



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

February 24, 2017

Mr. Kevin Haugrud
Acting Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Haugrud:

Please see this important request sent to the Bureau of Reclamation.

We need your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." in a cursive style.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

*This is an urgent need,
but also a great opportunity!*



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The Honorable Jim Mattis
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Mattis,

Please see this important request sent to the Army Corps of Engineers.

We need your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Brown".

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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and a real opportunity!*



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The Honorable John F. Kelly
Secretary of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Kelly,

Please see this important request sent to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

We need your help.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Civil Works)
108 Army Pentagon, Room 3E446
Washington, D.C. 20310

The Honorable Robert Fenton
Acting Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street, SW, 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20472

The Honorable David Murillo
Acting Commissioner
Bureau of Reclamation
1849 C Street, NW, #7654
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy, Acting Commissioner Murillo, and Acting Administrator Fenton:

The recent spillway erosion at Oroville Dam highlights the need to strengthen and repair California's infrastructure. Governor Brown has directed his administration to enhance our dam safety program, including inspection and review of ancillary structures like spillways, and accelerate investments in our flood control infrastructure. Given the major role that the federal government plays in regulating and funding California dams and flood control projects, I request the following:

- Expand inspection and review of all federally-owned dams. The inspections should parallel what the state is doing with its own dams, including review of ancillary structures such as spillways.
- Update the federal operating manuals for key California reservoirs. It is imperative to revise these manuals to reflect current scientific knowledge. The Corps needs to be fully funded to complete these updates or allow non-federal authorities to finance this work.
- The recently enacted Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act authorizes a program for rehabilitation of high hazard dams. Provide funding to assist California in this rehabilitation effort.
- Over the next two years, California will spend over \$1 billion on flood control projects. It is our hope that the federal government can help us with its appropriate share.

Now is the time to invest in California's critical infrastructure to preserve our resources and protect our people.

Sincerely,

John Laird
Secretary for California Natural Resources

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