



FOUR LAKES TASK FORCE February News

EVENTS

March 4, 2026
Informational Webinar
5:00-7:00 p.m.

March 12, 2026
Board Meeting
12:00-2:00 p.m.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

While we continue to keep crews on all four dams, the winter construction season, with the “mid-winter rain” and extreme cold, has caused us to lose several weeks of construction productivity, so below is a brief summary by dam:

Secord Dam: While this dam holds back a significant impoundment, the river is bypassed through the auxiliary spillway, so construction activity has not been impacted as much from the winter conditions. The September substantial completion date remains the same.

Smallwood Dam: As you can see in the KPI chart below, Smallwood’s schedule performance indicator is yellow. Original projections estimated Smallwood Dam would be substantially complete in June, but current projections are estimating July. With the lake’s significant water impoundment, and the low-level outlet as the primary water discharge when inflows are high, the water must pass through the work areas. In January, we had a significant rain event and snow melt causing the Smallwood work area to be inundated. The weather has not improved to the point that we have caught back up.

Edenville Dam: There have been minimal impacts due to the current stage of the project.

Sanford Dam: Sanford is now considered substantially complete with all major restoration work finished. Despite substantial completion occurring six weeks later than anticipated, we still expect to begin to start the lake refill process on April 15 (pending inspections and permits).

– Dave Kepler, *President, Four Lakes Task Force*

KPIs

Dam	Cost Performance Indicator (CPI)	Schedule Performance Indicator (SPI)	Quality Performance Indicator (QPI)
Secord	●	●	●
Smallwood	●	●	●
Edenville	●	●	●
Sanford	●	●	●

KEY	CPI	SPI	QPI
Green ●	Costs are on target or lower than estimated	Work is on or ahead of schedule	No significant quality issues or concerns
Yellow ●	Costs are anticipated to exceed the estimate by LT 10% (are recoverable)	Work is projected to go past the estimate (is recoverable)	Minor quality issues or concerns
Red ●	Costs are anticipated to be significantly over the estimate (requires intervention)	Work is significantly behind schedule (requires intervention)	Major issues or concerns (requires intervention)

UPCOMING MILESTONES

Pour auxiliary spillway concrete on the base slab and slopes at Edenville

Install coffer dam on Tobacco side of Edenville

Pour primary spillway concrete at Secord and Smallwood

Install crest gate at Smallwood

SECORD DAM



The main activity at Secord is pouring concrete. Cold weather has affected productivity this month with unstable weather not allowing crews to work. The upcoming pours in the primary spillway include the right and left walls, powerhouse wall and center pier. Work on the powerhouse is ongoing with the mechanical and electrical expected to start late winter. Spillway gates are arriving to the site for spring installation.

SMALLWOOD DAM



Phase 1 of construction is completed at Smallwood! Inbetween all the inconsistent weather is concrete work on the left wall and buttress and the center pier. The mechanical and electrical construction at the control building is ongoing. Coming in February is the crest gate and side seal installation and installation of the operator access bridge.

EDENVILLE DAM



Spillway construction continues as winter weather conditions allow. The extreme cold temperatures have delayed concrete pours, but placement of forms and rebar has continued along with Tobacco cofferdam construction. The auxiliary spillway sloped slab pours are now 40% complete. The Tittabawassee pier one final pour and an additional right training wall sections were poured in January. The Tobacco spillway cofferdam is 50% complete, which will enable the start of downstream apron demolition, construction of the right training walls, low level outlet, and bay 1 slabs.

SANFORD DAM



Gate testing is ongoing at Sanford. There was a pause due to the ice but testing will resume as the weather gets better. Ongoing activities include installation of a guard rail, rip rap next to the I-wall, and the right abutment wall. In the spring, we will finish parking lots and the seeding.