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## **Caution Urged for Recreation in the San Joaquin River**

*Higher San Joaquin River Flows Expected over Holiday Weekend (Wednesday, May 24 through Sunday, May 28)*

With continuing warm temperatures heading into the Memorial Day weekend, the San Joaquin River Restoration Program would like to remind anyone planning San Joaquin River-based activities to be aware of possible high river flows and to exercise caution during this time.

Friant Dam operators expect to increase releases from Friant Dam starting this Thursday and continue through the weekend – a departure from the steady and generally lower releases seen over past weeks. San Joaquin River flows may increase to 5,000 cfs and possibly as high as 8,500 cfs below Friant Dam. Please be alert of river levels that may vary substantially and could produce high, fast and cold flows in the river. The higher releases are the result of flood management operations at Millerton Reservoir as the warming trend has led to increased runoff from snowpack within the San Joaquin River watershed.

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