



# Brown Administration's Budget Trailer Bill and AB 1270 (Gallagher, R-Yuba City)

## Re: Dam Safety

Communications and Legislation Committee

Item 8-10

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# Background

- Oroville spillway events began Feb. 7, 2017
- Governor announced proposal to enhance dam safety and flood control funding
- Three Assembly bills introduced regarding inspection of dams
- Administration's budget trailer bill and AB 1270 remain active



# Budget Trailer Bill (RN 17-14056)

- Requires Department of Water Resources (DWR) to reclassify all dams based on current potential threat to safety
- Requires regular updates to inundation maps and creation of emergency action plans
- Establishes new regulatory fee schedule
- Imposes civil penalty of \$1,000 per day for failure to comply
- Aligns California's dam safety program with FEMA guidelines

# AB 1270 (Gallagher, R-Yuba City)

- Requires DWR to conduct visual and physical inspections of all dams and reservoirs at least once per year
- Requires DWR to submit annual report to Legislature on five-year need for infrastructure improvement, maintenance, and funding for state-owned reservoirs

# AB 1270 (Gallagher, R-Yuba City) (cont.)

- Recommended amendments:
  - Allow DWR more time to inspect lowest-hazard dams
  - Reduce frequency of annual report

# Effect on Metropolitan

- Metropolitan owns and operates 24 dams
- Metropolitan maintains active dam safety program including:
  - Monitoring/inspections
  - Facility assessments and capital investments
  - Regular inundation mapping
  - Individual emergency action plans (initiated in 2015)



**Diamond Valley Lake**

# Effect on Metropolitan (cont.)

- Budget trailer bill

- Largely conforms to Metropolitan's current practice
- Revised emergency action plans may be required
- Additional inundation scenarios may be required
- Increased annual regulatory fees from \$300,000 to approximately \$600,000 over three years



**Diemer basin**

# Effect on Metropolitan (cont.)

- AB 1270 (Gallagher)

- DWR already inspects Metropolitan facilities annually
- DWR may request additional information for physical inspection
- Increased regulatory fees based on DWR staff requirements for annual statewide inspections of all dams



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# Support/Opposition for Budget Trailer Bill

- Support
  - Santa Clara Valley Water District
  - San Francisco PUC (if amended)
- Opposition
  - None known

# Support/Opposition for AB 1270

- Support (partial list)
  - Santa Clara Valley Water District
  - Butte County Board of Supervisors
  - Sutter County Board of Supervisors
  - Cities of Biggs, Chico, Oroville and Yuba City
- Opposition
  - None known

# Board Options

## ● Option 1

- Adopt CEQA determination
- Authorize General Manager to:
  - Express support for Budget Trailer Bill RN 17-14056
  - Express support, if amended, for AB 1270 (Gallagher)

## ● Option 2

- Take no position on Budget Trailer Bill RN 17-14056 or AB 1270 (Gallagher)

# Staff Recommendation

- Option 1

