WASHINGTON, D.C. – Expressing their “deep concern” about safety at Isabella Dam, two Valley Congressmen have called on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to locate the necessary funding to complete the planning process on repairs to the dam.

In a letter to John Woodley, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Congressmen Kevin McCarthy, R-Bakersfield, and Jim Costa, D-Fresno, said the current situation at Isabella Dam “puts thousands of our constituents at risk.”

The two Valley lawmakers pointed out that while safety issues forced the Corps of Engineers to lower the amount of water stored in the dam’s reservoir, “this action caused millions of dollars worth of lost water” forcing economic hardship and water management challenges for contract users of the Isabella Reservoir water.

The Corps of Engineers has identified the safety issues at Isabella Dam as its number one dam safety concern.

(THE FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER IS ATTACHED)

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