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Mr. Bart Broome
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RE: Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project Draft EIR Comments

Dear Mr. Broome,

California State Parks (State Parks) is a Trustee Agency for the California State Park System and acknowledges the draft EIR for the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project. Alternative A of the project proposes to build a new 140,000-acre foot reservoir that would impact natural, cultural, and recreational resources at Henry W. Coe State Park. The project would periodically flood 13.6 acres of State Park property, require a trail re-route, and impact Kaiser Aetna Road. Construction activities would also impact park operations at the Dowdy Ranch entrance to Henry W. Coe State Park. Kaiser Aetna Road starting at Bell Station off highway 152 is fully owned by State Parks and this project proposes many changes to park lands and resources. Impacts that the lead agency cannot avoid or minimize must be mitigated.

Valley Water has reached out and briefed State Parks on this project but if Alternative A of the project is to proceed, continued collaboration and coordination is needed with State Parks.

Sincerely,

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