Effective immediately, July 7, 2023, the Army Corps of Engineers flood release target from Pine Flat is being increase by 500 cfs today at 24:00 hours. This morning the Pine Flat order was 10,900 cfs. The increase will make the order at Pine Flat approximately 11,500 cfs for a flood release target of 4,400 cfs at Crescent Weir and a 100 cfs increase to irrigation demand. Outflow from Pine Flat will fluctuate based on irrigation demand, with anticipated releases of approximately 11,500 through the weekend.

The target flood release in the South Fork Kings River remains at zero, only irrigation orders are being diverted into the South Fork at Army Weir. The flood release target in the North Fork below Crescent Weir will be adjusted as the changes at Pine Flat occur. As of this morning, the target flood release in the North Fork was 3,900 cfs.

Releases will continue to be adjusted accordingly to meet irrigation orders, local creeks entering below Pine Flat and changing conditions.

All data is provisional and subject to revision.

We will circulate updates as conditions change.

Status of flows below Pine Flat Dam as of 0700 July 7, 2023.

16,500 cfs (estimated) Pre Project Piedra (Full natural flow at Piedra, 3 miles downstream of Pine Flat Dam. Includes Mill and Hughes Creek flows)

10,900 cfs Total Order at Pine Flat. (Order includes flood release, local demands and estimated channel losses)

10,900 cfs Pine Flat Reservoir Release

10 cfs Mill and Hughes Creeks (Unobstructed gauge several miles below Pine Flat Reservoir)

7,030 cfs flow at Reedley Narrows (approximately three miles upstream of the City of Reedley, Capacity per ACOE Reservoir Control Manual 13,000 cfs)

5,990 cfs flow Below Peoples Weir (approximately one mile downstream of Highway 99, Capacity per ACOE Reservoir Control Manual 11,000 cfs)

160 cfs, South Fork of Kings River, release below Army Weir

0 cfs, Crescent Bypass, water diverted from the North Fork to the South Fork

3,660 cfs flow below Crescent Weir, 3900 cfs target flood release below Crescent Weir (approximately three miles downstream of Highway 41)

Status of Pine Flat as of 2400 hours July 6, 2023

905,595 acre-feet Pine Flat storage (Capacity 1,000,000 acre-feet)

234,369 acre-feet Upstream storage (Capacity 251,900 acre-feet)

111,936 acre-feet vacant storage space on the Kings River system

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