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Water Flows Rescheduled for Anglers, Rafters

To accommodate Oroville area anglers and business interests, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) has rescheduled three projects that will affect flows on the Feather River near Oroville Dam, it was announced today by Rolland Williams, Sr., Chief of DWR's Oroville Field Division.

Releases at the Diversion Dam and Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet will remain at current levels through October 15. The releases are currently 620 cubic feet per second (cfs) at the Diversion Dam and 1,180 cfs at the afterbay gates.

The three projects, planned for earlier in October, were postponed chiefly to suit needs of anglers and recreational rafters along Oroville area portions of the Feather River.

The Thermalito Afterbay water level will be lowered by October 1 to a normal minimum elevation of about 124 feet to allow construction of the fourth and last of the waterfowl brood ponds scheduled in DWR's 1993 Recreation Plan. This drawdown will remain in effect until November 15.

On October 16, the 1,180 cfs release through the Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet gates will decrease to 100 cfs. At the same time, the 620 cfs release at the Thermalito Diversion Dam will increase to 1,700 cfs. The 1,700 cfs release to the Feather River at the Diversion Dam will accommodate the cooperative fisheries study being conducted by DWR and the Department of Fish and Game in the low flow channel. This study is scheduled to conclude on January 31, 1997.

On November 1, all Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet gates will be closed for approximately eight working days to allow DWR personnel to perform structure inspections and minor maintenance.

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