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**STATE WATER CONTRACTORS' RESPONSE TO FEMA OROVILLE SPILLWAY REPAIR
AND RECOVERY COST REIMBURSEMENTS**

Sacramento, CA – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today, based on information already submitted by Department of Water Resources (DWR), that it will not fully reimburse the State of California for the necessary repairs of the main spillway and emergency spillway at Oroville Dam, following the February 2017 disaster.

FEMA is authorized to reimburse 75% of the cost of damage caused by such disasters. In this instance, FEMA has not authorized the full 75% of the costs to repair the damaged spillways.

“We support DWR and recognize the agency has worked tirelessly to protect public safety and to successfully repair the Oroville spillways. We understand that DWR worked directly with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and multiple independent experts to determine the appropriate actions necessary to repair the facilities and ensure the structure could operate as originally intended. That is why we support DWR’s decision to appeal the partial FEMA reimbursements. We firmly believe that federally-required repairs to Oroville after a federally-declared emergency should qualify for full federal assistance.”

**Jennifer Pierre
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