



RESTORE HETCH HETCHY

Yosemite National Park

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Subject: Pacheco Dam Project Draft Environmental Impact Report

Dear Mr. Sexauer:

Restore Hetch Hetchy opposes the proposed Pacheco Dam Project.

Fundamentally, the project would inundate a portion of Henry Coe State Park. Parks, whether administered by local, state or national authorities, are lands set aside in their natural condition to protect wildlife and for public enjoyment. Simply put, dams do not belong in parks.

We do understand that projects and programs to improve water supply reliability are especially critical to the needs of cities and farms in California. We honor and respect the commitment of the Valley Water board and staff to meet those needs and to serve district customers. Respectfully, we ask Valley Water to pursue other alternatives, such as recycling, groundwater recharge (locally or banking in the Central Valley), or construction of reservoirs outside of public parks, to meet supply needs.

Please reject the Pacheco Dam project.

Sincerely,



Spreck Rosekrans
Executive Director



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