



Update No. 3 Caples Lake drawdown and slide gate replacement project



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Caples Lake fish rescue set for August 26, deadline for volunteers is midnight, Tuesday, August 19

EID's Caples Lake drawdown, Sly Park transfer running smoothly

Placerville, CA . . . The California Department of Fish and Game will be performing a fish rescue operation at Caples Lake, scheduled to begin on Tuesday, August 26. The rescue is part of a comprehensive fish rescue and restocking program that Fish and Game and El Dorado Irrigation District (District) have developed cooperatively to address the impacts of the District's emergency repairs to the Caples Lake Dam outlet works. The California Sportfishing Protection Alliance and Trout Unlimited are organizing volunteer support for the rescue. Volunteers must complete the on-line application at <http://www.calsport.org/caplesapp.htm> and submit it by midnight on Tuesday, August 19. If anyone has difficulty completing the on-line form, they can submit the requested information via e-mail to gneuburger@yahoo.com. As of Monday morning, about 40 members of the general public have applied.

Fish and Game has requested that the District fund the rescue effort and provide logistical support. The District's Board of Directors will consider funding approval for the entire rescue and approval of the restocking program on August 25.

Meanwhile, the District's drawdown of Caples Lake to allow the repairs continues to go smoothly. In addition, since Friday morning the District has been diverting a portion of the Caples Lake releases into Sly Park's Jenkinson Lake through the Hazel Creek Tunnel. The District hopes to salvage about 3600 acre feet of water in this way through the remainder of the drawdown. For perspective, the District's total annual water deliveries to customers are about 41,000 acre feet.

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