



# Update on legislative activities related to Oroville Dam facilities and proposed dam safety program enhancements

Communications and Legislation Committee

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# Oroville Dam Event and Legislative Activities

- Feb. 7 ● Initial gated spillway damage
- Feb. 11 ● Emergency spillway used; downstream evacuation
- Feb. 24 ● Governor releases proposal to enhance dam safety/funding
- Board of Consultants reports (4)
- Mar. 21 ● AB 884 (Levine) and AB 1270 and 1271 (Gallagher) amended
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- Apr. 17 ● DWR awards \$275M contract
- Apr. 19 ● Congress requests FERC review
- Apr. 25 ● Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee hearing

KEY

- Emergency event
- Recovery activities
- Legislative activities




# Brown Administration Proposals to Enhance Dam Safety and Funding

- Invest \$437 million in near-term flood control and emergency response actions
  - Redirect \$50 million from General Fund
  - Appropriate \$387 million from Proposition 1
- Require emergency action plans and flood inundation maps for all dams
- Enhance California's existing dam inspection program
- Seek prompt regulatory action and increased federal funding to improve dam safety

# Brown Administration Proposals to Enhance Dam Safety and Funding (cont'd)

- Budget trailer bill (RN 17 10961 dated 3/8/17)
  - Reclassifies risk plans
  - Imposes civil penalties for failure to comply
  - Establishes new fee schedule by emergency regulation
- Proposition 1 bond funding
  - Senate and Assembly budget subcommittees have questioned expenditure of \$387 million within two years
  - To date, deferred appropriation of bond funds
- Federal assistance and oversight
  - \$274 million emergency aid from FEMA through May 2017
  - Congressional /state delegations request oversight by FERC

# Comparison of Dam Safety Policy Legislation

	Existing Law	AB 884 (Levine, D-San Rafael)	AB 1270 (Gallagher, R-Yuba City)	AB 1271 (Gallagher, R-Yuba City)
Annual inspection?		✓	✓	✓
Annual report to Legislature?			✓	
Continuous appropriation?				✓

# Legislative Hearings

- Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee – Special Order of Business on April 25
  - State officials provided update on plans to repair spillways
  - Anticipate sufficient repairs by Nov. 1 to allow reliable flood control releases
  - Questioned on recent construction contract terms and conditions
- Additional hearings expected
  - Joint Assembly policy committees hearing on May 11
  - Future hearings may focus on responsibility, lessons learned and fiscal impact



# Impacts to Metropolitan

- Metropolitan owns and operates twenty facilities under Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) jurisdiction
- Metropolitan's current activities align with budget trailer bill and policy legislation
  - Annual inspection by DSOD
  - Dam facility assessments initiated in 2004
  - Initiated facility Emergency Action Plans in 2016
  - Inundation maps updated on regular cycle
- DSOD fees expected to rise significantly under budget trailer bill
  - Current fees of ~\$300k would double over 3 years
  - Additional structures may be included in inspections

# Next Steps

- Coordinate and collaborate with State Water Contractors regarding cost allocation
- Monitor future budget and legislative policy hearings
  - Identify opportunities for Metropolitan's engagement at federal and state level



