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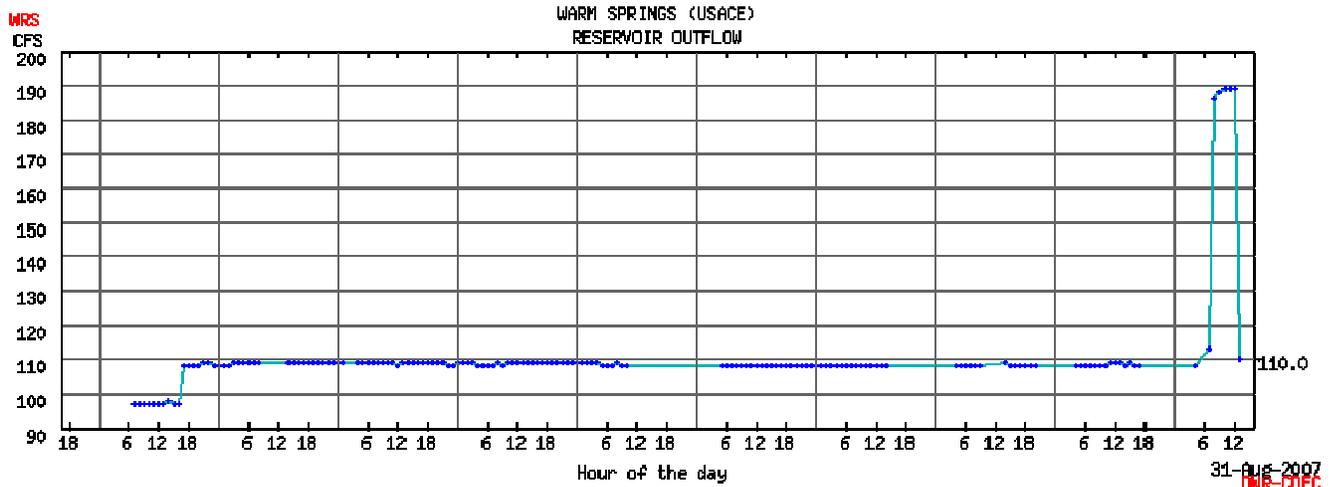
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Agency Responds, Repairs Failing Power Generator at Warm Springs Dam

Santa Rosa, CA– The Sonoma County Water Agency this morning responded and repaired a failed hydro-electric power generator at Warm Springs Dam. The generator, which generates power from the water released into Dry Creek through Warm Springs Dam, shut down unexpectedly causing a spike in the release of water from the dam. Flows from the dam increased from about 110 cubic-feet-per-second (cfs) to 190 cfs. The Agency was able to repair the generator and bring it back online, allowing the US Army Corps of Engineers to reduce flows back down to pre-incident levels.

“When the generator went offline, standard operating procedures went into place to ensure the Corps gates responded to maintain flows in Dry Creek,” said Pam Jeane, deputy chief engineer of operations. “Our staff did an outstanding job in responding to this situation in an effort to keep our water supply and Dry Creek’s environment safe and healthy.”

The below chart shows the spike in water released from the dam when the power generator went offline. The cause of the incident is currently being investigated.



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