

Update as of 2/21/17 at 1115

## Controlled Spillway use at Don Pedro continues to be monitored

Turlock Irrigation District continues to monitor its use of a single Controlled Spillway Gate to release water from Don Pedro Reservoir to the Tuolumne River in cooperation with the United States Army Corps of Engineers and Stanislaus County's Office of Emergency Services.

After first alerting the public on Feb. 10 of the TID's need to maximize Don Pedro Reservoir releases to potentially minimize downstream impacts of forecasted precipitation and after TID alerted people late Sunday night that it was making preparations to operate its Controlled Spillway on Monday afternoon, TID opened one of three Controlled Spillway Gates at Don Pedro Reservoir at 3 p.m. on Monday.

A single Controlled Spillway Gate remains open. Water is also being released from the Don Pedro Power Plant with total outflows to the Tuolumne River from Don Pedro Reservoir of approximately 16,000 cfs. TID will continue to provide regular updates regarding future spillway operations. Forecasted precipitation will continue to affect future Reservoir operations. The Controlled Spillway Gate is operating as designed and onsite technical experts continue to monitor operations.

Landowners, growers and those living along the Tuolumne River, out of an abundance of caution, should undertake necessary steps to protect their property and livestock as Tuolumne River levels will rise quickly.

***Media Advisory: Joint Stanislaus County-Turlock Irrigation District media briefing will be held at C.C. Wright Hall located at 247 E. Canal Drive in Turlock at 4 p.m. today to provide an update. The briefing will be available on Facebook Live via TID and the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office.***

### Additional Updates

**Scheduled Electrical Outages Update:** In the interest of electrical safety near the River, TID began de-energizing power lines along the Tuolumne River channel on Monday. Power will be restored when safe to do so. Once River flows stabilized from the additional releases, TID began re-inspecting all areas not impacted by flooding for potential restoration of those services. This began today at 10 a.m. TID will continue to monitor and re-evaluate power restoration timelines based on current and forecasted River levels. More information on these scheduled outages is available at [tid.org/RiverOutage](http://tid.org/RiverOutage).

**Bonds Flat Road Closure:** Bonds Flat Road is closed beyond Fleming Meadows and Blue Oaks campgrounds to public access to ensure the safety of the public and spillway operations.

**Don Pedro Recreation Agency:** The Lake will be closed for boaters during the use of the spillway gates. For more information about lake operations visit [www.donpedrolake.com](http://www.donpedrolake.com)



**Register for Emergency Alerts:** Those in Stanislaus and Merced counties are encouraged to register for emergency notifications from their respective county; Stanislaus County residents at [StanAware.com](http://StanAware.com) and Merced County residents at [CountyofMerced.com/alert](http://CountyofMerced.com/alert).

Online Resources

- For additional information from TID about these increased River levels
  - [tid.org/flows](http://tid.org/flows)
- For Don Pedro levels and Tuolumne River releases
  - [tid.org/water/hydrological-data](http://tid.org/water/hydrological-data).
- For information about River water level and flows at 9th Street in Modesto
  - <http://www.c6y7y7566y7nrfc.noaa.gov/graphicalRVF.php?id=MDSC1>.
- For updates from the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
  - [www.scsdonline.com/info/press-releases-via-nixle.html](http://www.scsdonline.com/info/press-releases-via-nixle.html).
- **Register for Emergency Alerts from your County**
  - **Stanislaus County:** [StanAware.com](http://StanAware.com)
  - **Merced County:** [CountyofMerced.com/alert](http://CountyofMerced.com/alert)
- General Emergency Information:
  - <http://www.stanemergency.com/>
- How to obtain sandbags:
  - In Stanislaus County: <http://www.stanemergency.com/naturalDisasters/weather.shtm>
  - In Merced County: <http://www.co.merced.ca.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2680>