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DWR TO CONTINUE WORK ON DEBRIS PILE IN DIVERSION POOL

Oroville, California - Over the past week, the Feather River watershed has experienced cool and dry weather. These weather conditions have allowed the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Oroville Emergency Response team to make tremendous progress removing approximately 650,000 cubic yards of debris from the Diversion Pool channel. The lake level will likely reach 860 feet later tonight.

Based on forecasted weather conditions, reservoir inflows, and the reoperation of the Hyatt Powerplant, DWR will delay the release of water over the Flood Control Spillway until approximately March 17. This delay will allow continued removal of the debris at a higher production rate permitting additional protective measures to be implemented on the Flood Control Spillway.

Lake level may increase to a forecasted level of 865 feet during this period. This forecasted lake level is based on twice-a-day modeling that considers lake inflows and Hyatt Powerplant releases between 7,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) and 13,500 cfs. At a lake level of 865 feet there will still be 36 feet of flood storage in the reservoir. DWR will continue to monitor weather conditions, lake inflows, and Hyatt Powerplant releases in order to determine whether use of the Flood Control Spillway is needed prior to March 17.

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.

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

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