



**Rancho
Water**

April 12, 2019

Armando Quintero
Chair, California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Re: Request for Proposition 1 Consistency Determination for Vail Dam

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Dear Chair Quintero:

On behalf of Rancho California Water District (RCWD/District), I am writing to ask for consideration to have an item added to the May 15, 2019 California Water Commission Meeting agenda. RCWD is a local Special District who provides water and wastewater service to approximately 150,000 people in southwest Riverside County. RCWD owns and operates Vail Lake which provides local water storage and groundwater replenishment water. Due to updated standards, the California Division of Safety and Dams deemed Vail Dam unsafe in a maximum probable flood or seismic event. In order to be able to continue to utilize Vail Lake for water storage, RCWD will be building a new dam that meets the heightened standards behind the existing dam.

Currently, RCWD is seeking funding from the Bureau of Reclamation through the WIIN Act Section 4007. In order to be eligible for this funding under the federal legislation, the California Water Commission needs to deem the project consistent with Proposition 1. Rancho California Water District requests that the California Water Commission take this project and request to the May 15, 2019 meeting for consideration. District staff will provide any information requested by the Commission to show that the Vail Dam project is consistent with Proposition 1.

If you or members of your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Meggan Valencia, Public Affairs Manager at (951) 296-6922 or valenciam@ranchowater.com.

Sincerely,

RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT

Jeff D. Armstrong
General Manager

cc: Joseph Yun