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### INCREASING FLOWS EXPECTED ALONG MERCED RIVER

MERCED – Due to forecasted storm events and a high capacity of water in Lake McClure, increased flows are expected to add to an already high-flow of fast-moving water along the Merced River.

The increased flows are in addition to the previously-announced releases from February 11, 2017.

The water releases come under the direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. While the reservoir is owned by Merced Irrigation District, the Army Corps of Engineers dictates flood-management activities.

The increased water releases are intended to provide additional space for storm water in Lake McClure, which is currently in excess of 90 percent of its total capacity.

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

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