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DWR announces changes to operations of Lake Oroville Spillway

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) began making changes to outflows of the main spillway this morning. Notification of the flow change was made to the public in the afternoon on Sunday, May 14.

DWR will gradually decrease flows to the Feather River from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 PM on Monday, May 15. Every two hours, flows will decrease in 1,000 and 1,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) increments.

Total flows to the Feather River will decrease from 26,050 cfs to 21,050 cfs.

Hyatt Power Plant outflows will remain at 5,000 cfs. The main spillway flows will be reduced from 25,000 cfs to 20,000 cfs.

These changes are necessary to manage Lake Oroville's water surface elevation and water temperatures.

The gates are anticipated to close between May 20-25 to allow for critical construction work on the main spillway. Until then, DWR will continue to make slight changes to outflows.

As part of the ongoing site preparation work that is underway in addition to the upcoming use of the main spillway, some soil and concrete may be dislodged from the spillway structure. This is expected and will not delay construction.

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