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OROVILLE DAM SURVEY RESULTS

1) Do you believe when there is a heavy snowpack in the winter months, more water should be released from Lake Oroville? (3,233 responses)

- Yes – (2,049) 63.4%
- No – (517) 16%
- Unsure – (668) 20.7%

2) Do you believe Department of Water Resources (DWR) should NOT be issued a 50-year license to operate the dam until the cause of the spillway collapse has been identified, operations at the dam have been modified to address safety concerns and downstream impacts are addressed? (3,261 responses)

- Yes – (2,775) 85.1%
- No – (296) 9.1%
- Unsure – (190) 5.8%

3) The most concerning safety issue at the Oroville Dam complex is... (3,213 responses)

- Terrorists who could target the dam in an attack – (116) 3.6%
- The operations and maintenance performed by DWR – (2,708) 84%
- Other – (400) 12.4%

4) Have you suffered any financial losses as a result of the spillway failure and evacuation? (hotel, gas, business losses, lost wages, etc.) (3,281 responses)

- Yes – (1,505) 45.9%
- No – (1,776) 54.1%

5) Have you filed a claim with the Department of General Services to be reimbursed for financial losses? (3,260 responses)

- Yes – (60) 1.8%
- Yes, but the claim was rejected – (9) 0.3%
- No, I chose not to file a claim – (732) 22.5%
- No, I didn't know about this process – (864) 26.5%
- I did not suffer any financial losses – (1,595) 48.9%

6) Do you trust that the independent forensic team will produce a fair and accurate assessment of what caused the spillway to collapse? (3,268 responses)

- Yes – (1,187) 36.3%
- No – (682) 20.9%
- Unsure – (1,399) 42.8%

7) Do you believe that the spillway reconstruction effort will be completed by the Nov. 1st deadline? (3,283 responses)

- Yes – (415) 12.6%
- No – (1,803) 54.9%
- Unsure – (1,065) 32.4%

8) Have you attended any of the public meetings hosted by DWR? (3,273 responses, 740 attendees)

- Yes, I found the meetings to be informative – (199) 26.9% of attendees
- Yes, but the information provided and responses to questions were insufficient – (541) 73.1% of attendees
- No – (2,533) 77.4% did not attend

9) Who should pay for the emergency work and reconstruction effort? (3,099 responses)

- Entities receiving water from Lake Oroville (Water Contractors) – (1768) 57.1%
- FEMA (the federal government) – (695) 22.4%
- Use existing bond funding – (443) 14.3%
- Pass a new water bond – (53) 1.7%
- California taxpayers – (140) 4.5%

10) Do you believe that the 'green spot' on the face of the dam may be a sign that the earth-filled dam structure may be failing? (3,275 responses)

- Yes – (1243) 38%
- No – (561) 17.1%
- Unsure – (1471) 44.9%

11) Please check the box for each of the following statements you agree with: (3,294 responses)

- DWR has lost all public trust with downstream communities – (2,341) 70%
- DWR has been doing the best they can given the circumstances – (458) 14%
- This crisis was manmade and preventable – (2,568) 75%
- This crisis was largely due to record rainfall – (544) 16%
- Long-term independent oversight of dam operations is needed – (2,635) 79%
- All inspection and maintenance records should be made public – (2,764) 83%
- DWR should no longer operate the Oroville Dam complex – (1,313) 40%

12) Please select the top three issues you want addressed: (3,287 responses)

- Fix the spillway by Nov. 1st – (1,790) 54.5%
- Dredge the river to remove sediment buildup – (1,256) 38.2%
- Enhance recreational opportunities – (423) 13.1%
- Long-term independent oversight – (1,804) 54.9%
- Compensation for evacuees – (443) 13.5%
- Identify what is causing the 'green spot' – (1,488) 45.3%
- Change long-term operations to lower the lake in the winter – (819) 24.9%
- Build a second spillway – (678) 20.6%
- Fix the levees – (1,389) 42.3%
- Highway lane expansion – (663) 20.2%

The Oroville Dam survey was conducted from August 28 - September 30, 2017. Surveys were mailed to every residence in the evacuated areas where a registered voter resides. The survey was also available online. A total of 3,322 residents completed the survey. Results are being shared with the California Department of Water Resources, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the State Water Contractors who finance the operations and maintenance of the Oroville Dam complex.