



**Monterey County Water Resources Agency**

# **Nacimiento Dam and San Antonio Dam Spillway Condition Assessment**

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## This Presentation

- Brief Spillway Construction History
- Brief Spillway Operational History
- Condition Assessment Report Conclusions
- Condition Assessment Report Recommendations
- Work Planned for FY 2018-19

## Reports

Nacimiento Dam Spillway Condition Assessment Report, June 2018  
by GEI Consultants, Inc.

San Antonio Dam Spillway Condition Assessment Report, May 2018  
by GEI Consultants, Inc.

## Other Applicable Information

Interlake Tunnel & San Antonio Spillway Modification Project  
information provided April 12, 2018, by GEI Consultants, Inc.





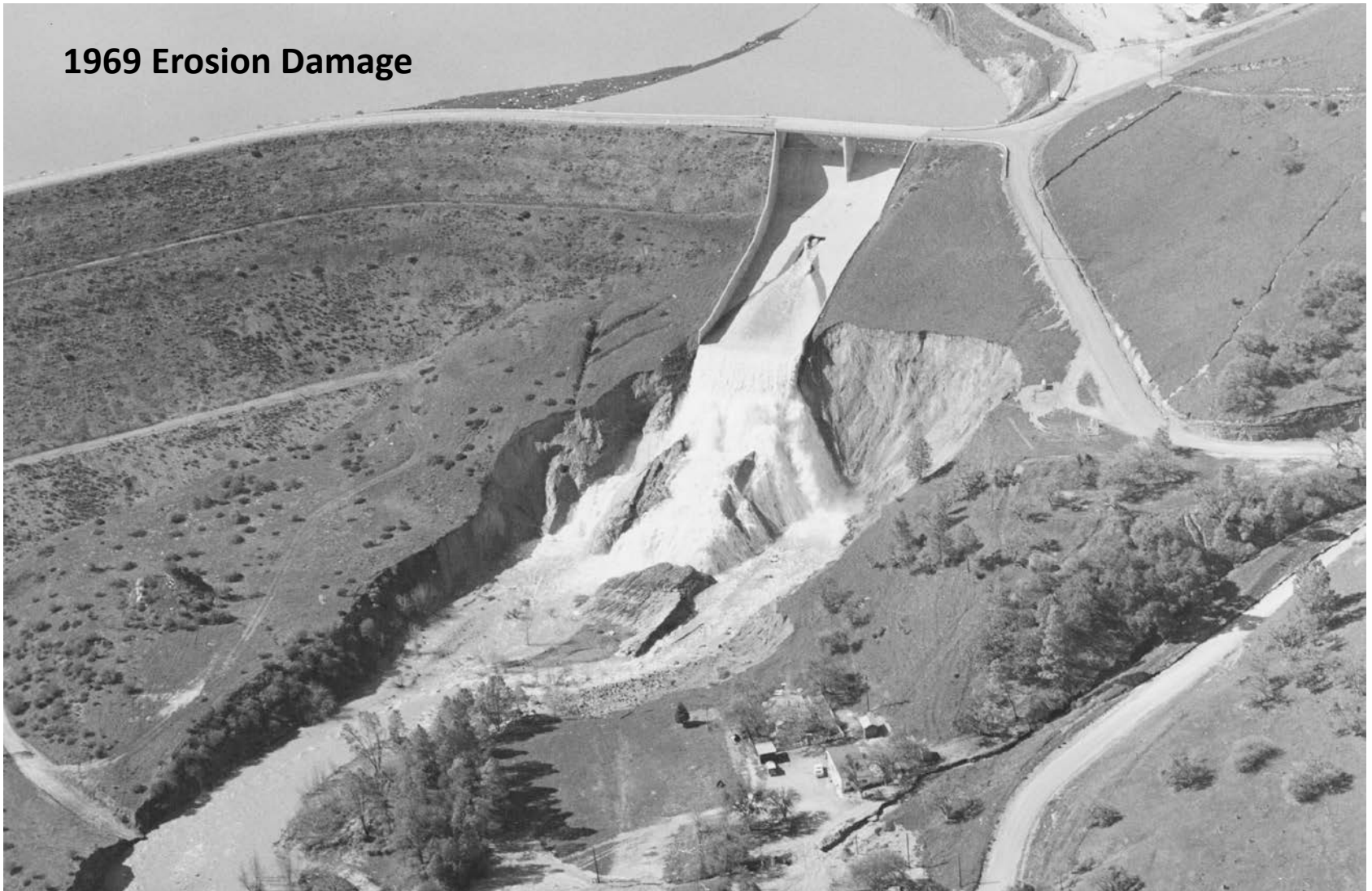
## Nacimiento Dam Spillway Brief Construction History

- 1957 – Original Spillway Completed
  - 150 ft wide concrete ogee weir – crest Elev. 800.0 ft
  - 100 ft wide x 320 feet long
  - Discharged onto slope to curved exit channel
  - ± 52,000 cfs at Reservoir Elev 820 feet
- 1969 – Significant Spillway Discharge Erosion
- 1970 – Spillway extended 194 feet to base of slope (to 514 ft long) and exit channel straightened
- 2009 – Inflatable crest gates and new chute walls installed to pass updated Probable Maximum Flood flow
  - 131 ft-10 in total width inflatable crest gates
  - Max. crest Elev. 800.0 ft (raised)
  - Min. crest Elev. 787.75 ft (lowered)
  - 101,167 cfs at Reservoir Elev 823.5 feet



# Nacimiento Dam Spillway Brief Construction History

1969 Erosion Damage



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**2009 Inflatable Crest Gate & Chute Wall Completion**

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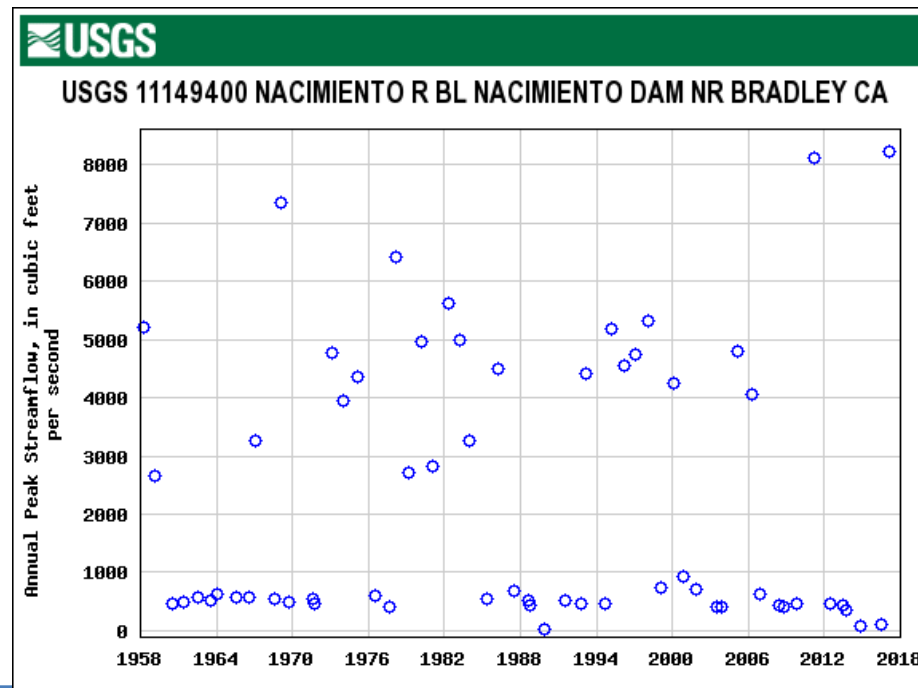
## Nacimiento Dam Spillway Brief Operational History

Spillway crest overtopped (800.0 feet elev.) 1967, 1969, 1983, 2011  
(Agency daily reservoir elevation records)

High Level Gates Operated  $\pm$  25 years

Peak Spillway Discharge (using Inflatable Crest Gates)

- Feb 22, 2017 – 8,220 cfs (USGS Streamflow gage below dam)



Peak Flows  
Below Dam  
(USGS)





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6,030 cfs (USGS)







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# June 2018 Nacimiento Dam Spillway Condition Assessment Report by GEI Consultants, Inc.

## Spillway Condition Assessment included:

- Record review
- Field inspection (July 2017)
- Non-destructive evaluation
  - Ground Penetrating Radar
  - Impact Echo Survey
  - Impulse Response Survey

## Conclusions

- Spillway judged to be in good operable order
- Potential failure modes thought to be greatest threat to safe spillway operation:
  - Chute slab failures at joint defects (concrete spalls, delamination, offsets)
  - Clogged or otherwise ineffective underdrains
  - Erosion/head-cutting at plunge pool area



# June 2018 Nacimiento Dam Spillway Condition Assessment Report by GEI Consultants, Inc.

## Report Recommendations (summarized):

- R1 – Repair concrete pop-out at Obermeyer inflatable gate crest (**complete**)
- R2 – Reshape epoxy fill at invert of south high-level gate to allow proper gate seating
- R3 – Repair chute spalls, pop-outs, delaminations and offset joints (**partially complete**)
- R4 – Repair wall offset joints (**complete**)
- R5 – Seal all cracks and joints (**partially complete**)
- R6 – Perform borescope exploration at downstream, right side of high-level gate outlet tunnel
- R7 – Conduct hydraulic analyses to assess erodibility of exit channel (and solutions)
- R8 – Remove bedrock outcrop on right side of exit channel to improve flow characteristics
- R9 – Inspect left spillway approach wall (GEI unable to due to water elev.)
- R10 – Identify source of seepage through lower right slab joints
- R11 – Develop plan to verify function of all subdrains
- R12 – Perform borescope exploration throughout chute slab at locations determined by non-destructive evaluation

The Report was sent to FERC and DSOD on July 6, 2018.





## Planned 2018 Nacimiento Spillway Construction Work

### Recommendations R2, R3, R5, R6, R10, R12:

R6, R10, R12 – Borescope Exploration

- Up to 43 borescope locations – look for voids, concrete condition

R5 – Seal Moving Cracks up to ½-inch Wide ( $\pm$  900 Lineal Feet)

R5 – Repair Non-Moving Cracks up to ½-inch Wide ( $\pm$  50 Lineal Feet)

R5 – Seal Fine Concrete Crack Areas ( $\pm$  1270 Square Feet)

R3 – Repair Delaminated Concrete ( $\pm$  31 Cubic Yards)

R3 – Concrete Spall Repair

R2 – Reshape epoxy fill at invert of south high-level gate

The above Work Plan will be submitted to FERC & DSOD for approval.

**Estimated cost: \$150,000**



## Planned 2018 Nacimiento Spillway Engineering Work

### Recommendations R7, R8, R9, R11:

R7 – Conduct hydraulic analyses to assess erodibility of exit channel (and solutions)

- RFP for engineering services to go out Fall 2018
- **FY 18-19 Allocated Amount: \$50,000**

R8 – Remove bedrock outcrop on right side of exit channel to improve flow characteristics

- Permits required, schedule to be determined
- RFP for engineering services to go out Fall 2018
- **FY 18-19 Allocated Amount: \$0**

R9 – Inspect left spillway approach wall

- Inspect in August

R11 – Develop plan to verify function of all subdrains

- Planning underway, submit to FERC & DSOD for approval in August
- **Estimated cost: TBD**





## San Antonio Dam Spillway Brief Construction History

- 1966 – Construction Completed
  - 100 ft wide concrete ogee weir – crest Elev. 780.0 ft
  - 50 ft wide x 1,417 feet long, curved and banked chute
  - Discharges to unlined exit channel
  - $\pm$  35,000 cfs at Reservoir Elev 800 feet flow over-tops spillway chute walls
- No spillway modifications have occurred



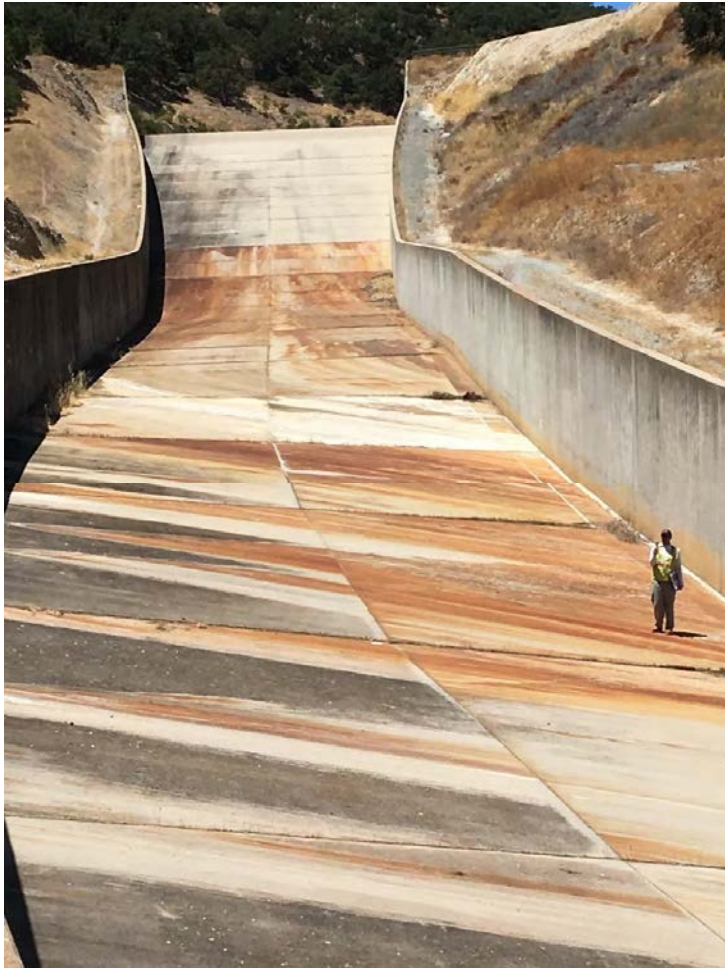
# San Antonio Dam Spillway Brief Construction History



Concrete Ogee Weir



# San Antonio Dam Spillway Brief Construction History



Upstream Portion Spillway Chute



Example Concrete Condition





# San Antonio Dam Spillway Brief Construction History



Flip Bucket and Exit Channel



# San Antonio Dam Spillway Brief Operational History

## Summary of spillway operations from construction to July 2018

Date of Recorded Maximum Reservoir Elevation Above Spillway Crest Elevation	Spillway Crest Elevation (feet)	Maximum Recorded Reservoir Water Surface Elevation on Date Shown (feet)	Estimated Maximum Spillway Flow at Maximum Recorded Reservoir Elevation (cfs)	Number of Days Reservoir Water Elevation Recorded Above Spillway Crest Elevation
2/26/1980	780.00	781.2	600	14
4/16/1982	780.00	780.9	400	16
3/5/1983	780.00	782.65	1,750	37
5/1/2006	780.00	780.9	400	61
<b>Total:</b>				<b>128</b>

Data source: MCWRA daily reservoir elevation records and Bechtel 1967 spillway rating curve.





# June 2018 San Antonio Dam Spillway Condition Assessment Report by GEI Consultants, Inc.

## Spillway Condition Assessment included:

- Record review
- Field inspection (July 2017)

## Conclusions

- Spillway judged to be in poor to fair operable condition
- Potential failure modes thought to be greatest threat to safe spillway operation:
  - Clogged, non-functioning underdrains - slab uplift
  - Joint construction (no waterstops) – slab uplift
  - Chute wall over-topping – erosion
  - Unlined exit channel – erosion/head cutting
  - Concrete deterioration – chute/wall structural failure



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## Report Recommendations (summarized):

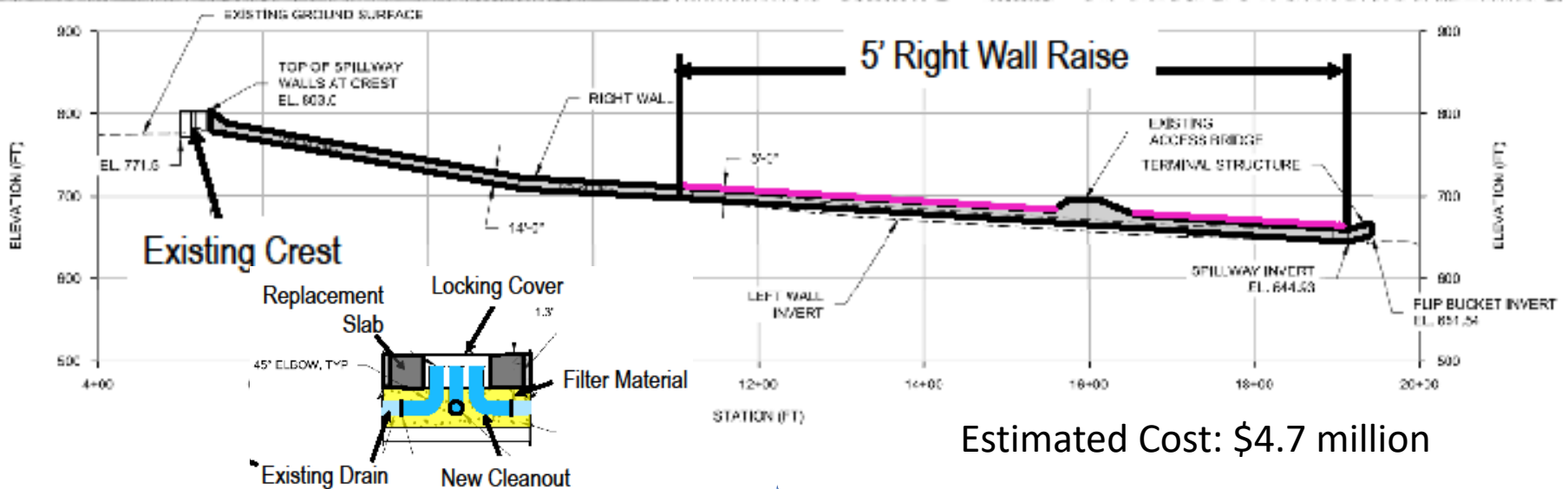
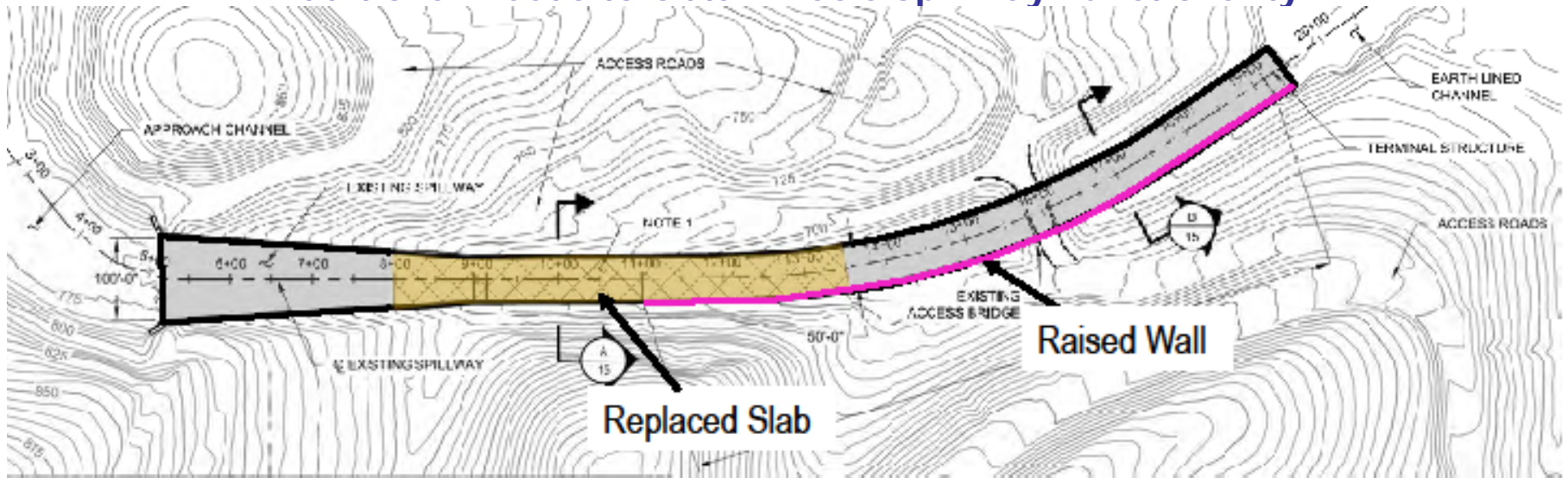
- R1 – (a) Perform non-destructive evaluation (Ground Penetrating Radar, Impact Echo Survey, Impulse Response Survey) to look for voids, slab thickness
    - (b) Core sample locations of chute slab to determine concrete condition
  - R2 – Determine underdrain system functionality
  - R3 – Conduct spillway hydraulic analyses for potential slab-jacking, cross waves, and wall freeboard under PMF conditions
  - R4 – Repair chute slab and wall concrete spalls, delaminations, deteriorated locations
  - R5 – (a) Perform water quality testing of seepage water and reservoir water to determine source of seepage water
    - (b) Determine chemical composition of seepage water for reactivity assessment with concrete
  - R6 – Apply joint sealant to chute walls
  - R7 – Perform stability analysis of chute walls assuming full hydrostatic pressure on back sides of walls (due to clogged drains observed in video survey)
  - R8 – Analyze chute slabs for uplift resistance under full hydrostatic pressure (due to clogged drains observed in video survey)
  - R9 – Repair 10” spillway underdrain pipe near downstream right access manhole
  - R10 – Conduct Potential Failure Mode Analysis for the spillway
- The Report was sent to DSOD on May 23, 2018.



# San Antonio Dam Spillway

Additional Information from Inter-Lake Tunnel Project Work – April 2018

## Additional Needs to Obtain Basic Spillway Functionality



Estimated Cost: \$4.7 million





## Planned 2018 San Antonio Spillway Construction Work

### Recommendations R2, R9:

R2 – Determine underdrain system functionality – cut through chute floor to access underdrains (Plan to be submitted to DSOD for approval)

R9 – Repair 10” spillway underdrain pipe near downstream right access manhole

Estimated cost: \$50,000 +





## Planned 2018 San Antonio Spillway **Engineering Work**

Further consideration is needed to provide comprehensive approach to San Antonio spillway needs.





**Thank you**

**Questions?**

