

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

1416 NINTH STREET, P.O. BOX 942836
SACRAMENTO, CA 94236-0001
(916) 653-5791



October 2, 2017

NOTICE OF PROPOSED EMERGENCY REGULATORY ACTION

Subject: Dam Inundation Maps

The California Department of Water Resources (Department) proposes this emergency rulemaking action under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) to adopt regulations that establish criteria for dam owners to prepare and submit inundation maps for review and approval by the Department. Specifically, these emergency regulations specify definitions, scenarios, and submittal requirements for inundation maps for dams that could impact downstream life or property. The Department proposes these emergency regulations for adoption into California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 1, Article 6.

Under the APA, Government Code section 11346.1, subdivision (a)(2), requires that, at least five working days prior to submission of the proposed emergency action to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), the adopting agency provide a notice of the proposed emergency action to every person who has filed a request for notice of regulatory action with the agency. After submission of the proposed emergency regulations to OAL, it shall allow interested persons five (5) calendar days to submit comments on the proposed emergency regulations as set forth in Government Code section 11349.6. Upon submission, OAL will have ten (10) calendar days within which to review and make a decision on the proposed emergency regulations. The emergency regulations will become effective when OAL files the regulations with the Secretary of State.

The specific language of the Department's proposed emergency regulations and Finding of Emergency are posted on the Department's website at:
http://www.water.ca.gov/public_notices/.

If you have any questions regarding this proposed emergency action, please contact Michael Waggoner, Chief, Field Engineering Branch, Division of Safety of Dams, Department of Water Resources, at (916) 227-9800 or via email at MapRegs@water.ca.gov.