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Subject: Anderson Dam FERC Order Compliance Project Project No. 91864005
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Board of Directors, and Barbara Keegan, District 2 board member:

I live on Arroyo Way, on Reach 7 of Coyote Creek, in one of the four properties that according to the Engineer's Report, are slated to be "raised or acquired".

I have read the Engineer's Report, and I can see that it represents many hours of detailed discussions, designs, and evaluations of options. I also attended the community meeting discussing the project on June 16, 2020.

Neither gave me answers to some of the questions that come to my mind:

- Acquiring or raising the 10 or so individual properties along Coyote Creek is a very expensive and invasive mitigation for a very infrequent flooding event. Most, if not all, of the properties have been through several flood events to date, and have been restored to full functionality, multiple times, at a small fraction of the cost of buying or raising them. Why is there no option for Valley Water to provide much lower cost funding for rare property repairs?
 - All of these properties are required to carry flood insurance.
 - I imagine some sort of insurance policy for costs above and beyond the individual properties' flood insurance. Annual premiums would be a tiny fraction of the cost budgeted to acquiring or raising the properties on Coyote Creek.
 - Even self-insuring would be a less expensive option.
- The calculations of the maximum flow of the creek at Reach 7 don't add up—the maximum outflow from the dam outlets is significantly below the level that would affect our property. I understand that there are two notable tributaries upstream of our property, but their max outflow, added to the max outflow of the dam outlets, still don't add up to affect my property.
- Neither raising my property nor selling it to the water district are acceptable options to me. Given that I can think of a number of more reasonable alternatives and objections to the existing plan, I don't think that enough alternatives have been sufficiently considered.

Please represent your constituents and do not approve any of the options put forth in the existing proposal. I believe that there are other, less expensive, less invasive, and more acceptable solutions to be found.

Sincerely,

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