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the beginning, how they boondoggled us. 'Hey, if you vote for this [project's water bonds], you'll have Disneyland, you'll have all these tourists, you'll make all this money.'"

Promises have included a monorail, a train, a restaurant and snack bar in the visitor center—none ever built.

"I'm not asking for a monorail or a steam engine or anything they mentioned or promised," Connelly said. "I'm just looking for something comparable, like a great trail system, or [to] increase our camping, or fix the roads."

Bateman and Richard Harriman, an attorney working with the Feather River Recovery Alliance, cited concerns about structural integrity and durability of the dam, which both noted was built with 60-year-old construction principles. They base their claims in substantial part on the Independent Forensic Team Report released Jan. 5, 2018, in response to the spillway incident (see [tinyurl.com/DamReport2018](http://tinyurl.com/DamReport2018)), which delineates trouble spots in "the dam safety culture and program within DWR." The alliance seeks an inspection and oversight from an entity outside the influence of DWR, and revised operating procedures.

"If you don't have a demonstrably robust safety protocol," Harriman said, "you can't bring any economic development to Oroville, because nobody's going to locate their business below a dam that isn't provably safe."

Financial recompense, he continued, can come from recreational facilities and/or a surcharge on customers who don't pay for the water from Oroville (they pay just the agencies' costs of storage and conveyance).

"If you really look at it," Harriman said, "all the expenses that the county of Butte incurs to service the people that are brought in by the dam, those costs are charged to the Butte County taxpayers.... The county of Butte is subsidizing the water users in Southern California, the State Water Contractors [association of public water agencies] and the agricultural industry using the water in the San Joaquin Valley."

"Why are we subsidizing them? It makes my blood boil."

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