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Chairman Willie L. Phillips
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Chairman Phillips:

It has come to my attention that Pacific Gas & Electric, which owns and operates Scott Dam, intends to keep its gates open indefinitely in deference to seismic safety concerns. As you know, Scott Dam holds Lake Pillsbury, located in Lake County, California. Plans to indefinitely keep the gates at Scott Dam mean that Lake Pillsbury will likely never be completely full again.

Water resources in California have always been critical to sustaining agriculture, environmental resources, and communities. However in recent years with extreme drought and atmospheric rivers this year, ensuring a stable and viable water system is crucial. Lake Pillsbury provides an important source of water for hundreds of thousands of people who reside in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties.

While I understand Scott Dam is over 100 years old and we must take seismic concerns seriously, decisions concerning the operations of the dam must be made with a holistic approach. As California's water supply will remain unpredictable for the foreseeable future, we must take these concerns seriously.

I would like to request that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission evaluate this proposed plan as well as ensure that all impacted parties, including those who rely on water resources from Lake Pillsbury have the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

CC: Commissioner James Danley, Commissioner Allison Clements, and Commissioner Mark C. Christie

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