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Seismic Safety Commission

Memo

To: Seismic Safety Commission

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Subject: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Water System Improvement Program  
Delays

**Background**

The State's Water Code requires the Seismic Safety Commission to comment to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee on the public safety implications of delays to SFPUC's Water System's Improvement Program within 90 days of receipt of notice of such delays. We received such a notice on February 25, so the Commission has until May 25<sup>th</sup> to comment. This will be the sixth review of delays and project deletions.

**Summary**

Previously undiscovered geologic features along the left abutment of the new Calaveras Dam site have reportedly added 25 months of delay to the project. On Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, Commissioners Peggy Hellweg and Tim Strack along with staff members Bob Anderson and Fred Turner visited the site. The slope of a steep hill on the left abutment will be lowered to increase its stability and reduce the potential for land sliding.

**Staff Recommendation**

The staff recommends that the Commission hear from Commissioners Hellweg and Strack and appoint an ad hoc committee to generate recommended comments on the public safety implications of the delays to the dam project for the full Commission's consideration over the next two months.