Draft Environmental Impact report (EIR)

- Preferred alternative US Hardfill Dam
- Released to Public November 17, 2021
- Public Meeting & Scoping Meeting January 13, 2022
  - Comments Received February 15, 2022

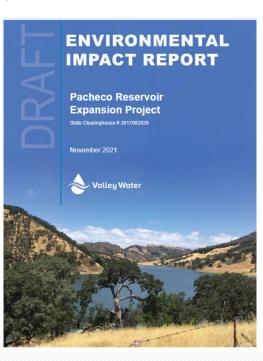
**Recirculated Draft EIR** 

- Recirculate Mid 2025
- Combined EIR/EIS
- Preferred alternative US Earthfill Dam
- Extension of electrical transmission line &
   SR 152 overcrossing Tribal consultation

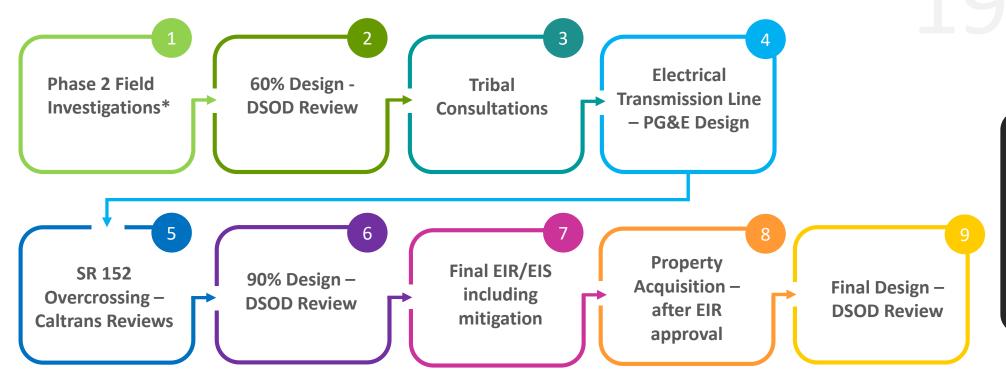
Final EIR / EIS

Mid 2026





## **Project Risks – Critical/Near Critical Path Activities**



<sup>\*</sup>Biological Studies – 3 Seasonal Surveys; Cultural Studies – Pedestrian Survey and Excavations; Geological/Geotechnical Studies



## **Planning Study Report**

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#### **Recommended Project Facilities**

- > 140 TAF U/S Earthfill Dam
- > Spillway & Inlet/Outlet Works
- Conveyance Facilities (pipelines, tunnel, pump station)
- Decommission Existing Dam & Creek Restoration
- > Electrical Transmission Line & Substation
- > Permanent & Temporary Access Roads

#### **Estimated Construction**

> Cost: \$2.3B

> Time: 7.5 years



### **Operational Dependencies – Transmission Facility Projects**

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Project No.	Project Name	Cost*
95084002	10-Year Pipeline Rehabilitation (FY18-FY27)	140,053
92304001	Almaden Valley Pipeline Replacement Project	110,599
95044001	Distribution System Master Plan Implementation	8,957
26764001	IRP2 Additional Line Valves (A3)	16,551
95044002	SCADA Master Plan Implementation	6,470
92764009	Small Capital Improvements, Raw Water Transmission	12,948
94764006	Small Capital Improvements, Treated Water Transmission	1,200
94084007	Treated Water Isolation Valves	8,502
92264001	Vasona Pump Station Upgrade	22,268

<sup>\*2023-2027</sup> Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (cost in thousands)

Total 327,548



## **Operational Dependencies – Treatment Facility Projects**

Project No.	Project Name	Cost*
93234044	PWTP Residuals Management	43,044
93294051s	RWTP Residuals Remediation	80,423
93294057	RWTP Reliability Improvement	461,739
93764004	Small Capital Improvements, Water Treatment	54,733
93284013	STWTP Filter Media Replacement Project	14,333
93084004	Water Treatment Plant Electrical Improvement Project	11,626
93044001	WTP Master Plan Implementation	9,457

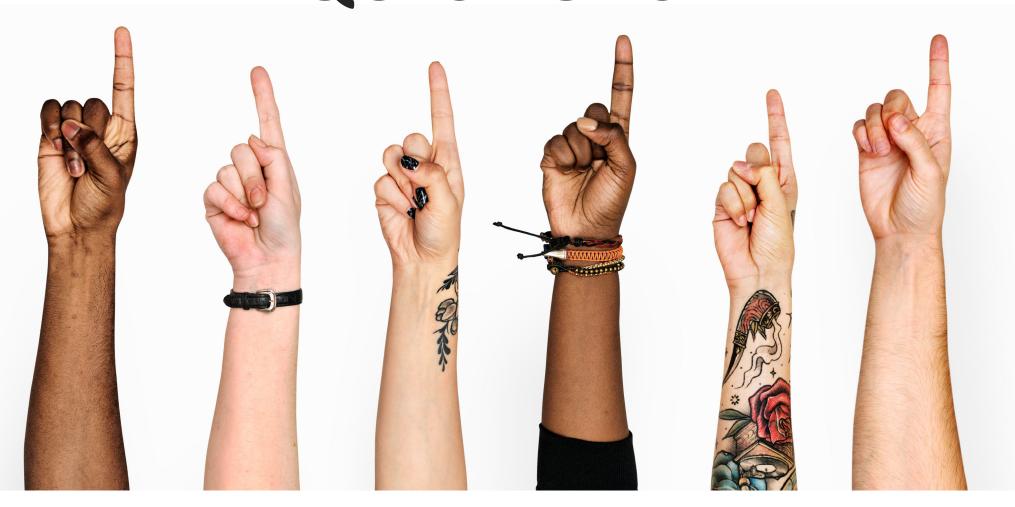
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Total 675,355





## QUESTIONS





# Valley Water

Clean Water • Healthy Environment • Flood Protection

