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Dam Safety Workshop: Performing Comprehensive Assessments – Lessons Learned, Best Practices and What Comes Next?

Held as part of the NHA California Regional Meeting
The Guild Hotel, San Diego, California

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

This workshop will focus on undertaking Comprehensive Assessments under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s new guidelines. Valuable insights will be shared covering the planning process, execution, level of effort, and next steps following a comprehensive assessment, including how to leverage outputs to inform decisions and prioritize work.

Several perspectives will be shared, including those from independent consultants, state and federal regulators, as well as hydroelectric project owners.

Time	Session	Speakers
1 PM-1:15 PM	Welcome, Background and Introductions	Emily Schwartz, Civil Works Operations Lead, Black & Veatch Corporation
1:15 PM-2:15 PM	Regulatory Perspective	David Capka, Director, Division of Dam Safety and Inspections, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC D2SI)
2:15 PM-3:15 PM	Consultancy Perspective	Thomas Fitzgerald, Principal, Schnabel Engineering Chad Masching, Vice President, GEI Consultants, Inc.
3:15 PM-3:45 PM	Networking Break	
3:45 PM-4:30 PM	Asset Owner Perspective	David Sarkisian, Chief Dam Safety Engineer (CDSE), Dam Safety Services, Division of Operations and Maintenance, California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bahram Safavi, Senior Engineer, Southern California Edison (SCE)
4:30 PM – 5 PM	Group Discussion	Facilitated by Emily Schwartz
5 PM	Adjourn to NHA California Regional Meeting Networking Welcome Reception	