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Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 3:23 PM
To: Marc Brooks
Subject: Re: Landing Lane Spillway Rehab

I looked at the web site. Interesting.

I forwarded info to Linda so she would be prepared. **Let us know if you learn of anything significant that will occur at the board meeting.**

Jeff

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From: Marc Brooks <mbrooks@njwsa.org>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Landing Lane Spillway Rehab

Thank you Jeff:

FYI... I would say that there is a chance for public comment at the meeting. As you know, we have been pursuing permanent closing of County Road 629 over the Round Valley Dike. See link below. I believe many of the statements do not accurately reflect our position.

http://www.exmayor.com/2022/07/01/road-closed-without-public-comment/?fbclid=IwAR1eEg81k3CBk-XbkiuV9UZM3QqUpqaWTAvfGu3wNN5vCfhu0nC_iz5598

On Landing Lane...Since the D&R Canal is on the state and federal historic sites registry, we have applied for and received approval from the State Historic Preservation Office. We also have approval from DRCC. This is the case for all capital projects on the Canal.

Marc

From: Hoffman, Jeffrey L. [DEP] [mailto:Jeffrey.L.Hoffman@dep.nj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 1:49 PM
To: Marc Brooks
Subject: Landing Lane Spillway Rehab

Marc,

Linda will chair Monday's meeting.

I was looking at the booklet for that meeting and I see the entry on the Landing Lane Spillway Rehab. Since this is part of the original D&R canal does any repair have to be reviewed or approved by the NJ Historical Commission? Or by the D&R Canal Commission? Or does NJWSA have an automatic approval for safety-related issues?

Jeff

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Sent: Friday, July 8, 2022 10:36 PM
To: Darin Shaffer
Cc: Marc Brooks; Kale, John [DEP]
Subject: Re: Round Valley Dike - CR 629

Hi Darin - We will review and prepare a written response next week.

Clint

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Round Valley Dike - CR 629

Mr. Oman,

Attached please find a letter seeking input from NJDEP Bureau of Dam Safety regarding the Authority's proposal to permanently close the portion of County Route 629 that traverses the Round Valley Dike. Thanks in advance for taking the time to review and provide input.

Darin

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Re: Round Valley Dike security

Dear Mr. Oman,

The Authority is preparing to formally request that Hunterdon County consider vacating the portion of County Route 629 (CR 629) that traverses the crest of Round Valley Dike. This would allow the New Jersey Water Supply Authority to permanently close the road to public vehicular traffic. The gated access would permit access to local, county and state emergency personnel for emergencies as well as Authority personnel for maintenance and operation of the Dike and North Dam. The proposal would also allow for continued 24-hour access for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Authority's proposal is based on recommendations identified in a report prepared by US Department of Homeland Security and US Army Corp of Engineers in coordination with NJDEP, Bureau of Dam Safety. The report analyzed various potential threats at all three Round Valley dams and offered recommendations to mitigate those threats.

We expect some residents to be disappointed with the Authority's proposal due to the scenic nature of the road and the fact that it provides convenient access to the remainder of CR 629 south of the reservoir boat ramp. The proposed closure offers no benefit to the Authority beyond the security improvements it would provide, but I believe those improvements are essential to ensuring the protection of the dam and the numerous residents living downstream of the dam.

As you are familiar with Round Valley Dike, the referenced report, and security protocols and best practices with respect to dams throughout the State, I am seeking your concurrence that the Authority's proposal to permanently close the portion of CR 629 that traverses the crest of Round Valley Dike is consistent with the report recommendations as well as best practices for security at large earthen dams such as the Dike. I also welcome your input if you have additional security suggestions.

Sincerely,

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