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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **FLOWS TO THE FEATHER RIVER WILL INCREASE THIS WEEK**

**Oroville, Calif.** – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) expects to resume use of the flood control spillway to discharge approximately 35,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) on April 14, 2017. Operations are dependent upon weather, lake inflow, and other factors.

Due to increased outflow to the Feather River, DWR advises the public to avoid the river. Anglers, boaters, and other river users are advised to be aware of the increase in flows, as the river will become deeper and swifter.

Inflows currently range from approximately 25,000 cfs to 33,000 cfs. Lake Oroville has risen to 862 feet elevation. Hyatt Powerplant is currently discharging 13,000 cfs. The Thermalito Diversion Dam is currently discharging 13,000 cfs to the Feather River.

The flood control spillway was last used March 27, 2017. Work has continued to reinforce and protect it from further erosion when it is used again.

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.

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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