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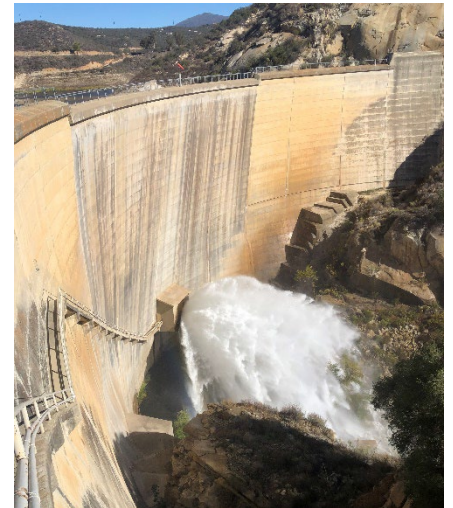
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTROLLED TRANSFER OF WATER FROM SWEETWATER AUTHORITY'S LOVELAND RESERVOIR BEGINS NOVEMBER 15

Chula Vista, CA – In order to secure additional water sources for our customers, Sweetwater Authority (Authority) initiated a controlled transfer of water between its two reservoirs on November 15, 2022. Water that leaves Loveland Reservoir is transferred through the Sweetwater River channel and captured at Sweetwater Reservoir where it can be treated and distributed to Authority customers at a lower cost than importing water. Drought conditions and lack of rainfall in the region have created a need to transfer this water to Sweetwater Reservoir.



“Drought conditions have impacted the Authority’s local water supply. This transfer will enhance the water supply at Sweetwater Reservoir and provide water and cost savings to the Authority’s rate-payers,” said General Manager Carlos Quintero.

Sweetwater Authority will monitor the water transfer, which will occur over several weeks, and make modifications as necessary depending on weather conditions. The Authority worked closely with local landowners and businesses near the Sweetwater River channel, notifying them by mail and phone prior to the start of the transfer to lessen any potential impacts.

Loveland Reservoir will remain open, but access to fishing will be unavailable. The reservoir will be open for other recreation activities, including hiking and birdwatching.

The Authority conducts controlled transfers periodically and ensures that environmental needs are met. A similar water transfer was last conducted in January and February 2021. That transfer captured 2.7 billion gallons of water and saved the Authority customers more than \$9.1 million in the purchasing imported water.

Sweetwater Authority is a public water agency providing safe, reliable water to National City, Chula Vista and Bonita.

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