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Pine Flat Dam And Reservoir Peaks Storage

Fresno, CA – Pine Flat Reservoir’s water storage is full thanks to the Sierra Nevada snow melt. At noon on Tuesday, June 11, the reservoir reached the seasonal peak at 99.2%, or 992,855 acre-feet, of the nearly one million acre-foot capacity. The last remaining snow is melting and keeping inflows high. However, Pine Flat releases for irrigation demand along the Kings River are outpacing the inflow causing the reservoir level to begin dropping.

“Pine Flat Dam was designed decades ago to offer flood control and water storage benefits for the people of the Central Valley,” said Kings River Watermaster Steve Haugen. “The Kings River water source is primarily snowmelt, which accumulates in the with winter storm and melts through the spring and sometimes summer.”

The water delivery season in the Kings River below Pine Flat is already in full swing, with wetted river channel down to Stratford at the end of the South Fork and out the end of the North Fork east of the City of San Joaquin. Some increases in Pine Flat Dam releases are expected in June and July, with flows tapering off in August. The water delivery is in part due to the ample water supply carried over from last year, coupled with an unusually average snowpack and water runoff this year.

The Kings River provides surface water to nearly one million acres of land within the Kings River Service Area. “We have passed peak snow melt but flow in the river is still swift and cold; therefore, it is important to practice good water safety,” said Haugen. Anyone along the river and lakes, including those who enjoy fishing and other river-related recreation, need to be cautious and pay attention to water safety.



Pine Flat Lake and Dam peak storage June 2024

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About the Kings River Water Association: From high in the Sierra Nevada and scenic Kings Canyon in Central California, the Kings River plunges toward the San Joaquin Valley. It brings life to more than a million of the Earth’s most fertile and productive acres and dozens of communities. The vested water rights are held by the Kings River Water Association in trust for its 28 member units. The 28 member units vary greatly as do their local needs. Not only do the 13 public entities and 15 mutual water companies have unique characteristics, each unit manages its Kings River water entitlements and Pine Flat Reservoir storage rights separate and distinct from those of all other units.