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DWR To Continue Outflow Reduction

Oroville, Ca.-At 1:00 PM this afternoon, the Department of Water Resources will once more begin reducing outflow from the Oroville Dam flood control spillway incrementally from 80,000 cfs to 70,000 cfs to support the removal of debris from the diversion pool located near the spillway.

Once flows have been reduced, DWR will hold, monitor, and evaluate whether to reduce outflows further to support construction efforts.

There is more than enough room in the lake to continue accommodating incoming water and the lake level will continue to be lowered.

Removal of debris from the diversion pool further protects, safeguards, and provides for the eventual reoperation of the Hyatt power plant.

This reduced outflow still provides for the reduction of reservoir levels within the timeframes prescribed by DWR.

These actions are consistent with typical reductions in water flow encountered when head pressures behind flood control spillway gates are reduced as reservoir levels fall.

As water flow rates change, automatic messages are generated by the DWR Project Operations Center and are distributed to Area Emergency Managers and the media, as per normal operating procedures.

For information on water flow rates, visit the [California Data Exchange Center](#).

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