# Risk Management in Voluntary Dam Removals

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#### Potential Risks Associated with Dam Removal

- Regulatory permits
  - Delay in schedule
  - Denial or unexpected conditions
  - Litigation and resulting delay
- Construction
  - Unexpected site conditions, resulting in ...
  - Cost overrun
  - Delay
- Damages to third parties
  - Flood exposure
  - Sediment discharge, including contaminated
  - Wildfire risk













### Stacked Risk Management

- Dam removal entity separate from licensee
- Risk register, updated regularly
- Comprehensive design (incorporated into regulatory approvals)
  - Engineering
  - Mitigation including sediment discharge
- Design-build procurement method
- Performance and surety bonds
- Comprehensive insurance program
  - Actuarial and predictive modeling
  - Integration of policy coverages
- Settlement and defense funds for uninsurable events







## **General Liability Results**

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		Scenario 1 - Dam	Scenario 4 - Water Main	Scenario 5 - House Elevation	Scenario 3 - Wildfire	Scenario 2 - Substation	GL - Other	Total GL
	Average Loss	\$1.59	\$2.63	\$0.00	\$0.06	\$0.62	\$1.28	\$6.19
	CATLoss	\$31.82	\$33.65	\$0.00	\$0.81	\$10.23	\$10.18	\$62.12
Confidence Level	Years/Event							
10%		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.22	\$0.26
20%		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.30	\$0.39
30%		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.38	\$0.53
40%		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.48	\$0.70
50%	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.59	\$0.93
60%	2.5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.73	\$1.34
70%	3.3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.94	\$2.26
80%	5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.33	\$6.64
90%	10	\$0.00	\$10.01	\$0.00	\$0.21	\$0.85	\$2.37	\$16.93
95%	20	\$0.00	\$21.63	\$0.00	\$0.40	\$3.32	\$5.46	\$29.01
99%	100	\$50.35	\$41.30	\$0.00	\$0.98	\$13.91	\$9.67	\$67.92
99.5%	200	\$119.97	\$48.55	\$0.00	\$1.41	\$20.79	\$12.98	\$125.98
99.90%	1,000	\$251.67	\$62.31	\$0.06	\$2.48	\$41.21	\$27.54	\$254.81
99.95%	2,000	\$293.77	\$66.86	\$0.11	\$3.14	\$47.03	\$37.42	\$303.28
99.99%	10,000	\$392.90	\$77.69	\$0.22	\$6.26	\$54.91	\$124.99	\$394.77



#### Questions?

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