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Dams for flood control are a short-term solution that comes at a tremendous cost. Looking at the environment around the proposed dam site, you will notice extensive logging and agriculture. These industries create tremendous sediment runoff, which ultimately shortens the working life and efficacy of the dam in the first place. Pretending the dam will solve the issues created by these industries and by unchecked housing development is looking for an easy out. Weyerhaeuser needs to acknowledge their impact on flood events and change practices or cough up funds to build the dam, mitigate the accumulation of toxic sediments, and address the significant impact on salmon and steelhead.

If we're going to distill complex issues into bumper stickers, this is a Big, Dumb Project.