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Nacimiento Dam, No. 1008.000 San Luis Obispo County



The Division of Safety of Dams (Division) has updated the hazard classification for all dams under State jurisdiction with respect to dam safety. This classification is based solely on downstream hazard considerations, not the actual condition of the dam or its critical appurtenant structures. We have determined that the dam listed above has an "extremely high" hazard classification. Dams in this category have the potential to cause considerable loss of life and major impacts to downstream property should they fail or undergo an uncontrolled release from the dam or major water impounding barrier.

Newly enacted state law that became effective July 1, 2017, requires dam owners to prepare an emergency action plan (EAP) for their dams and critical appurtenant structures under certain conditions and in specific time limits (Water Code Sections 6160 and 6161). For dams meeting the "extremely high" hazard classification, the EAP must be completed and submitted for the subject dam by **January 1, 2018**. Prior to this date, as required under the new law, an inundation map must be submitted for review and approval by the Division.

Since this dam is also regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, we recognize that you may have already prepared an inundation map and EAP for the dam. However, the newly enacted state law also requires inundation map(s) for critical appurtenant structures meeting the criteria contained in Section 6160(a) of the Water Code. Therefore, if critical appurtenance(s) are identified, the EAP must be updated with these new map(s).

Although this Division will be responsible for reviewing and approving the inundation maps, the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) will oversee and approve EAPs in accordance with Government Code Section 8589.5. More information regarding EAPs and the legal responsibilities of dam owners is available at the following websites: www.water.ca.gov/damsafety and www.caloes.ca.gov. Additionally, the full text of the new law (SB 92, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Statutes of 2017) can be found here: www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov.

If there was an existing EAP as of March 1, 2017, the inundation map(s) contained in the plan must still be submitted for our review and approval in accordance with Section 6161.(a)(4) of the Water Code. Once we determine the inundation map is sufficient, the EAP must be finalized and submitted to Cal OES and our office in accordance with Section 6161.(a)(3).

In accordance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's guidelines, we consider EAPs a critical component of a responsible dam safety program. Therefore, we advise you to work closely with your local emergency management agency (EMA) and Cal OES and to coordinate your activities with them in order to facilitate an effective EAP development process. As part of our efforts to assist in these matters, local EMAs are being advised of these new requirements.

We will notify you if any changes occur that could affect these requirements. We look forward to working with you and appreciate your cooperation.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Area Engineer William Vogler at (916) 227-4625 or Regional Engineer Andrew Mangney at (916) 227-4631. Questions concerning EAPs should be directed to Cal OES at eap@caloes.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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