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### **DWR Opens Lake Oroville Low Water Launch Ramp**

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources, in conjunction with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, has opened a temporary low water boating launch site at the Bidwell Canyon Boat Ramp.

Because of low water levels at Lake Oroville (currently the lake is only 36 percent of capacity) all of the paved boat ramps have been closed.

To provide for boat launching and recovery until the reservoir refills, the low water launch facility was constructed and is ready for use beginning today, December 14, 2007.

Once the Lake's water elevation climbs to 700 feet, the Spillway Boat Ramp will be re-opened. When the water level rises to approximately 705 feet elevation, the Bidwell Canyon and Lime Saddle paved ramps will be re-opened.

Lake Oroville elevations can be obtained by calling the DWR Lake Conditions Recording at (530) 534-2307, or accessing the DWR Web site at <http://www.lakeoroville.water.ca.gov/about/stats/levels.cfm>.

Launching conditions are subject to change due to weather, changing lake levels or other variables. Four wheel drive vehicles are recommended. Specific information about the daily launch conditions can be obtained by calling the California Department of Parks and Recreation at: (530) 538-2200.

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