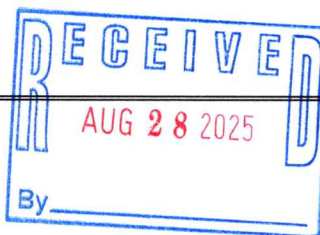


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August 19, 2025

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Nacimiento Dam, No.1008
San Luis Obispo County

Dear Mr. Azhderian:

This is in response to Monterey County Water Resources Agency's (MCWRA) letter dated June 17, 2025, to the Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD), providing MCWRA's plan and schedule to address the outstanding items associated with the comprehensive condition assessment of the spillway at Nacimiento Dam. The plan and schedule was developed in response to DSOD's letter of January 8, 2025, regarding the need to address a few outstanding comments to address seepage issues and inspect the half-round spillway drains.

DSOD has reviewed the plan and schedule. MCRWA's plan to repair the North and South high-level outlet gate seals by November 15, 2026, and its proposal to develop alternatives to access, inspect, and evaluate the functionality of the half-round drainpipes under the original spillway by April 15, 2026, is found acceptable. Submit MCRWA's preferred alternative for the inspection to DSOD for review by April 15, 2026.

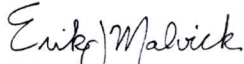
MCWRA will investigate the seepage at transverse Joint 16R/17R by exposing the water stop at the joint to assess its condition and perform any necessary repairs. An application may be required depending on the extent and scope of the work. Since MCWRA plans to complete the work by September 2026, please email a work plan by July 1, 2026, to Area Engineer Jasper Mizani for review at Jasper.Mizani@water.ca.gov so DSOD can determine if an application will be required.

MCWRA must continue to perform regular maintenance of the spillway and inspect it before an impending activation, during discharges, and after cessation of discharges. DSOD needs to be informed immediately of any changes in the condition of the spillway.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Mr. Mizani at (916) 565-7822 or Regional Engineer Timothy Jimenez at (916) 565-7820. If you want to discuss plans related to investigating the drainpipes under the original spillway, you may contact Division Technical Advisor Daniel Meyersohn at (916) 820-7818.

Sincerely,



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