MEETING MINUTES NEW HAMSPHIRE WATER SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION November 15, 2011

Commissioners in attendance:

David Allen Virginia Battles-Raffa Robert Beaurivage Kris Blomback Thomas Burack John Gilbert, Chair Denise Hart Martha Lyman, Vice Chair Amy Manzelli Glenn Normandeau Cliff Sinnott Chuck Souther

Commissioners not in attendance:

Michael Licata Alison Watts

Public in attendance:

Ted Diers Jim Ryan Arthur Cunningham James Gallagher Bill Hounsell Sarah Pillsbury Paul Susca

Vice Chair Martha Lyman called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm

I. October 18th Meeting Minutes

A motion to accept the October 18th meeting minutes was made by Robert Beaurivage and seconded by Kris Blomback. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Updates from working groups

There were no updates from the Implementation or Information working groups.

Public Engagement

Denise Hart reported that a Letter of Interest for a grant request to fund the Carsey Institute's (N.H. Listens) involvement in the public engagement process has gone to the Park Foundation. Martha Lyman met with Dick Ober at N.H. Charitable Foundation and was given the green light to submit a grant proposal to NHCF, which she will do later this week or early next week. Denise asked for the Commission's approval to go ahead with these and similar grant requests with the Chair's and Vice Chair's approval rather than the approval of the full Commission. There were no objections. Amy Manzelli raised the question as to whether there are any state fundraising guidelines that apply to the Commission's efforts. Denise said that although a fiscal sponsor such as a 501(c)(3) organization might be needed in some instances, it would not be needed for an Park Foundation grant. Members of the Public Engagement Working Group will meet with Bruce Mallory at the Carsey Institute on November 22^{nd} .

John Gilbert joined the meeting at 2:14 and took the chair.

Denise Hart reported that a list of organizations and contacts we might work with on public engagement is nearly ready to share with the full Commission so that more contacts can be added.

The Public Engagement group is working with the N.H. Water Pollution Control Association and N.H. Water Works Association to incorporate the Commission's public engagement efforts into the NHWPCA/NHWWA Legislative Breakfast on February 15, 2012.

Paul Susca provided the following handouts from the Public Engagement group:

- List of events that present opportunities for outreach and/or engagement regarding the Water Sustainability Commission
- Map showing Executive Council districts and major watersheds
- 2-page draft overview of the Commission's work to be distributed at the LGC Annual Conference on November 16.

The next meeting of the Public Engagement group will be held on December 9th at 2:30 at Baldwin and Callen in Concord.

III. Presentations

Sarah Pillsbury, Administrator, Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau, N.H. Department of Environmental Services (DES), gave a presentation on water infrastructure funding needs. She distributed two handouts: a table summarizing the water infrastructure funding needs as estimated by the (SB 60) Commission to Study Water Infrastructure Sustainability Funding and a set of three maps (public water systems, water and sewer infrastructure, and active dams) from the *N.H. Water Resources Primer*. She noted that the estimated 10-year need for \$92 million for stormwater infrastructure could be off by an order of magnitude because it only includes the component due to aging and not the need due to inadequately sized structures. It is also reflective of the larger communities that fall under EPA regulation and not the universe of municipalities.

Category	Est. Need (\$ Millions)*
Water Supply	\$857
Wastewater	\$1,300
Stormwater*	\$92*
Dams – State	\$18
Dams- Municipal	\$40
Total	\$2,307

The following points were made during the discussion following Sarah's presentation:

- We do not have data on the value of green infrastructure (natural landscapes such as riparian buffers, wetlands, floodplains) to avoid costs associated with grey infrastructure because DES has not had staff available to look at that (Tom Burack). Work is underway in the Crooked River watershed in Maine to find ways to pay for green infrastructure (Lyman). A great deal of research has been done on the value of vegetated buffers to mitigate nonpoint pollution/stormwater (Sinnott). Research is also available on the avoided treatment costs associated with leaving forested water supply watersheds intact (Pillsbury).
- Current annual subsidized spending to address water infrastructure needs includes about \$8 million/year in drinking water state revolving fund (SRF) loans and \$20 million/year in clean water (wastewater) SRF loans (Pillsbury). There is also subsidized funding available annually from the Rural Development Agency and occasionally from Community Block Grants. Additional amounts are invested by municipalities outside the SRF programs.
- Virginia Battles-Raffa requested information about DES's partnerships with other organizations on water-related outreach. Tom Burack and Sarah Pillsbury indicated that this could be provided, and we can add to the list of outreach events.
- Water infrastructure funding is a national issue, and we should look at programs such as Rhode Island's penny-per-hundred program and other states' efforts to collect revenues needed (Hart).
- To put the issue of aging water infrastructure in perspective, Manchester Water Works has about 500 miles of pipe in the ground, but they only replace 2-3 miles per year, at a cost of about \$1 million per mile; this is all paid by customers through current rates, not through loans (Beaurivage).
- The current political climate does not allow for utilities or the state to build up a reserve against future capital needs (Normandeau). The Stormwater Commission found that following past Clean Water Act grants for wastewater plants, etc., rate structures were not created to maintain the infrastructure. Customers are not paying the true cost of supplying water services (Sinnott). It could be a recommendation to enable towns to have sinking funds for water infrastructure (Battles-Raffa). We should look at what the Infrastructure Commission comes up with in this regard one idea they are considering is a bank concept to which towns could voluntarily contribute (Burack).
- Commission members are interested in the costs of water services (water supply, wastewater management) and what people pay for these services, as well as what people pay for bottled water and utilities such as phone, internet, and cable (Lyman, Battles-Raffa, Manzelli). It would also be interesting to look at the extent to which the federal government subsidizes each of these services. DES can provide information on what households pay for various utilities and services (Tom Burack).
- John Gilbert requested that the three map handouts be prepared at a watershed scale so that the information can be seen more clearly.

Jim Gallagher, Chief Water Resources Engineer, Water Division, NHDES, presented "Municipal, Private and State-Owned Dams Repair and Funding Issues". The following points were made during the discussion following Jim's presentation (see Appendix A for presentation slides):

- Releases to maintain in-stream flows are controversial due to their impact on lakefront owners.
- The Dam Bureau uses real-time flood forecasting models based on historical operations; these assumptions need to be re-examined in light of climate change, e.g. earlier melting of snow pack, less snow pack, etc.
- DES has recently contracted with UNH to revise the State's Drought Management Plan, this will include climate change predictions.
- What is the likelihood that new reservoirs would be created in the future for water supply? (Sinnott) Jim Gallagher suggested that the environmental impacts would probably be too great; the first step would be to repurpose existing reservoirs.

IV. Discussion of demographics report

Kenneth M. Johnson (2007). The Changing Faces of New Hampshire. Carsey Institute, UNH. http://www.carseyinstitute.unh.edu/publications/Report_NH_Demographics.pdf

John Gilbert noted that Johnson's report seems to be at odds with a report by Peter Francese and Lorraine Stuart Merrill, Communities & Consequences: *The Unbalancing of New Hampshire's Human Ecology, and What We Can Do About It* (2008) (http://perpublisher.com/per114.html) with respect to the out-migration of young adults. Martha Lyman noted that since Johnson is updating his analysis, it will be interesting to hear from him at a meeting early next year. John Gilbert has been working on a list of questions to ask Johnson to address.

Cliff Sinnott said it would be interesting to hear from USGS's Marilee Horn (mention by Sarah Pillsbury) with respect to different water demand by households with different ages. Several members agreed that Horn would be interesting to bring in as a speaker.

Robert Beaurivage mentioned that water use per housing unit has been falling in Manchester. Tom Burack and Glenn Normandeau, respectively, noted increased use of closed-loop water systems in industry and car washes in particular.

V. Upcoming meetings

The Commission hopes to have UNH Professor Cameron Wake speak about climate change at the December 13th meeting. The Information subcommittee will scope what the Commission hopes to learn from his talk.

Amy Manzellis brought up the question of whether the Commission wants to hire someone to write its report. Martha Lyman posed the question of whether an extension should be requested. John Gilbert said that the Governor's staff has indicated that the Governor is open to considering such a request. Manzelli suggested it may be premature to ask for an extension at this point. Martha and John will discuss the need for an extension.

Cliff Sinnott suggested presenting information at the Public Engagement meetings regarding the Commissions findings, including the finding of the other related commissions, sticking to the big issues. Denis Hart asked Commission members to send ideas to her regarding what we should try to address at the PE meetings.

Martha Lyman asked whether we should consider hiring Maureen Hart to continue to work with the Commission, particularly in relation to planning for the public outreach meetings on issues related to sustainability, indicators and measures. John Gilbert indicated that it is probably too soon. Tom Burack suggested using Maureen's time to develop measures of water sustainability.

VI. Public comments

Jim Ryan, Fish & Game Commissioner: coming to the Commission's meetings has been instructive. It would be good to compile the information presented. He wonders how much the Public Engagement meetings will add to the Commission's work.

Arthur Cunningham: He hopes the Commission will address issues in an integrated fashion rather than piecemeal.

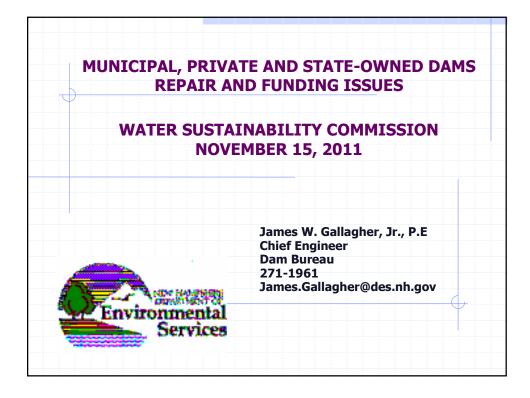
Bill Hounsell: The SB 60 Commission as re-established represents the current political leadership. With regard to infrastructure funding recommendations, he thinks the Water Sustainability Commission should be bipartisan, and not be bound by the SB 60 Commission's recommendations

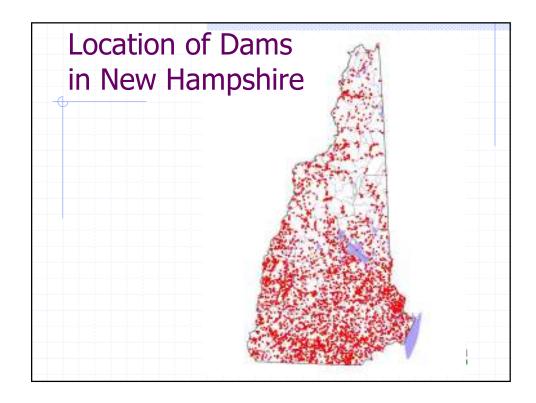
The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2011 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. Meetings are also scheduled for January 17, 2012; February 14, 2012; and March 20, 2012.

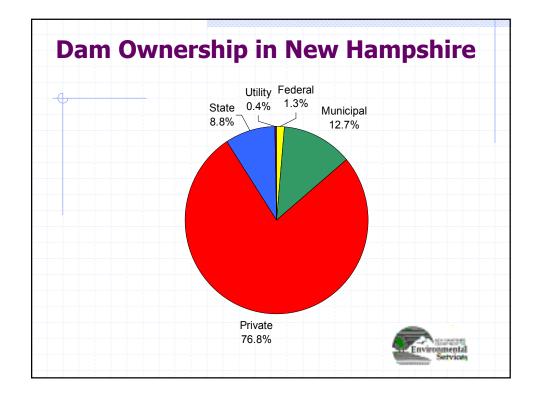
Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

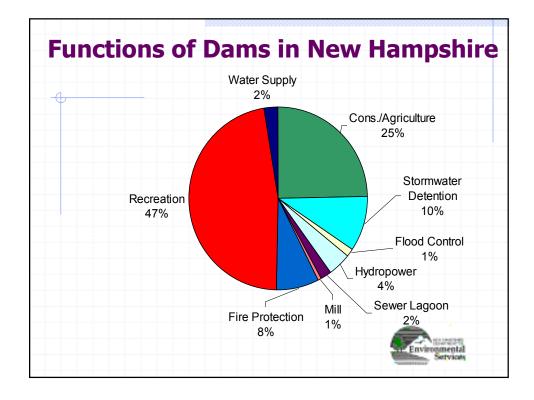
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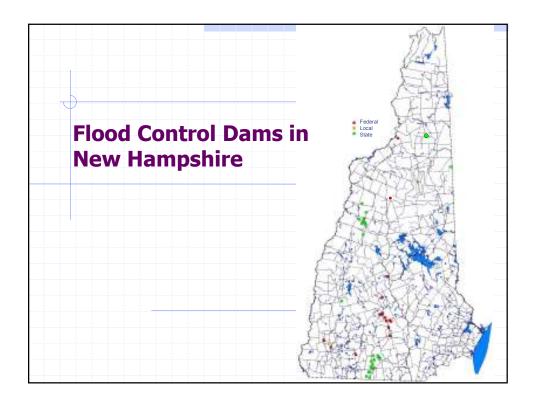
Appendix A - Presentation Slides "Municipal, Private and State-Owned Dams Repair and Funding Issues" - Jim Gallagher, Chief Water Resources Engineer, Water Division, NHDES.



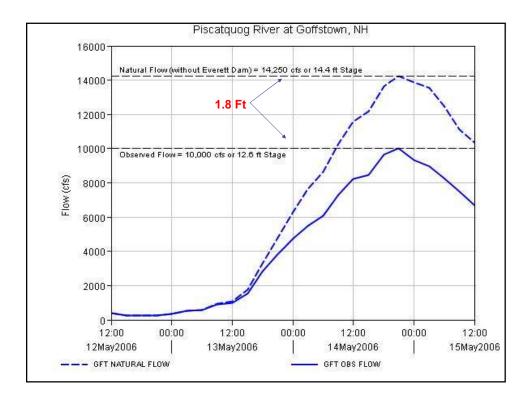


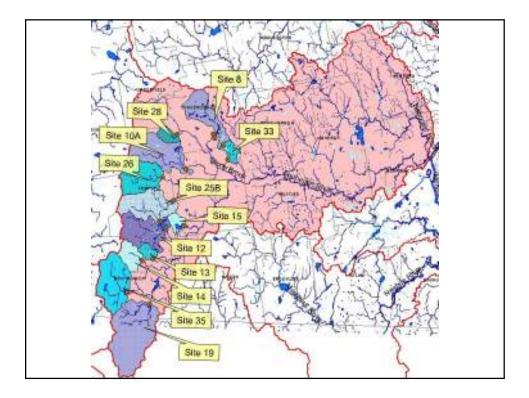




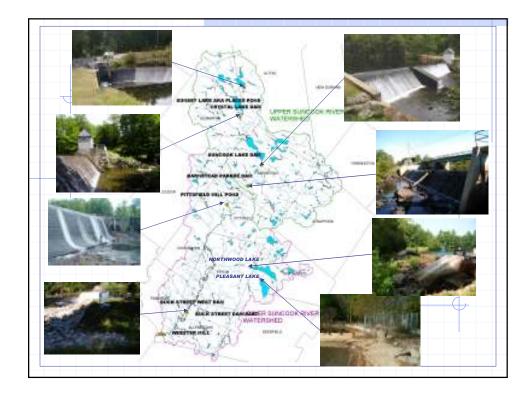








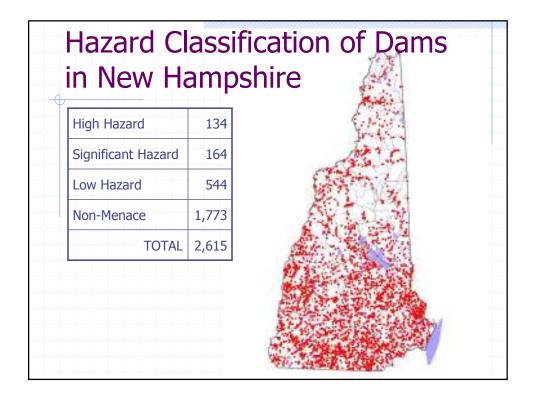


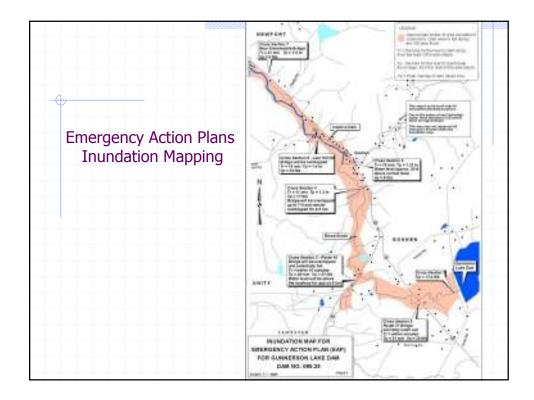


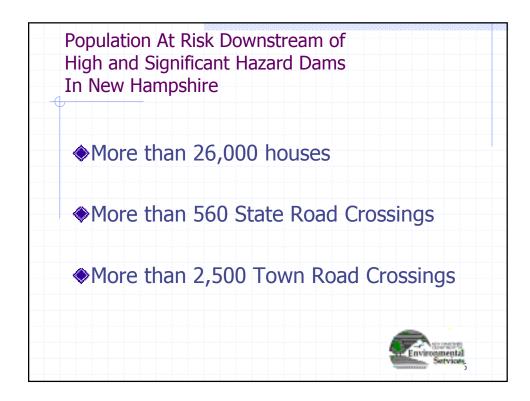
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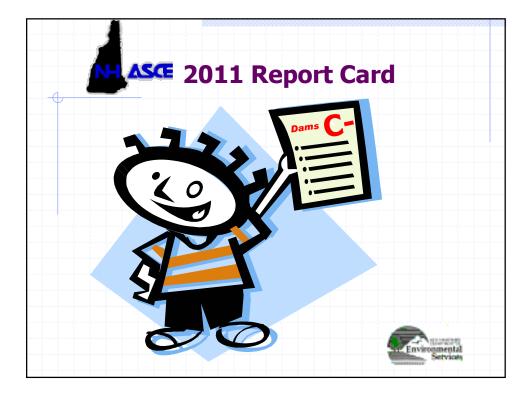






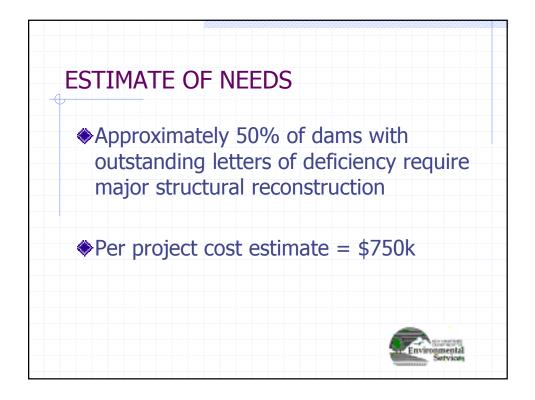


Hazard Potential Classification	Number of Structures	Inspection interval	Scheduled Inspections Per Year	Scheduled Inspections Per Month
High	99	1 yrs	99	14
Significant	147	2 yrs	49	7
Low	485	5 yrs	97	14



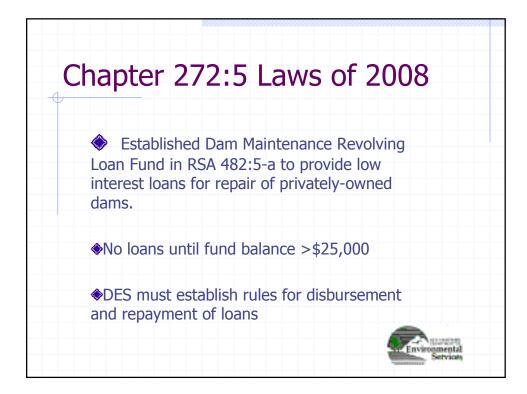


	Municipal	Private	
High Hazard	23	19	
Significant Hazard	27	14	
Low Hazard	33	78	
TOTAL	83	93	

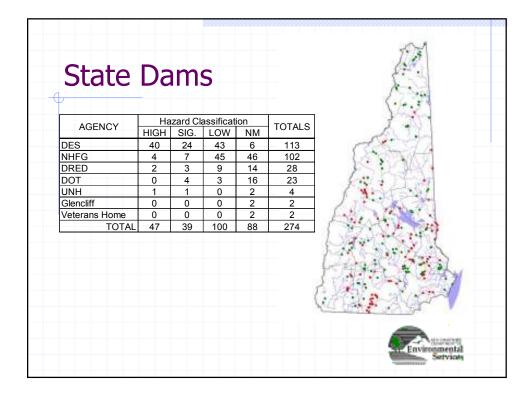


		OWNED DAM
Owner	Estimated No. of Projects	Estimated Tota Present Costs
Municipal	40	\$30,000,000
Private	45	\$33,750,000
TOTAL	85	\$63,750,000

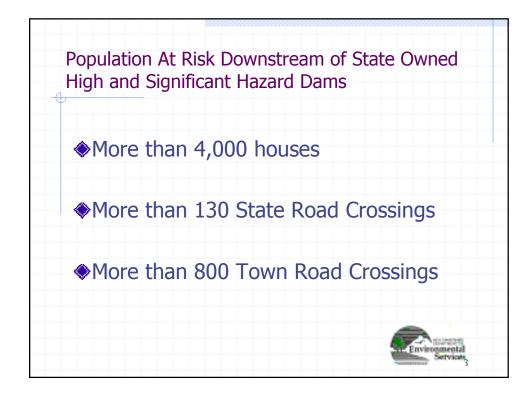
STATE	PROGRAM	PROGRAM	SOURCE OF FUNDING	FLIGIFILITY	LOAN/GRANT AMOUNT	TERM OF LOAN	EVALUATION CRITERIA	PERMITTING
AZ	Loan or grant	Dam Repair	Legislature, Lien fund, Inspection fees, filing fccs, principle and interest from previous loans	State engineor dutormines dam to be dangerous to life, non-emergency	Loan- cost of project Grant portion of cost of project	Up to 20 years at 3- 6% interest, depending on length	Determined by State Engineer	WHOLD BACKS
MD	Loan and planning assistance	Maryland Environmental Service	State Agency/Non-profit Corporation	Counties, utilities and private groups. Need to have established service district for water supply, resource reclarmation, dredging or stormwater		-		
MA	Grants .		Funding through DEM. In past \$5 million. No now appropriation.	Local communities for repairs or removal	75% of the project, local share can be in- kind contributions			
NJ	Revolving loan fund New grant fund for municipally owned dams	Dam Restoration and Cloan Water Trust Fund	\$20 million - \$5M for state high hazard dams \$15 M loens, In 2000 an additional \$9.5 was added.	Locel units of governments, private owners can be co-applicants	Cost of project for loans Úp to 100% for grants	Up to 20 years @2% assessed against real estate benefited	Priority ranking system for type/size of dam/ impoundment, hazard, magnitude of problem, etc	Must be compliant with state dam safety requirements
NY	grants	Clean Water/ Clean Air Bond Act	\$17 M bonding	Municipality for dam safety projects	75% of eligible project (25% local match) \$300,000 cap per			· .
OH	Revolving loan fund	Ohio Water Development Authority	Revolving loan fund	Owner must under mandate from ODNR. Dam Safety Logn Program – Local units of gov., state, districts Dam Safety Linked Deposit Program – private owners/org.	project Cost of project	5-25 years at lower than market rate	Applicant needs user charges or revenue to cover loan payment	Must have inspection report and approval of plans from ODNR
PA	Rovolving loan fund	Pennvest	Revolving loan fund, \$2 billion from state general purpose funds	 private ownerstorg. Projects associated with wastewater, water supply or stormwater 	Up to cost of project	20-30 years at low interest		
UT	Loans or grants	Utah Board of Water Resources	\$4.5 from general revenue and 0.8 cent sales tax (created originally to deal with flood control problems)	High hazard dam owners. Mandated repairs	80-95% grant for irrigation or water supply dams, loans or grants for other owners		Ranking by state engineer based on severity of deficiencies and population at risk	Can be used for non- structural alternatives,
WI	grants	DNR Municipal Dam Grant Program	\$11.5 M of bonding over 10 years. Currently fully subscribed	Local units of government and Lake Districts	50-50 grants up to a \$200,000 maximum for		Ranking by code criteria based on hazard, financial need and sizo	Must be under order or directive of DNR for dan safety deficiencies.

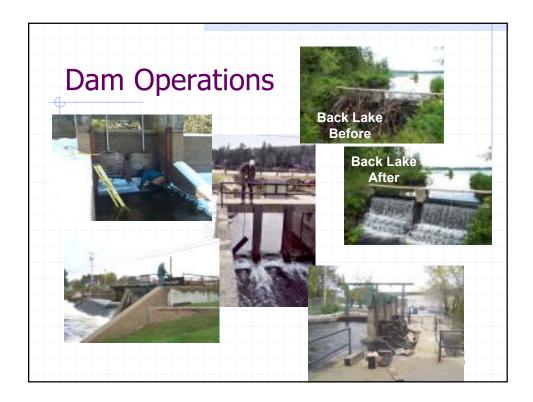


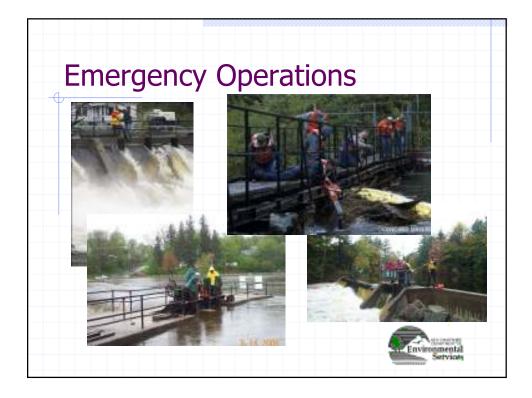








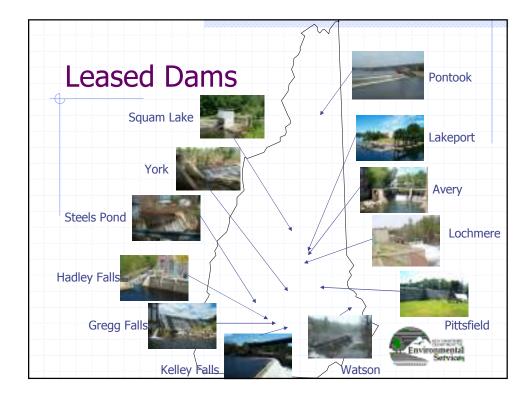




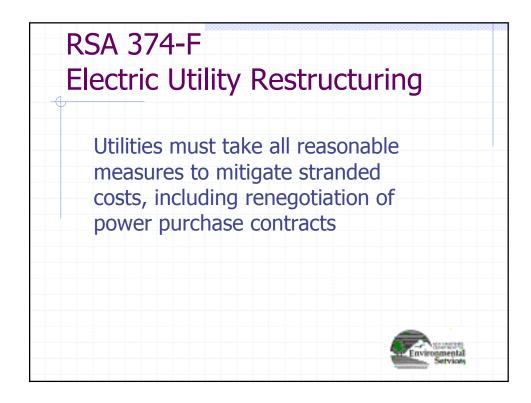








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Ψ		Power	Purchase Rate
Dam	Lease Terms	Purchaser	(\$/kwh)
Steels Pond	20% of Gross Revenue	PSNH	0.1077 to 0.1443
Squam Lake	20% of Adjusted Gross Revenue	PSNH	0.10 to 0.11
Lochmere	26% of Adjusted Gross Revenue	PSNH	0.09
York (Briar Hydro)	3.5% of Adjusted Gross Revenue	PSNH	0.10 to 0.11
Watson-Waldron	11% of Gross Revenue	PSNH	0.1077 to 0.1443
Pontook	19.5 % of Gross Revenue	USGen NE	0.06
Gregg Falls	25-38.5% of Adjusted Gross Revenue	PSNH	0.1166 to 0.1274
Hadley Falls	6% of Adjusted Gross Revenue	PSNH	0.0761 to 0.1035
Lakeport	4% of Adjusted Gross Revenue	PSNH	0.1283
Avery	20% of Adjusted Gross Revenue	PSNH	0.1248 to 0.1678
Kelley Falls	5% of Adjusted Gross Revenue	PSNH	0.09
Pittsfield Mill	10% of Adjusted Gross Revenue	PSNH	0.1442



	Power	Rate	Rate
Dam	Purchaser	(\$/kwh)	(\$/kwh)
Steels Pond	PSNH	0.1077 to 0.1443	0.05
Squam Lake	PSNH	0.10 to 0.11	
Lochmere	PSNH	0.09	Market
York (Briar Hydro)	PSNH	0.10 to 0.11	0.10 to 0.11
Watson-Waldron	PSNH	0.1077 to 0.1443	0.1077 to 0.1443
Pontook	Brascan	0.06	0.036
Gregg Falls	PSNH	0.1166 to 0.1274	Market
Hadley Falls	PSNH	0.0761 to 0.1035	Market
_akeport	PSNH	0.1283	Market
Avery	PSNH	0.1248 to 0.1678	Market
Kelley Falls	PSNH	0.09	0.09

		nd Revenue	
	Original	Revised	
	Projection		
Steels Pond	\$74,000	\$23,500	
Squam Lake	\$3,500	\$1,000	
Lochmere	\$35,000	\$5,000	
York (Briar Hydro)	\$88,400	\$98,400	
Watson-Waldron	\$14,700	\$13,200	
Pontook	\$745,000	\$414,200	
Gregg Falls	\$430,000	\$125,000	
Hadley Falls	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Lakeport	\$13,000	\$4,000	
Avery	\$33,000	\$14,100	
Kelley Falls	\$27,400	\$4,000	
Pittsfield Mill	\$9,800	\$0 🥏	NEXTONOLOGIE
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