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Lake Oroville Spillways Construction Updates

SACRAMENTO – Construction activities continue on the Lake Oroville Spillways Emergency Recovery Project. The following is a construction update from the Department of Water Resources (DWR):

Construction on the Main Spillway

- Kiewit has completed concrete dry-finishing work for the season on the main spillway.
- The majority of drainage system work will be completed by the end of 2017. Some temporary drain configurations in the middle chute will be kept in place until the roller-compacted concrete (RCC) walls are replaced with structural concrete walls and a permanent drain system next year.
- Finishing work on the final shotcrete layer of the temporary RCC walls and the enriched overlay on the temporary RCC chute continues over the next few weeks to ensure a smooth surface.
- Construction will resume on the main spillway in spring 2018. The exact date will be based on weather.

Construction at the Emergency Spillway

- Work continues at the emergency spillway. Crews have completed approximately 70 percent of the secant pile wall, and full completion is now expected by mid-March 2018.
- The expected completion date has been adjusted to account for additional drilling and structural concrete placement.

Forensic Team Report Update

- Earlier this month, the Independent Forensic Team released a statement to the media saying the final report would not be completed for several weeks.
- The IFT recently notified DWR that it is now targeted for completion in January 2018.
- The final report will include the IFT's [previous findings](#) regarding the physical factors as well as new findings on the human factors that contributed to the February incident. The report will be made public.

Oversight Update

- DWR posted [memo #14](#) from the independent Board of Consultants recapping the 14th meeting on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. DWR is scheduled to meet with the BOC for the 15th time in late-February 2018.

To view photos and video of the Lake Oroville Spillways construction, visit DWR's [Oroville Spillway photo gallery](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

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