

VALLEY CLEAN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (VCIP)

PEIR Scoping Report

SCH# 2024020124



Westlands Water District

July 2025

Table 1
Parties Submitting Comments at the
Scoping Meetings on the VCIP PEIR

Name	Organization/Affiliation	Commenter ID	Oral/Written?
First Scoping Meeting – District Headquarters – Fresno – February 15, 2024			
Yousef al-Ramsi (<i>sp</i>)	Individual	1	Oral via Zoom
Seth Walia (<i>sp</i>)	Individual	2	Oral via Zoom
Second Scoping Meeting – Cantua Creek School – February 28, 2024			
Jamie Katz	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	3	Oral in person
David Rivas	Nor Cal Carpenters Union	4	Oral in person
Mariana Alvarenga	Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability	5	Oral in person
Maria Dolores Diaz	Cantua Creek Resident	6	Comment Card
Esther Ramirez	Cantua Creek Resident	7	Comment Card
Vicente Maria Zermento	Cantua Creek Resident	8	Comment Card

4. David Rivas, Nor Cal Carpenters Union (NCCU)

The following is a nearly verbatim recitation of the statement by David Rivas, representative of NCCU.

(The statement has been slightly edited for clarity.) The Nor Cal Carpenters Union represents about 36,000 members Northern California-wide, and 2,000 members in Fresno and Kings Counties. We support the broad vision and scope of the VCIP to transform the landscape of Fresno County by generation and storage of clean renewable energy throughout the region. As we examine the potential impacts of the project on the environment, we urge you to consider ways to reduce negative impacts on the environment to ensure that we serve the local community. We support that the project be built by contractors who participate in joint labor-management programs and that the contractors make commitments to hire local work forces. Community benefits such as local hiring can reduce the environmental impacts on the local communities. Local hiring programs require that certain percentages of the workers come from the surrounding counties of the project. This will in turn reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce commute times to and from the job and provide local economic benefits by allowing the people who live in the community to work in the community. As a plan of this magnitude warrants, we urge that you consider the broad and far-reaching impacts of the VCIP during the planning stages. We look forward to the opportunity that the VCIP can bring to our community and urge Westlands, the developer, and the community to work together to ensure that the project is economically sound and economically equitable. [No response was provided to these general comments.]