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# Nimbus Dam

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## OVERVIEW

Nimbus Dam, 7 miles downstream of Folsom Dam on the American River, regulates releases made through Folsom Dam. Nimbus Dam forms Lake Natoma, with a surface area of 540 acres and a capacity of 8,760 acre-feet. Nimbus Dam is a concrete gravity dam 1,093 feet long and 87 feet high. Eighteen radial gates, each 40-feet by 24-feet, control the flows.

A loud horn and flashing siren, along with posted signage, notifies the public to stay clear when releases will soon be increasing.

Nimbus Powerplant is located on the right abutment of the dam, on the river's north side. Its two generators have a capacity of 7,763 kilowatts each. Water is supplied to the two 9,400 horsepower turbines that drive the generators through six 46.5-foot-long penstocks. Nimbus Dam and Powerplant began operating in 1955.

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