



STAY SAFE

Near the Middle Fork American River Dams



Placer County Water Agency Is Committed to Your Safety

PCWA dams and reservoirs help manage water and provide clean energy. While structures are closely monitored and maintained, understanding potential risks is key to ensuring your safety.



Be Aware of Changing Water Levels

PCWA operates several dams and reservoirs, including large dams at French Meadows, Hell Hole, and Ralston Afterbay (also known as Oxbow Reservoir). While infrequent, water levels have the potential to rise suddenly due to releases from these systems.



Maintenance and Safety

PCWA regularly inspects and maintains all dam structures to ensure that they meet appropriate safety standards.

Our team works year-round to monitor water flows and reservoir levels, reducing the risk to downstream areas.









RIVER & DAM SAFETY

What You Need to Know...



Stay Alert!

Be aware of rapid changes in water levels, especially after heavy rainfall. Water levels can change quickly. Be prepared to move to higher ground, if necessary.

Stay Informed



Check real-time water levels and flow information for the Middle Fork American River by visiting middleforkfun.com or cdec.water.ca.gov.

Your Safety Is Our Priority

PCWA is dedicated to the safe operation of structures and control of water flows from PCWA dams and waterways.

Enjoy Responsibly

- Please respect all posted signs and directions.
- Listen to local authorities and law enforcement.
- Be aware of adverse weather conditions.

