



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Pine Flat Dam Raise Study project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would allow the Army Corps of Engineers to begin a feasibility study on the raising of Pine Flat Dam by either 7 or 12 feet.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because a dam raise would help respond to climate change impacts including flooding (as occurred in 2023 when the Kings River flooded huge swaths of Fresno, Kings, and Tulare Counties) and drought. If found feasible through this study, the dam raise project would help communities in the 21st Congressional district and beyond comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, while providing a direct benefit to the more than 100 disadvantaged communities below Pine Flat Dam. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-611), Section 6 of the Flood Control Act of 1936 (PL 74-738), and Section 10 Flood Control Act of 1944 (PL 78-534).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Costa".

JIM COSTA  
Member of Congress