

01272025 WSDMC Meeting
Handout 4.5-A, Pacheco Dam

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Dear Water Supply and Demand Management Committee,

This comment is also provided as an attachment.

Thank you for providing Attachment 2: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project FAQ. The FAQ is very informative and should be prominently available from the project landing page on the website.

Please consider the following comments regarding the staff report for the subject agenda item.

1. Future Topics (Slide 3). The “Discussion of connection between Project and the 2025 Water Supply Master Plan’s Portfolio Recommendation” should **include “comparison of Project cost to those of other water storage projects”** as presented to the Board on November 14, 2023. For this topic, please request that staff include such a comparison between Pacheco Reservoir, San Luis Reservoir (B.F. Sisk), and Sites Reservoir project costs.

2. Proposed Project Schedule Revision (Slide 6). This slide shows construction starting 1/1/29, but Proposed Project Schedule Revision (Slide 11) shows CWC funding completed in early 2029. **The construction start date should be updated to align with the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) funding award date.**

3. Proposed Project Schedule Revision (Slide 10). This slide shows 60% design complete in May 2026, including a project cost update. Please note the following regarding this information.

- Upcoming Milestones (Slide 13) shows 60% design complete in September 2026. Slide 10 should be updated accordingly.
- This means the Project will continue through at least two more budget cycles with no opportunity to assess changes to the Project’s viability. This seems insufficient for such a large important project. At least, **it should be documented that the Board will re-assess project viability along with the cost update in September 2026.**
- The Board should **request an updated benefit-cost analysis along with the cost update** to help with the re-assessment of Project viability.

4. Upcoming Milestones (Slide 13). This slide includes a milestone to “Certify Final Geotech EIR / Permits” in August 2025. This milestone should be included on the Proposed Project Schedule Revision (Slide 9). Also, the Board may want to **request more information about which specific permit actions related to Geotech will be completed by August 2025.**

Thank you for your consideration,

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