

Authorities stop releasing water at Oroville Dam

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FILE - This Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, file aerial photo released by the California Department of Water Resources shows the damaged spillway with eroded hillside in Oroville, Calif.(Photo: William Croyle, AP)

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California water officials have finished releasing water from the damaged spillway at the Oroville Dam.

Department of Water Resources spokeswoman Lauren Bisnett said water flow was stopped Monday.

The spillway will stay dry for up to a week so water workers can remove between 500,000 and 1 million cubic yards of debris blocking a power plant that was shut down amid high water levels.

A potential failure of an emergency spillway at the dam prompted authorities earlier this month to evacuate nearly 200,000 people.

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