

SEP 29 2016

Ms. Tina Bartlett, Manager  
Region II  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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Big Downey Lake Dam, No. 1-24 (OJ)  
Nevada County

Dear Ms. Bartlett:

On September 8, 2016, Field Engineer Timothy Jimenez conducted a final inspection of the construction work at Big Downey Lake Dam. The work consisted of lowering the dam height to less than jurisdictional size, and is associated with the alteration application filed on August 10, 2015, and approved on September 1, 2015.

Mr. Jimenez found all work was satisfactorily completed, and the dam now measures 5.8 feet in height, between the downstream outlet invert and the dam crest. Pursuant to Division 3, Part 1, Chapter 1, Section 6003 of the California Water Code, dams not in excess of 6 feet in height are not under State jurisdiction for dam safety. Therefore, Big Downey Dam is no longer subject to State jurisdiction.

No alteration increasing the height of the dam to jurisdictional size may be made in the future without our prior written approval. As long as the height of Big Downey Dam is not increased to greater than 6 feet, it will not be subject to State jurisdiction as to safety and no further action will be required of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) or taken by the Department.

To complete the administrative requirements associated with the alteration application, submit the following items:

1. One set of full size as-built drawings, with the date stamp and "wet signature" of a civil engineer registered in California.
2. An affidavit of actual costs of construction with a breakdown of costs, including engineering. Two affidavit forms are enclosed.
3. The Certificate of Approval signed by Robert B. Jansen and dated June 15, 1966.

Please submit these items by January 31, 2017.

Historically, there have been problems at Big Downey Dam with vandals plugging the outlet inlet and exit with rocks. Although the dam is no longer under our jurisdiction, we recommend DFW routinely inspect the dam to ensure the outlet remains clear and unobstructed.

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If you have any questions or need any additional information, you may contact Mr. Jimenez at (916) 227-5643 or me at (916) 227-4631.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Andrew J. Mangney, appearing as "Aspt AJM".

Andrew J. Mangney, Regional Engineer  
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Enclosures

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