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DWR TO REOPEN VISTA DEL LAGO VISITORS CENTER  
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SACRAMENTO –The Department of Water Resources (DWR) plans to reopen its Vista del Lago Visitors Center at Lake Pyramid in Northern Los Angeles County on Sunday, March 20, 2005, following mud and landslides that forced its temporary closure.

The center will be available to the public from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. but the northbound I-5 off/on ramps will still be closed.

Slides caused by heavy Southern California rainstorms knocked out a pipeline at the visitors center water treatment plant two weeks ago. Structural damage from the storms also forced closure of the northbound I-5 ramps.

The 18,500 square foot Mediterranean-style Vista del Lago is the largest of DWR’s three water information centers. It contains interactive exhibits that tell the story of the State Water Project and detail California’s water sources and the vital role water plays in the state’s quality of life.

Vista del Lago is normally open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day and hosts about 150,000 visitors a year.

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The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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