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Incident Update

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STATUS		
Incident Start Date: 02/07/2017		Incident Start Time: 2:00 PM
Incident Type: Weather System		Description: Damage to the Oroville Spillway
Incident Location: Oroville Dam, Canyon Dr. & Oroville Dam Rd, Oroville, CA 95966		
Structures Threatened: None	Structures Destroyed: None	Structures Damaged: None
RESOURCES		
Air Assets: 0	Other: N/A	Total Personnel: 596
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		
Current Situation:	<p>At 6:45 a.m. today, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) began gradually ramping down outflows from the Oroville Reservoir. Flows from the flood control spillway will be reduced from 50,000 cubic feet per second throughout the day and eventually reach zero in the afternoon. As flows are reduced, DWR will monitor the status of the dam, spillways, and related structures to ensure their continued safety and stability. Flows will be reduced gradually to minimize risk to downstream levees. Through use of water stored in the Diversion Pool and Thermalito Forebay and Afterbay, flows necessary to meet fishery requirements in the Feather River downstream of the dam will be maintained.</p> <p>Cutting off flow from the flood control spillway for several days will allow workers to aggressively remove the debris pile at its base and reduce the water level surface elevation of the Hyatt Powerplant tailrace channel. The Lake level has decreased to 838 feet, 63 feet below the maximum level of the reservoir. The inflow has decreased to about 22,000 cfs and is expected to continue to decrease during the week. The lake elevation is expected to rise less than 15 feet during the zero-spillway-flow period. Spillway flow will resume later in the week.</p> <p>Work continues in the area below the emergency spillway, on access roads, and in the various eroded areas created by emergency spillway runoff. Construction crews are now installing foundations for check structures that would slow water flows should the emergency spillway be required. Excavation equipment on barges will begin debris removal below the flood control spillway in the Diversion Pool this afternoon. This work will continue 24 hours a day.</p>	



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	<p>DWR continues to aggressively monitor the status of the dam, spillways, the Hyatt Power Plant, related structures, and progress of repair activities.</p> <p>For information on lake conditions; including lake levels, inflows, and outflows you can visit the following website. http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cdecapp/resapp/resDetailOrig.action?resid=ORO</p> <p>For more information on the Oroville Spillway Incident visit the following website; http://www.water.ca.gov/oroville-spillway/index.cfm</p>
<p>Evacuation Centers:</p> <p>Road Closures:</p> <p>Trail Closures:</p>	<p>All evacuation centers supported by Butte County are now closed.</p> <p>Oro-Dam East from Glen Drive to Canyon Drive. Oroville Dam Crest Road closed at the left abutment restrooms. Canyon Drive from Oroville Dam Blvd East to Royal Oaks Drive.</p> <p>Road Blocks/security checkpoints; Oro-Dam East at Glen Drive, Oro-Dam East at Canyon Drive Dam Crest Road at Spillway Access Road, Canyon Drive at Royal Oaks Drive</p> <p>DWR has partnered with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to address roads in Oroville and surrounding areas impacted by the trucks and heavy machinery driving through Oroville in response to the Spillway Emergency.</p> <p>Caltrans will begin emergency work on Canyon Drive via contractor (Knife River Construction) as early as Tuesday, February 28, 2017.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: http://www.water.ca.gov/news/newsreleases/2017/022517_road.pdf</p> <p>The Oroville Wildlife Area is still on high alert due to the dynamic river conditions, road closures due to flooding, and ongoing spillway repairs. In order to maintain the safety of staff and the public, the wildlife area will remain closed (except for the Chico field office and Thermalito Afterbay).</p> <p>As of Thursday, February 23, 2017, Lake Oroville SRA partially opened areas surrounding Lake Oroville SRA, excluding units normally closed due to current water levels and the area in front of the dam. The Thermalito Diversion Pool (Burma Day Use and Lakeland Day Use) and the Spillway Launch Ramp will remain closed. This includes those portions of the Brad Freeman and Dan Beebe trails leading from the SRA's Visitor Center to the City of Oroville. California State Parks Rangers are providing roving patrols due to a large number of contacts in the closed area.</p>