

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

DIVISION OF SAFETY OF DAMS  
2720 GATEWAY OAKS DRIVE, SUITE 300  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95833-3500



**April 28, 2026**

Mr. Steve Martin, President  
Wallace Community Services District  
Post Office Box 398  
Wallace, California 95254

Wallace Dam, No. 499  
Calaveras County

Dear Mr. Martin:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the inundation map submitted for Wallace Dam. This inundation map was submitted in response to a Notice of Violation dated May 13, 2025 (Case Number M2025-007). It was determined that the dam has no critical appurtenant structures (CAS) and the map listed below is in substantial compliance with the requirements of Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 1, Article 6 of the California Code of Regulations. Therefore, the following inundation map is approved:

1. Main Dam (sunny day failure scenario) map dated September 16, 2025.

The approved map will be made publicly available as required by section 6161(c) of the California Water Code. In accordance with the Notice of Violation, an emergency action plan (EAP), based on the DSOD approved inundation map, must be submitted electronically to both DSOD at [damsafety@water.ca.gov](mailto:damsafety@water.ca.gov) and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services at [EAP@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:EAP@caloes.ca.gov) within 90 days of the date of this approval letter. Enclosed is DSOD's Emergency Contacts Sheet for the dam to aid in the development of the EAP.

As communicated with your consultant Ms. Susan Cundiff, Senior Hydraulic Engineer with Verdantas, on January 29, 2026, DSOD has revised the downstream hazard potential classification of Wallace Dam from "Significant" to "High" as failure of the main dam under a full reservoir condition would inundate residential or business structures and has the potential to cause loss of at least one human life. Hazard classifications are defined in Title 23, section 335.4 of the Regulations. These hazard classifications are based on the anticipated downstream impacts from a sudden dam failure and are not related to the condition of the dam or its appurtenant structures. DSOD will notify you if the downstream hazard classification is updated in the future.

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Pursuant to section 6161(e) of the Water Code, the EAP and inundation maps must be updated no less frequently than every 10 years, and sooner under conditions that include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) a significant modification to the dam or a critical appurtenant structure as determined by DSOD, or (2) a significant change to downstream inundation area that involves people and property. Therefore, the approved map will expire on September 16, 2035. The updated map must be submitted for DSOD's review and approval at least six months prior to the expiration date.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Mr. Chen at (916) 639-4478 or Re-evaluation Engineering Branch Manager Ariya Balakrishnan at (916) 607-5439. If you have any questions related to enforcement, you may contact the Enforcement Officer John Tatyosian at (916) 820-7798.

Sincerely,



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Division Manager  
Division of Safety of Dams

Enclosure

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California Natural Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES



## DIVISION OF SAFETY OF DAMS EMERGENCY CONTACTS SHEET

### Wallace Dam, No. 499-0

38.1948°N, 120.9725°W

Calaveras County

Area 6 | NID# CA01314

#### Division of Safety of Dams Office (During business hours)

##### **Andrew Mangney**

Field Engineering Branch Manager

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#### Division of Safety of Dams Contacts (After business hours)

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Primary Contact, Area Engineer

Cell **(916) 835-7064**

##### **Timothy Jimenez**

Secondary Contact, Regional Engineer

Cell **(916) 761-0892**

#### Contact Cal OES if the Safety of Dams is unreachable

##### **California Warning Center**

24 hours a day, seven days a week

**(916) 845-8911**

#### Local Authorities

# 911

Notify local Emergency Management Agencies

Section 6101 of Division 3 of the California Water Code requires owners of dams or reservoirs or their agents to advise the Department of Water Resources fully and promptly of any sudden or unprecedented flood or unusual or alarming circumstance or occurrence affecting the dam or reservoir.

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