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Reclamation Releases Water from Friant Dam to the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors

Reclamation will begin increasing releases from Friant Dam near Fresno into the San Joaquin River on Tuesday, July 14, to meet contractual obligations to deliver Central Valley Project water to the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley.

As a result of the continuing drought, there is not enough water supply from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta alone to fulfill Reclamation's contractual obligations to the Exchange Contractors. As was the case last year, these contractual obligations will be satisfied from both Delta and San Joaquin River sources. These releases are not part of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program.

The flows will increase as follows:

Date	Time	Flow Increases (in cubic feet per second cfs)
Tuesday, July 14, 2015	0700 hours (7:00 a.m.)	Flows will increase from 250 cfs to 750 cfs
	1300 hours (1:00 p.m.)	Flows will increase from 750 cfs to 1,000 cfs
Wednesday, July 15, 2015	0700 hours (7:00 a.m.)	Flows will increase from 1,000 cfs to 1,500 cfs
	1300 hours (1:00 p.m.)	Flows will increase from 1,500 cfs to 2,000 cfs

Flows are expected to remain at the 2,000 cfs level for 3-5 days before reducing down to about 1,250 - 1,500 cfs.

People recreating in or along the San Joaquin River below Friant Dam should take appropriate safety precautions due to the flow increases

These release levels are expected to continue through mid-August.

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