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City of San Diego to Release Water from Hodges Reservoir

WATER WILL FLOW THROUGH SAN DIEGUITO RIVER TO OCEAN

SAN DIEGO – Due to recent heavy rainfall, the City of San Diego will release approximately 923 million gallons of water from Hodges Reservoir into San Dieguito River which may eventually lead to the ocean. The water release via valves in the dam is began today at about 11 a.m. and will continue for approximately seven days or until the reservoir elevation is near 295 feet.

For safety reasons, the California Division of Safety of Dams has determined that the water level at Hodges Reservoir should not exceed 295 feet, which is 20 feet below spillway elevation. This requires periodic water releases from Hodges Reservoir.

People in the area of the San Dieguito River Park and those in other areas along the river should take precautions.

City officials will continue to monitor weather forecasts, rainfall and the water level at Hodges Reservoir to determine if additional water releases need to be planned for this year.

Hodges Reservoir was created with the building of Hodges Dam on San Dieguito Creek in 1918. Operated and maintained by the City of San Diego's Public Utilities Department, the reservoir currently serves the San Dieguito Water District and Santa Fe Irrigation District as well as the City.

The City is finalizing plans for improvements to Hodges Dam. The state has determined it safe with the restricted water level.

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