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Folsom Dam Safety of Dams – Accelerate Construction

Project Description

This Safety of Dams project modifies Folsom Dam on the American River, a key feature of the Central Valley Project, to reduce risks to downstream populations. The project includes modifications to the spillway gate piers to better resist seismic loadings from earthquakes. This project is a key element of a comprehensive set of risk-reduction actions to protect the people of Sacramento, California. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds provided will enable completion of this phase of the project.

Project Benefits

Completing the spillway gate pier modifications will:

- Reduce the risk posed to downstream inhabitants in the event of a major earthquake leading to gate failure and the uncontrolled release of water from Folsom reservoir.
- Allow the reservoir to continue providing a safe and reliable water supply.

Project Status

Award Date: March 27, 2010

Company: Kiewit Pacific Co. of Concord, California

Amount: \$16.6 million

Construction is anticipated to be completed by April 2013.

Budget Information

Recovery funding: \$20.3 million

For more information

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