



Folsom Reservoir

Operational Forecast - Summer 2002

What's happening at Folsom Reservoir this summer? The current Folsom Dam/Reservoir Operations Forecast shows the reservoir will slowly decrease in storage as the summer progresses; however, as noted in the table below, the storage and elevation will remain higher this year, as compared to 2001 operations. Reclamation's official allocation uses the 90-percent exceedence forecast, which is based on a dry-year classification in the water year 2002 runoff information prepared by the California Department of Water Resources.

Summer is here and safety around Folsom Reservoir is as important as ever. With this in mind, it is important that boaters and general recreational users of Folsom Reservoir be aware of the potential for submerged objects or other natural hazards just below the reservoir surface. Additional recreation and park information is available at the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office at Folsom Dam, 916-988-0205, Web addresses are: <http://www.parks.ca.gov/> or Folsom Lake: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=500

Forecast as of July 12, 2002

| Projected Labor Day Conditions | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------|
| Storage (acre-feet) | | Percent of Capacity | Elevation (feet) |
| Labor Day, September 2 | 528,000 | 54 | 420 |

This year Folsom Lake received 1,632,000 acre-feet compared to 787,000 acre-feet last year. Inflow that occurs April through June generally determines how much water Folsom will have during the summer.

| | Projected End-of-Month Storage | | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------------|---------|-----------|
| | This Year 2002 | | | Last Year 2001 | | |
| | July | August | September | July | August | September |
| Storage (acre-feet) | 627,000 | 522,000 | 506,000 | 487,000 | 431,000 | 368,000 |
| Percent of Capacity | 64 | 53 | 52 | 50 | 44 | 38 |
| Elevation (feet) | 433 | 426 | 426 | 415 | 407 | 398 |

For additional operational updates, please access Reclamation's Website at: <http://www.mp.usbr.gov/cvo/> or contact Louis Moore, 916-978-5106 (TDD 916-978-5608).