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Oroville Spillway Incident Update

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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

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:

The flood control spillway flows remain at 0 cubic feet per second (cfs). Inflows are approximately 15,000 to 20,000 cfs which has resulted in the lake rising from 857.4 feet to 858.8 feet elevation in the last 24 hours. A third Hyatt Powerplant unit was started yesterday, March 7 at 6pm allowing for a total flow of 5,330 cfs. This situation will be monitored throughout the day to determine the efficiency and safety of excavation during flows.

Contractors continue to remove sediment and debris below the spillway. This operation will continue 24 hours per day. Approximately 620,000 cubic yards of material have been removed from the debris pile to date. Work continues on the area below the emergency spillway.

Flows to meet environmental requirements are being met by releases through the Thermalito Diversion Dam and Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet. The total flow to the Feather River is currently 4,400 cfs. Flows will gradually increase over the next 24 hours.

For information on lake conditions – including lake levels, inflows, and outflows – visit the [Oroville Reservoir page](#) on the California Data Exchange Center.

For more information, visit DWR's [Oroville Spillway Incident web page](#).

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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 Royals Oaks to Royal Oaks (at Upper Overlook).</p> <p>Canyon Drive from Oroville Dam Blvd East to Royal Oaks Drive is restricted to local residents only.</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>For more information, please visit: DWR NEWS RELEASE</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>Lake Oroville SRA has 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>
To News Media:	For your safety and the safety of crews working in the construction zone, members of the news media are advised to wear Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) - hard hat, reflective vest, and sturdy shoes/boots. Those not following this guideline will be asked to leave the area.