

Big Creek Project 2023 Water Year Outlook

Southern California Edison values our relationship with the local community and understands the impact that our operations can have on the local economy and those enjoying the many recreation opportunities in the area. To help facilitate our partnership with the community, SCE has prepared answers to frequently asked questions. Included with this list is precipitation data from the Department of Water Resources for the San Joaquin Basin for the year as well as a table with the forecasted lake levels on the Big Creek System for the 2023 water year. Southern California Edison's number one priority is the safety of its customers, employees and the communities it serves. We hope this helps the community plan for a safe and enjoyable recreation season.

How does SCE forecast the levels for the lakes in the Big Creek System?

The six main lakes on the Big Creek System (Lake Thomas Edison, Florence Lake, Huntington Lake, Shaver Lake, Mammoth Pool Reservoir and Redinger Lake) are fed by snowmelt. SCE conducts snow surveys in the region and compares that data with other agencies in the state to determine the amount of water in California's snowpack. This data is put into models to estimate when and how much water will be coming into the reservoirs. SCE compares its forecasts with other agencies and balances the predicted available water with dam safety, FERC license and contractual requirements, recreation needs, maintenance requirements and forecasted energy demand to develop a plan for each lake.

How much snow did we get this winter?

This year is currently tracking to be one of the wettest years on record. The April 1 average snowpack for San Joaquin River Basin was at 235% of average. The overall runoff forecast for the San Joaquin river Basin into Millerton Lake is around 250% of average.

Do the high number of storms we had this year mean that SCE can keep the lakes full?

Yes, lake levels will generally be high this season due to the wet water year. You can find the forecasted reservoir levels below.

Where can I find more information about water conditions and lake levels?

For current water conditions and hydrology information see the Department of Water Resources Data Exchange Center website: <http://cdec.water.ca.gov>

Up to date lake levels for the Big Creek Project and flow information can be found on SCE's public water flow and levels website: <http://kna.kisters.net/scepublic>

Who can I contact if I have additional questions?

For more information or updates please contact our Local Public Affairs Region Manager-

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