



# SPILLWAY



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## Incident Update

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### STATUS

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| <b>Incident Start Date:</b> 02/07/2017                                                   |                                   | <b>Incident Start Time:</b> 2:00 PM                 |
| <b>Incident Type:</b> Weather System                                                     |                                   | <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

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| <b>Air Assets:</b> 0 | <b>Other:</b> N/A | <b>Total Personnel:</b> 596 |
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**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:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) successfully curtailed flows from the flood control spillway yesterday from 50,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 0 cfs. Lake levels have risen 2 feet to elevation 840 feet since the gates were closed. Flows to meet fishery requirements are being met by releases through the Thermalito Diversion Dam and Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet. The total flow to the Feather River remains at 2500 cfs.

As the spillway flows decreased, the enormity of the debris pile below the flood control spillway was revealed. Contractors have staged large excavators and several barges to begin removing sediment and debris. Additional heavy equipment was immediately mobilized to assist in the removal process.

Work continues on the area below the emergency spillway, access roads, and various eroded areas created by emergency spillway runoff.

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>

For more information on the Oroville Spillway Incident visit the following website; <http://www.water.ca.gov/oroville-spillway/index.cfm>



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| <b>Evacuation Centers:</b> | All evacuation centers supported by Butte County are now closed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <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. Canyon Drive from Oroville Dam Blvd East to Royal Oaks Drive.</p> <p>Road Blocks/security checkpoints;<br/>Oro-Dam East at Glen Drive, Oro-Dam East at Canyon Drive<br/>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 be repairing Canyon Drive via contractor (Knife River Construction).</p> <p>For more information, please visit:<br/><a href="http://www.water.ca.gov/news/newsreleases/2017/022517_road.pdf">http://www.water.ca.gov/news/newsreleases/2017/022517_road.pdf</a></p>                               |
| <b>Trail Closures:</b>     | <p>The Oroville Wildlife Area is still on high alert due to the dynamic conditions of current weather fronts moving in, 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> |