



FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Office of Energy Projects

Division of Dam Safety and Inspections – San Francisco Regional Office

September 16, 2025

In reply refer to:
Project No. 6378-CA

VIA FERC Service

Mr. Ara Azhderian
General Manager
Monterey County Water Resources Agency
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Salinas, CA 93902-0930

Re: 8th Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report for Nacimiento Dam

Dear Mr. Azhderian:

This is in response to letters dated February 23, 2023, and April 24, 2023, from Mr. Chris Moss that submitted the 8th Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report (Part 12D report) and a plan and schedule to address the 8th Part 12D report recommendations for Nacimiento Dam, which is part of the Nacimiento Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 6378. Two technical memorandums consisting of a repair plan of the crest-drain blockage of the south spillway and high-level outlet tunnel liner for addressing recommendations from the 7th Part 12D report were also included with the April 24, 2023, letter. An updated plan and schedule for addressing the Independent Consultant's (IC's) recommendations was submitted in a letter dated March 5, 2025. Our review of the Part 12D report concludes that the scope and content of the report satisfies the requirements of Part 12, Subpart D, §12.37 of Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Part 12D Report was found to be prepared in general accordance with the Engineering Guidelines Chapter 14 outline provided in our reminder letter dated April 6, 2022. Based upon our review, we have following comments:

1. Your updated plan and schedule for addressing several IC's recommendations from the 8th Part 12D report indicates as "TBD" and "not started." We cannot accept a plan and schedule which is not based on specific dates (day, month, and year). Therefore, provide an updated plan and schedule which includes specific dates for addressing the IC's recommendations.

2. Your plan and schedule indicates that several IC's recommendations regarding Supporting Technical Information Document (STID) have been completed. However, we have not received an updated STID as of the date of this letter which is now overdue and requires submittal.

Within 30 days of the date of this letter, address above comments, or provide a plan and schedule to address these comments. File your submittal using our eFiling system at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview>. When eFiling, select Hydro: Dam Safety; San Francisco Regional Office from the eFiling menu. The cover page of the filing must indicate that the material was eFiled. For assistance with eFiling, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

We appreciate your continued efforts in this aspect of our dam safety program. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Mynul Chowdhury at (415) 369-3313.

Sincerely,

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