

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West



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This uncommon view of Shasta Dam is looking downstream from the catwalk above its 478-foot-long and 375-foot-wide spillway. The flat panels are flash boards in the up position. When in place, these flash boards add two feet of height to the drum gates allowing for additional water storage in the reservoir. Below, the maintenance roads and beautiful forest stretch down to the shores of the basin.

Shasta Dam is located about nine miles northwest of Redding, California, on the Sacramento River. Built during the seven-year period between 1938 and 1945, the dam is a 602-foot-high concrete gravity dam, which provides flood control, power, and water supply benefits. The reservoir is also used extensively for recreation. Shasta Dam and Shasta Reservoir are key facilities in the Central Valley Project. The water stored in the reservoir represents about 41 percent of all the stored water in the CVP.

For more information on Shasta Dam and Reservoir: <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/ncao/shasta/>
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