

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026

City of San Diego to Release Water from Hodges Reservoir into San Dieguito River

ACTION REQUIRED TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY

SAN DIEGO – Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026, the City of San Diego will release water from Hodges Reservoir into the San Dieguito River to meet safety requirements.

The California Division of Safety of Dams requires that the City of San Diego operate the reservoir to remain below 280 feet elevation to protect downstream communities and ensure the safe operation of Hodges Dam. Following recent rainfall, this controlled release is necessary to maintain those standards.

The City is coordinating with the Santa Fe Irrigation District and the San Dieguito Water District to maximize beneficial use of the water and minimize impacts. Water will be released in a controlled manner and directed into the river channel. Visitors to the area should use caution, as water levels may rise.

Public safety remains the City's top priority. The City will continue to monitor weather and reservoir conditions throughout the rainy season.

For more information, visit SanDiego.Gov/Reservoirs-Lakes/Hodges-Reservoir.

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