

Headline: LA County Water Officials Mark Completion of \$10.6 Million Morris Dam Modernization Project  
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Commissioned by President Herbert Hoover in 1934, Morris Dam has been operated for flood risk management and water supply for nearly 80 years. The dam's original technology has been replaced now by new, automated control systems, updated electrical, mechanical and communication systems, a new control house, and five new, high-performance valves. The upgrades will allow dam operators from LA County Public Works to optimize their operations, making an additional 1,500 acre feet of stormwater available this summer to water managers downstream—enough to supply 3,000 families for one year.

WHAT: Completion of Morris Dam Water Supply Enhancement Project

WHEN: Wednesday, July 24, at 10 a.m.

(Formal ceremony will start at 10a.m. Lunch will be provided.)

WHERE: 100 North San Gabriel Canyon Road, Azusa 91702

(Media parking on site.)

WHO: Gail Farber, Director, LA County Public Works

State Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez (District 24)

Mark Stuart, District Director, State Department of Water Resources

VISUALS: Stormwater released at a rate of 2,120 cubic feet per second from the dam's massive, 72-inch valve.

Ceremonial valve opening will take place more than 250 feet above the valley floor.

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