## Folsom Dam gets \$16.6M in earthquake improvements

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Kiewet Pacific Co., a Concord company, won a \$16.6 million contract to make seismic upgrades to Folsom Dam's spillways and gates.

The award, part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, was announced Wednesday by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar.

The stimulus money will go to improving the dam gates and piers, installing pier anchors and bracing, replacing gate arms and other earthquake safety improvements.

"These Recovery funds will accelerate the improvements necessary to reduce the risk and protect the people of Sacramento and vicinity in the event of an earthquake or other dangers to their safety," Salazar said in a news release. "The funds are a good example of the president's program to jumpstart the economy while addressing safety, environmental and other challenges so the country can thrive in the 21st century.

The Interior Department got a total of \$3 billion under the stimulus act.