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# Oroville Spillway Incident Update

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## STATUS

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| <b>Incident Start Date:</b> 02/07/2017  |                                   | <b>Incident Start Time:</b> 1400                    |
| <b>Incident Number:</b> FEMA-4308-DR  |                                   | <b>Description:</b> Damage to the Oroville Spillway |
| <b>Incident Location:</b> Oroville Dam, Canyon Dr. & Oroville Dam Rd., Oroville, CA 95966 |                                   |   |
| <b>Structures Threatened:</b> None  | <b>Structures Destroyed:</b> None | <b>Structures Damaged:</b> 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

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| <b>Lake Elevation:</b> 836.22'   | <b>Inflow:</b> 19,008 cfs                             |
| <b>Spillway Flow:</b> 20,000 cfs   | <b>Hyatt Flow:</b> 5,000 cfs                          |
| <b>Diversion Pool:</b> 224.59'   | <b>Hyatt Tailrace:</b> 227.00'                        |
| <b>Release to River at Fish Barrier:</b> 17,500 cfs  | <b>Release from After bay River Outlet:</b> 3,550 cfs |
| <b>Total River Flow:</b> 21,050 cfs  |   |
| <b>Cubic yards of material removed from the debris pile to date:</b> 1.7 Million Cubic Yards |   |

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 website](#) or DWR's [Oroville Spillway Incident web page](#).

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| <b>Road Closures:</b>  | <p>Oro-Dam East from Glen Drive to Canyon Drive.<br/>Oroville Dam Crest Road closed at the left abutment restrooms.<br/>Canyon Drive from Royals Oaks to Royal Oaks (at Upper Overlook).</p>   |
| <b>Trail Closures:</b> | <p>Portions of the Oroville Wildlife Area (OWA) have been reopened to the public but some areas remain closed. At this time the east side (D-unit) of the OWA remains closed due to public safety concerns from flood damage to the access roads in the area. The west side of the OWA, and the entire Thermalito Afterbay is currently open to the public. These areas may be accessed via Highway 162, the Thermalito Afterbay Outlet entrance, and the Vance and Palm Avenue entrances. The public should be aware that these areas may need to be closed if high flows occur on the Feather River.</p> <p>Areas surrounding Lake Oroville SRA have been partially reopened, excluding units normally closed due to current water levels and the area in front of the dam. Lakeland Trail head is now open, allowing access to some of the trails on the south side of the Diversion Pool. This includes portions of the Brad Freeman Trail and Dan Beebe Trail that are outside of the Spillway construction area.</p> <p>Trails on the north side of Oro Dam Boulevard near Hyatt Power Plant and the Potter's Ravine Trail near Spillway Launch Ramp remain closed and will likely be closed until next summer. California State Parks Rangers are providing roving patrols due to a large number of contacts in the closed area.</p> <p>For more information, view a <a href="#">map of spillway incident closures</a> or visit the California Department of Parks and Recreation <a href="#">Lake Oroville State Recreation Area web page</a>.</p> |
| <b>To News Media:</b>  | <p>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, safety glasses, and sturdy shoes/boots. Those not following this guideline will be asked to leave the area.</p>   |