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Ms. Barbara Keegan  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
5750 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Ms. Keegan,

I recently wrote to you and the other Santa Clara Valley Board members suggesting that you invite Dr. Jeff Michael from the University of the Pacific to present to the Board his findings regarding the cost-benefit ratio for California Water Fix.

Presently, I am writing to make the additional suggestions for your consideration. As stated in the San Jose Mercury News, SCVWD has already contributed \$14 million toward studies for the tunnels, and the Department of Water Resources is looking for a contribution from the district for another \$500 million.

Every credible study shows that the San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary needs more water flowing through it, not less, and recent writing by Dr. Tina Swanson Natural Resources Defense Council shows that less and less water will be available in the Sacramento River Watershed due to climate change with more rain falling near the costs. This means that flows for the health of the estuary will become more critical if our region is to have a healthy San Francisco Bay, and that rain falling within the Santa Clara Valley Water District will become a more important water source. I am suggesting for your consideration that SCVWD invites Dr. Swanson to join the same panel with Dr. Jeff Michael so that the Board of Directors can evaluate the true costs of the project versus reliability of water deliveries.

Further complicating matters, it was recently revealed in a response by the Department of Water Resources to an inquiry from the Contra Costa Water District that DWR has not completed "full model runs" of water analyses for California Water Fix, even though tables making claims that such modeling had been completed exist in the revised Draft Environmental Impact Report for the project. The attached letter by John Herrick, Counsel and General Manager, of the South

Delta Water Agency to the State Water Resources Control Board explains this finding in great detail.

This discovery raises an important question for consideration by the Board of Directors for SCVWD. After an investment of \$14 million and ten years of staff time in BDCP, now California Water Fix, the Draft Environmental Impact Report, contains incorrect modeling data which means that the project cannot assure the amount of water it will deliver to exporters. Furthermore, does it make sense for SCVWD to invest more money into a project that cannot model accurately water deliveries and that will over time become a stranded asset as a result of climate change? That is why I am also suggesting that SCVWD invites John Herrick to make a presentation on the history of water availability for the state and federal water projects and his recent letter.

If you have any questions about my comments in this letter, our work at Restore the Delta, or our membership within the Santa Clara Valley Water District, please feel free to send me an email, [Barbara@restorethedelta.org](mailto:Barbara@restorethedelta.org), or call me at 209-479-2053.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla  
Executive Director, Restore the Delta