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46 of 48 Gates Now Opened on Sacramento Weir

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) opened additional gates on the Sacramento River, bringing the total up to 46 of 48 gates opened. This will accommodate flows coming down the Sacramento River into the Yolo Bypass, allowing additional flows from the American River as releases from Folsom Lake are increased. Opening additional gates allows DWR to maintain a consistent level on the Sacramento River at the I Street gauge. Each gate allows 1,500 cubic feet per second of water to enter the Yolo Bypass from the Sacramento and American rivers. These flood releases relieve pressure on the Sacramento River and reduce the risk of urban flooding in Sacramento.

Initially, 10 of 48 gates were opened on February 8, 2017 at 11:00 p.m. An additional 15 gates were opened at 8:00 a.m. on February 9, 2017 and 21 more gates were opened at 7:00 p.m. on February 9, 2017 for a total of 46 open gates.

This is the first time the Sacramento Weir has been opened twice in one year since water year 1985-86.

DWR continues to monitor the Lake Oroville spillway incident and will be issuing updates as they become available. There remains no imminent threat to the integrity of the dam or to the public.

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