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INCREASED FLOWS EXPECTED ALONG MERCED RIVER

MERCED – Already-high flows of fast moving water will increase in the Merced River in the coming days.

Residents are urged to remain clear of the Merced River or any other waterway affected by recent storms.

Under direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, increased releases of water will be made on Sunday from New Exchequer Dam, east of Snelling. The reservoir is owned and managed by Merced Irrigation District. However, the Army Corps of Engineers provides direction on flood management activities.

The increased water releases are intended to provide needed additional space for storm water in Lake McClure. MID reports the reservoir is about 90 percent full and continuing to rise.

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