## JJRBG Meeting August 3, 2021 Written Public Comments Submitted via E-mail Agenda Item VIII

## 1. LA Concerns

I would like to know why the safety of our neighborhoods and helping victims is not the top priority.

I would like to know why there is this insistence on spending significant amounts of taxpayer money renovating facilities that are less secure than an existing locations like Barry J Nidorf.

Why are you pretending that these are average juveniles convicted of minor crimes, they are not!

We are **not** talking about shoplifting and other minor crimes, we **are** talking about the most violent of all juvenile offenders, convicted of murder, attempted murder, rape, mayhem.

Their victims are the citizens of Los Angeles.

This population needs to be in secure facilities until they have served their sentences or have been reformed.

Other counties are not looking for less secure facilites. San Mateo is using their existing juvenile hall, look it up. Apparently, the safety of their citizens is an important consideration.

Currently in Los Angeles, many crimes are will not be prosecuted, shoplifting for instance, if less than \$950. This will create room in existing locations for this minority of the violent juvenile offenders.

Why spend taxpayer money on facilities that are not needed.

Spend it to upgrade existing facilities, not to create less secure facilities.

Spend it to help victims recover,

Spent it in at-risk neighborhoods,

Spend it to help prevent juvenile crime, not perpetuate it, creating safe havens, for convicted felons.



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August 2, 2021

Bill Miranda Mayor

Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Subcommittee 9050 East Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242

Laurene Weste Mayor Pro Tem Subject: Comments on Proposed Annual Plan and Opposition that Camps Scott and Scudder Serve as Long Term Facilities for DJJ Population

Jason Gibbs Councilmember Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Subcommittee:

Marsha McLean Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to respectfully express our concerns and opposition that Camps Joseph Scott (Scott) and Kenyon Scudder (Scudder) serve as the long-term County facility for male Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) youth and urge you to consider environmental impacts and conduct community engagement meetings with officials and community members in Santa Clarita.

Cameron Smyth Councilmember We were encouraged to see the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approve a motion at their July 27, 2021, regular meeting that instructed the Los Angeles County Probation Department, in consultation with this committee, assess all licensed probation facilities to identify and rank the feasibility of the use of each campus to serve the DJJ population.

In addition to concerns outlined in our letter to this committee on July 20, 2021, I want to highlight the dangers and vulnerabilities in the site location of Camps Scott and Scudder with respect to Bouquet Dam.

Camps Scott and Scudder are located approximately 12-miles downstream from Bouquet Dam (Dam), within the Dam's blue-line stream. Built in the early 1930's, the Dam can hold up to 45 million cubic meters or almost 12 billion gallons of water. Bouquet Dam was the replacement structure for the St. Francis Dam which collapsed in March of 1928, killing over 400 people and resulting in millions of dollars in property damage.

As indicated in the attached Los Angles Department of Water and Power flood maps, in the event of a breach in Bouquet Dam, it is likely that the safety and wellbeing of those inside of Camps Scott and Scudder could be in severe danger. Specifically,



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Camp Scott is projected to be inundated with approximately 26 ft. of water within 50 minutes of a breach in Bouquet Dam.

Furthermore, due to historical mining and wildfires in the area, failure of the Dam could result in an enormous amount of debris flow causing further damage within the flood path. It is critical that a proper environmental review, including the potential dangers with respect to the facilities' proximity to Bouquet Dam, and public outreach be conducted and incorporated in the development of the DJJ Plan and assessment of suitable facilities.

Had a proper environmental document been performed, many of these issues would have surfaced as part of a larger analysis of the appropriate use of this location and would clearly indicate that Camps Scott and Scudder are unsafe and unsuitable for the proposed use included in the DJJ Plan.

It is imperative that the DJJ Plan incorporate an environmental review and community input, especially from communities that will be directly impacted with the recommendations adopted in the DJJ Plan. Therefore, we respectfully urge this committee consider environmental impacts and conduct community engagement meetings with officials and community members in Santa Clarita and identify alternative facilities suitable to serve the intended DJJ population.

A final plan is not due to the state until January 1, 2022, and it is critical that this committee utilize the balance of the remaining time, prior to the deadline, to ensure that the decisions made on the transition of DJJ youth is in the best interest of the youth served in the facilities and surrounding communities near the facilities.

Thank you for your consideration on this grave matter. We look forward to working with each of you in securing the most adequate resources and suitable facilities for the transition of the DJJ population. Should you require any additional information regarding our comments and requests included in this letter, please contact Masis Hagobian, Intergovernmental Relations Analyst, at (661) 286-4057 or <a href="mailto:mhagobian@santa-clarita.com">mhagobian@santa-clarita.com</a>.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

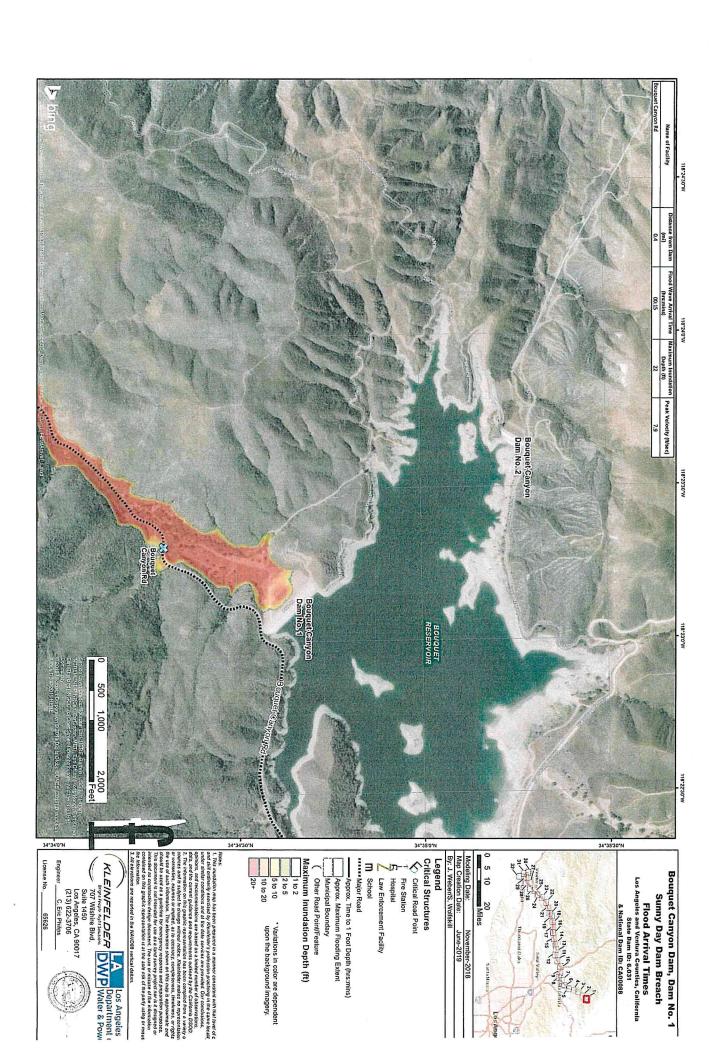
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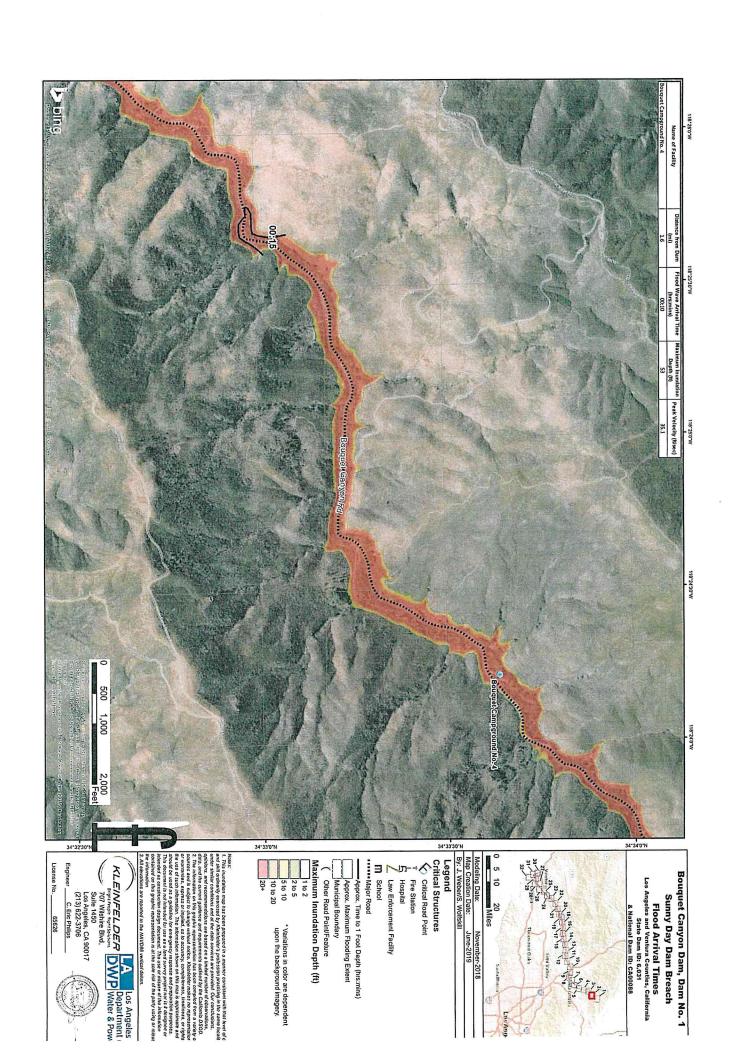
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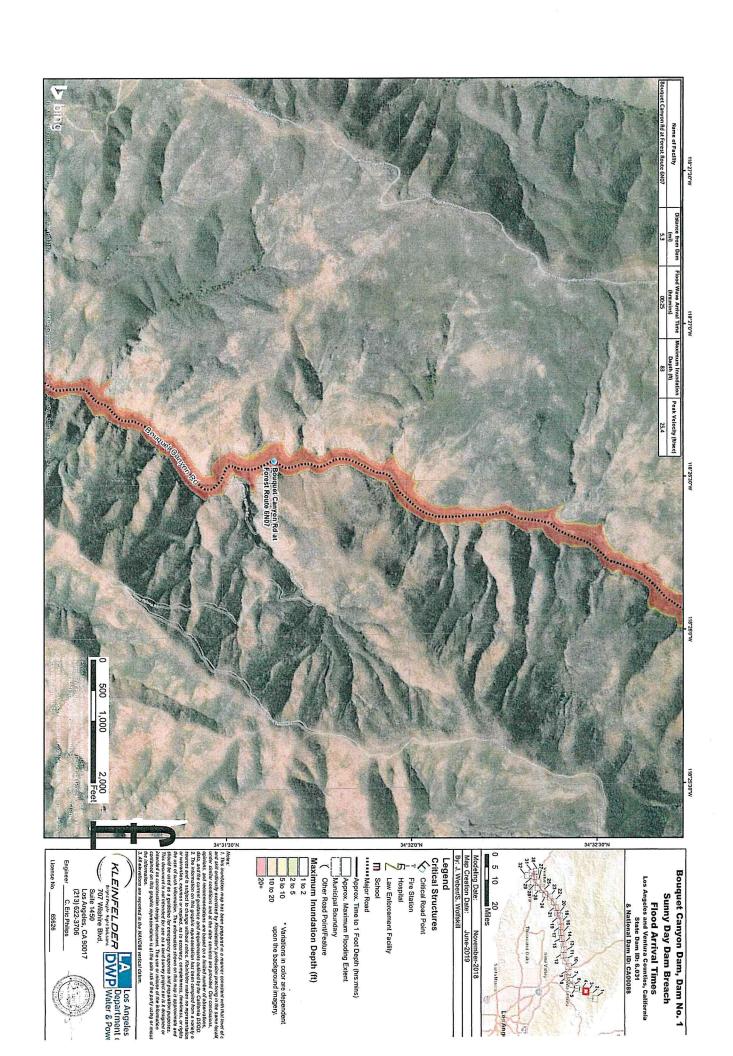
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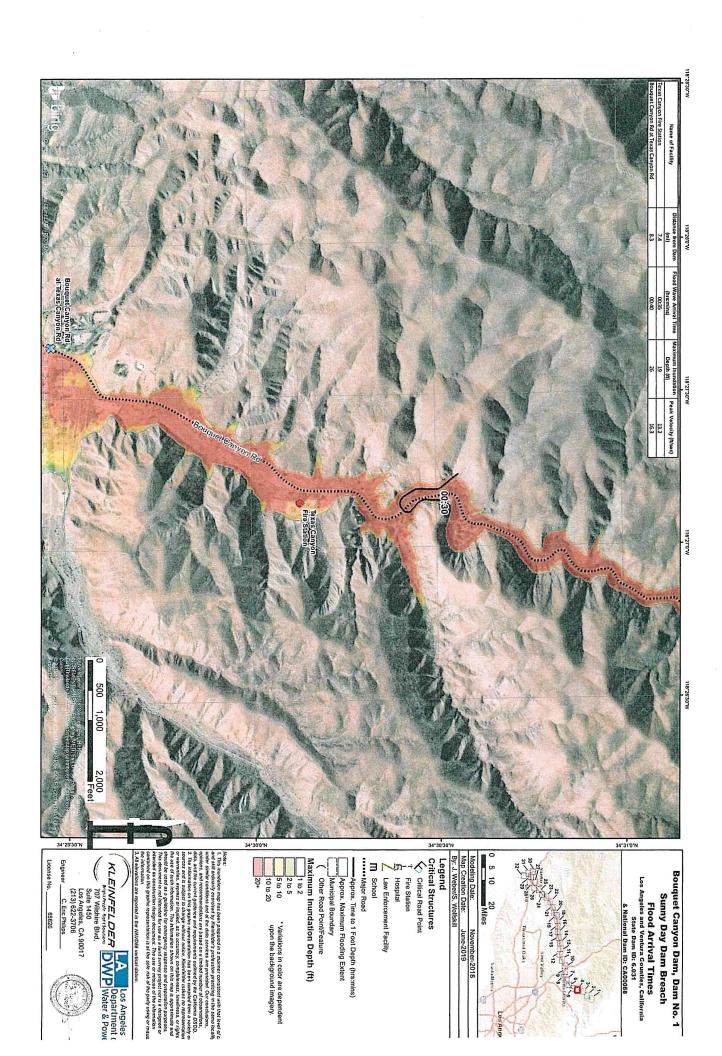
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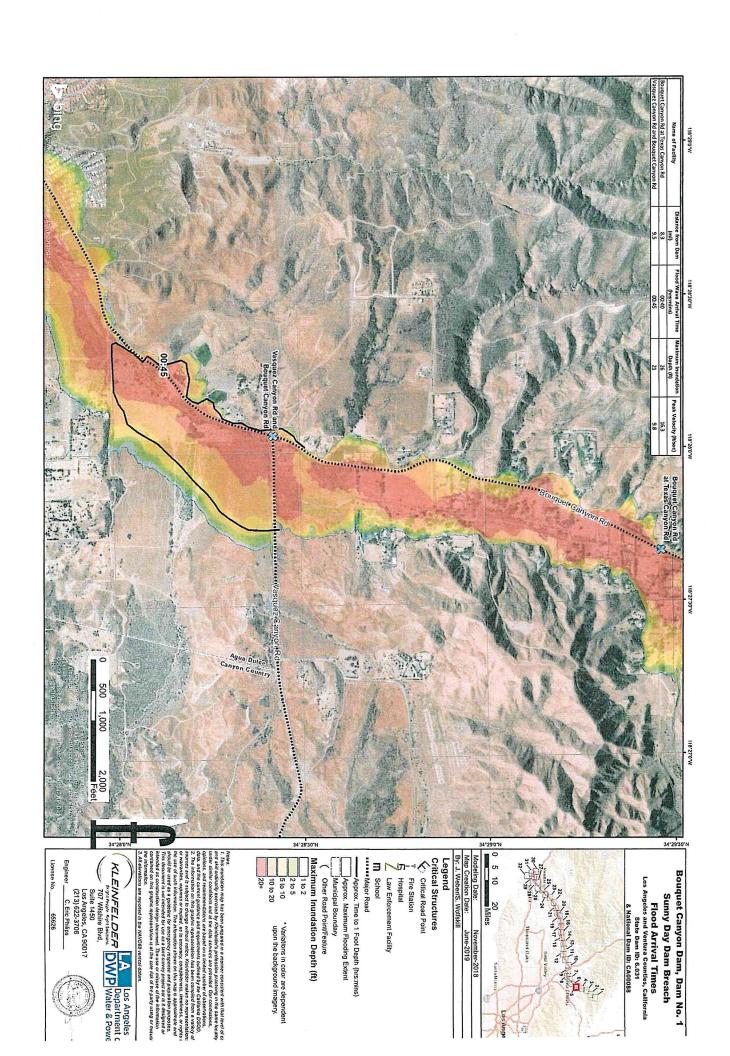
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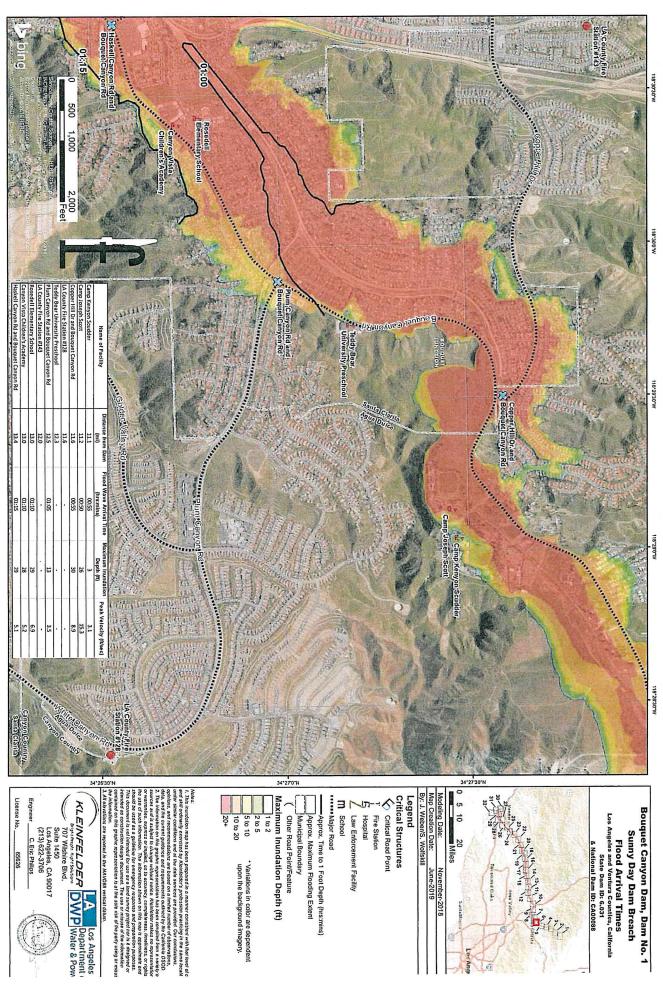












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