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DWR Has Three Lake Oroville Launch Ramps for July 4th Weekend

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources reports that three Lake Oroville boat launch ramps will be in use over the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

DWR engineers calculate that concrete ramps at Lime Saddle Marina, Bidwell Marina, and the Spillway will have sufficient water for safe operation through the first three weeks of July.

Currently, Lake Oroville holds about 1.5 million acre feet of water. That's 44 percent of the reservoir's maximum capacity of 3.5 million acre feet. The lake level is at 736 feet (as of 6/27/08) and the three ramps will still be in use until the level drops to 707 feet at Lime Saddle, 705 at Bidwell, and 700 at the Spillway.

When low water forces closure of the ramps, DWR will use steel mat extensions to allow one-lane launching. Boaters are advised that conditions are subject to change due to weather, changing lake levels or other variables. Four wheel drive vehicles are recommended when using the temporary ramps.

Specific information about the daily launch conditions can be obtained by calling the California Department of Parks and Recreation at: (530) 538-2200.

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>

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