



THE MOUNTAINS VOICE

...is calling you

From: **David Hopkins**

Publisher

Focus On Big Canoe, GA

...division of The Mountains Voice

10887 Big Canoe

Big Canoe, GA 30143

706-265-0010 office

TheMtnsVoice@aol.com

BigCanoe.org

To: Arnettia Murphy / arnettia.murphy@dnr.ga.gov

Open Records Officers for GA EPD / GORArequest.Water@dnr.ga.gov

Cc: Sara Lips / sara.lips@dnr.ga.gov,

DATE: Sept 1, 2023

TMV Internal Reference Request # 0074

OPEN RECORDS REQUEST (ORR)

Pursuant to Georgia Open Records Act ("GORA") Law (O.C.G.A. 50-18-70 et seq), I would like to:

Inspect and Copy; Obtain Copies (*select option*) of the following Records:

ORR SECTION 1: REFERENCE & BACKGROUND:

This GORA Request pertains to ALL records related to LAKE PETIT DAM ("LPD"); State ID No. 112-009-00462; NID No. GA00685, located in the community of Big Canoe, and located in Pickens County, GA.

I have previously requested, and received substantial information through previous GORA Requests related to this matter, and any previously received documents or information is exempt from this request. (***with the exception of any new revisions, attachments, associated notes or supplemental documentation not previously provided.***)

The current specific request(s) are found on the following page, and include in brief summary: all new records and information related to Lake Petit Dam, including any new revisions, attachments, associated notes or supplemental documentation not previously provided.

Note: References to "Big Canoe Property Owners Association", or their Engineer of Record, "Geosyntec" or "Big Canoe POA" is defined as including any Big Canoe POA Employees, Board Members, Assignees, Consultants or Sub-Contractors, and further includes any Staff, Assignees, Consultants or Sub-Contractors to Geosyntec, and further includes ANY representatives of the original Petit Dam Owner, *Big Canoe Corporation*; or representatives of the original Dam Designer, *Cranston Robertson & Whitehurst*.

ORR SECTION 2: SPECIFIC OPEN RECORDS REQUESTS:

(1) Copies of ALL "Records" related to Lake Petit Dam, not previously provided, including new supplemental information, data, or revisions not previously provided. This also should include specifically, but not exclusively, the following:

(a) Copies of all "Records" related to Dive, Camera or Other Inspection Reports or Documents that relate to the Lower Lake Drain Pipe, Sluice Gate, Spillway, New Permits

(b) Copies of all "Records" related to new/revised Emergency Action Plan, Inundation Models, O&M Manuals, Bathymetric Surveys, Lower Level Outlet ("LLO") Inspection, Seismic or Stability Studies, Spillway etc.

(c) Copies of all "Records" related to **communications** between Ga Safe Dams (*or other agencies, engineers or consultants working with or on behalf of Safe Dams*) and the Lake Petit Dam Owner, Big Canoe POA (*including any Engineers or consultants working with or on behalf of Big Canoe POA, i.e. Geosyntec or others*).

(d) Copies of all "Records" related to internal or interagency communications related to Lake Petit Dam between Ga Safe Dams, Ga EPD, U.S. Corp of Engineers, Ga Governor's Office, any other State or U.S Agency, or any Engineering Firm, Representative or Consultant working with or on behalf of any State or U.S. Agency. This should include any new emails, letters, faxes, texts, videos, data streams, phone or video logs or other communications not previously provided.

(e) Copies of all "Records" related to written notices to Big Canoe regarding the Lake Petit Dam that warn of, or that are in effect, a Non-compliance letter, a Notice of Violation, a Consent Order, a Warning Letter, an Adminstrative Order, or similar, that have been issued in 2023, including Amendments to any previous notices.

(f) Copies of all "Records" related to meetings that involve representatives of Ga Safe Dams meeting with representatives of the Big Canoe Property Owners Association, or their Engineer of Record, Geosyntec.

ORR SECTION 2: Continued:

(g) Copies of all "Records" related to Quarterly, Annual, or other Inspection Reports submitted to GA Safe Dams not previously provided in regards to Lake Petit Dam.

(h) Copies of all "Records" related to bathymetric surveys submitted to GA Safe Dams in regards to Lake Petit Dam.

(i) Copies of all "Records" related to Seismic, or Seismic Stability Studies submitted to GA Safe Dams in regards to Lake Petit Dam.

(j) Copies of all "Records" related to new or existing Permitting submitted to GA Safe Dams in regards to Lake Petit Dam.

(k) Copies of all "Records" related to Permits or Permit Variances submitted to GA Safe Dams in regards to Lake Petit Dam.

(l) Copies of all "Records" submitted to, or in the possession of GA Safe Dams in regards to Lake Petit Dam not previously mentioned in proceeding sections.

(m) Copies of all "Records" related to communications between Ga Safe Dams and any 3rd parties, to include other agencies, engineers or consultants working with or on behalf of Safe Dams - to review or give opinions on the condition of Lake Petit Dam, or the validity of any reports, studies, or other documentation received from the Dam Owner, Big Canoe POA, or their EOR representative Geosyntec.

(n) Copies of ALL "Records" related in any form or fashion to LAKE PETIT DAM ("LPD"); State ID No. 112-009-00462; NID No. GA00685, not specifically covered by earlier, more specific requests.

ORR SECTION 3: INSTRUCTIONS, LEGAL, COMMUNICATIONS:

If this request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you cite in writing the specific statutory exemption upon which you have relied, as required by law. I also ask that you release all separate portions of otherwise exempt material. Please waive any costs associated with this request, or first inform me about such costs as required by Georgia law. As you know, the Law requires a response by you within three business days of your receipt of this letter and provides sanctions for non-compliance. I look forward to hearing from you.

As requested herein, the Definition of “Records” should be defined as broadly as allowable by common sense and law, and should include specifically but not exclusively the following: Documents, Emails, Texts, Photographs, Letters, Notes, Logs, Internal Memos, Plans, Reports, Recordings, Studies, Inspections, in any form to include Written, Print, Electronic, Audio, Visual, etc.

Cost estimates should be submitted by email to themtnsvoice@aol.com along with payment remittance instructions, or you may call me at 706-265-0010. **Copies of Records are requested to be provided in electronic format. Electronic records responses should be submitted by email to themtnsvoice@aol.com.**

If for any reason there is a specific and valid reason why the records cannot be simply forwarded in a cost effective and quick electronic format, preferably in PDF, please inform me of said fact including the time the documents will be ready, and I will make arrangements to either have them picked up, or will provide you with a Mailing Address to where they may be sent depending upon the manner of shipment. Please include separate mailing costs in any cost estimate that may be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

- david hopkins / publisher

Focus on Big Canoe, GA Newspaper

10887 Big Canoe; Big Canoe, GA 30143

706-265-0010 / themtnsvoice@aol.com