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Hello,

Regarding Agenda Item 8 "Water Storage Investment Program: Project Update": I continue to reach out to ask you to not consider Del Puerto Reservoir for continued eligibility for WSIP funding, in spite of the recent news about the cancellation of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir expansion project.

Earlier this year, Del Puerto Water District sent out calls for public input regarding their planned realignment of Del Puerto Canyon Road to rural canyon landowners, ranchers, and residents of Diablo Grande (a former country club with an approximate population of 1,329) while overlooking residents of adjacent, larger cities like Patterson (pop. 25,000+) (<https://www.delpuertowd.org/files/9e0cb3472/Item+X.pdf>). Due to the relatively insular systems by which water district board members are elected and how they're governed, their decisions are not as transparent and bound to votes by the general public as would typically be expected of municipal public agencies that deal with issues permanently impacting roadways, transportation, and public access. By pursuing an activity that will result in the alteration of such a public resource, which is used by and also paid for through county tax dollars by those both within and outside of their normal constituency, I believe the water district stepped into this realm and had an obligation to provide equivalent opportunities for input and control by wider public stakeholders. Rather than genuinely attempting to meet this threshold, I believe Del Puerto Water District's recent actions demonstrate a continuing pattern of being unwilling to or incapable of adequately working with general public stakeholders outside of their traditional sociodemographic and agribusiness shareholder base on an equal footing.

The process they used is yet another example of the unhealthy concentration of decision-making power within narrow sociodemographic groups in the Central Valley. I do not believe it is in the state's interest to support this, either directly or indirectly, and urge you to not find Del Puerto Reservoir eligible for additional sources of public funding.