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Oroville Dam Postage Stamp to be Unveiled

OROVILLE -- A stamp depicting the Department of Water Resources' Oroville Dam will be unveiled at the dam on Saturday, May 27 by the U.S. Postal Service.

The stamp is part of the "Wonders of America: Land of Superlatives" series featuring 40 natural or man-made wonders that are the biggest, largest, deepest, tallest, longest, etc. of their type in the United States. Oroville Dam, the State Water Project's principal storage reservoir, qualifies because at 770 feet it is the tallest dam in the nation.

Other landmarks in the stamp series being released May 27 include the St. Louis Arch (tallest man-made monument) and Mount Washington, New Hampshire, windiest place in the country.

Oroville Postmaster Joan Cooper will preside over the 9 a.m. – noon May 27 stamp unveiling ceremony near the observation area of Oroville Dam's Spillway Recreation Unit. John Ford, the Department of Water Resources' Oroville Dam Tour Guide, will discuss the history and significance of multipurpose Oroville Dam, which was completed on the Feather River near Oroville in 1967 to provide State Water Project Water to areas of need in Northern California, the San Francisco Bay Area, the San Joaquin Valley, Central Coast and Southern California.

The Wonders of America stamp pane will be available for purchase during Saturday's ceremony, for which Oroville postal carrier and artist Alan Skuba designed a special cancellation logo depicting migrating salmon.

To reach the event, take Oroville Dam Boulevard (East) off Highway 70 to Olive Highway. Turn right on Olive Highway and drive approximately 5 miles to Canyon Drive. Turn left on Canyon Drive to Oroville Dam and the Spillway Recreation Area.

For more information on the stamp ceremony, contact John Ford at (530) 534-2306 or Amy Norris (916) 654-3755. For more information about Oroville Dam and other Oroville

Facilities, visit www.lakeoroville.water.ca.gov.

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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