



SPILLWAY



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Incident Update

Date: 02/26/17 Time: 8:00 AM
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STATUS

Incident Start Date: 02/07/2017		Incident Start Time: 2:00 PM	
Incident Type: Weather System		Description: Damage to the Oroville Spillway	
Incident Location: Oroville Dam, Canyon Dr. & Oroville Dam Rd, Oroville, CA 95966			
Structures Threatened: None	Structures Destroyed: None		Structures Damaged: None

RESOURCES

Air Assets: 0	Other: N/A	Total Personnel: 596
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Cooperating Agencies: Butte County Sheriff, Butte County CALFIRE, Oroville Police Department, CHP, Butte County OES, California State Parks, Caltrans, Oroville Fire Department, Butte County Public Works, PG&E, CAL FIRE, Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Oroville Hospital, Red Cross, California Conservation Corps, California National Guard, Bureau of Indian Affairs, CAL OES, Gridley-Biggs Police, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

SITUATION

Current Situation:	<p>The Department of Water Resources (DWR) maintains the outflow from the Oroville Dam flood control spillway at 50,000 cfs. This rate of flow remains consistent with DWR's established plan to continually manage lake levels, water flow, and support construction activities. Lake levels have decreased to 843 feet, 58 feet below the maximum level of the reservoir. Outflows continue to exceed inflows.</p> <p>Work continues on the area below the emergency spillway, access roads, and various eroded areas created by emergency spillway runoff. Construction crews are now installing foundations for check structures that would slow water flows should the emergency spillway be required. Barges have been assembled and equipment is being staged for debris removal below the flood control spillway in the Diversion Pool. This work will continue 24 hours a day.</p> <p>DWR continues to aggressively monitor the status of the dam, spillways, the Hyatt Power Plant, related structures, and progress of repair activities.</p> <p>For information on lake conditions; including lake levels, inflows, and outflows you can visit the following website. http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cdecapp/resapp/resDetailOrig.action?resid=ORO</p> <p>For more information on the Oroville Spillway Incident visit the following website; http://www.water.ca.gov/oroville-spillway/index.cfm</p>
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Evacuation Centers:	All evacuation centers supported by Butte County are now closed.
Road Closures:	<p>Oro-Dam East from Glen Drive to Canyon Drive. Oroville Dam Crest Road closed at the left abutment restrooms. Canyon Drive from Oroville Dam Blvd East to Royal Oaks Drive.</p> <p>Road Blocks/security checkpoints; Oro-Dam East at Glen Drive, Oro-Dam East at Canyon Drive Dam Crest Road at Spillway Access Road, Canyon Drive at Royal Oaks Drive</p> <p>DWR has partnered with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to address roads in Oroville and surrounding areas impacted by the trucks and heavy machinery driving through Oroville in response to the Spillway Emergency.</p> <p>Caltrans will begin emergency work on Canyon Drive via contractor (Knife River Construction) as early as Tuesday, February 28, 2017.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: http://www.water.ca.gov/news/newsreleases/2017/022517_road.pdf</p>
Trail Closures:	<p>The Oroville Wildlife Area is still on high alert due to the dynamic conditions of current weather fronts moving in, road closures due to flooding, and ongoing spillway repairs. In order to maintain the safety of staff and the public, the wildlife area will remain closed (except for the Chico field office and Thermalito Afterbay).</p> <p>As of Thursday, 02/23/2017, Lake Oroville SRA partially opened areas surrounding Lake Oroville SRA, excluding units normally closed due to current water levels and the area in front of the dam. The Thermalito Diversion Pool (Burma Day Use and Lakeland Day Use) and the Spillway Launch Ramp will remain closed. This includes those portions of the Brad Freeman and Dan Beebe trails leading from the SRA's Visitor Center to the City of Oroville. California State Parks Rangers are providing roving patrols due to a large number of contacts in the closed area.</p>