

Flood control gets boost with spillway

Construction is nearing completion on the project to raise the spillway at Terminus Dam.

The long-awaited construction effort will provide significantly more flood protection for communities downstream of Lake Kaweah. The higher spillway will allow the lake to hold more water, which will help with water conservation and environmental enhancement along the river.

By raising the spillway at the dam, the lake will increase its capacity by nearly 30 percent.

While the unique spillway increases lake capacity, Army Corps of Engineer officials are also busy improving recreational facilities around the perimeter of the lake.



Above— Rep. Nunes discusses the completion of a new spillway at Terminus Dam with Army Corps of Engineer officials Norbert Suter and Phil Deffenbaugh. **Below—** Workers finish the spillway to provide Tulare County communities with better flood protection.



Nunes asks President Bush for water study money

Continuing his work to develop new water storage for the San Joaquin Valley, Rep. Nunes asked President Bush to include a \$6 million line item for the Upper San Joaquin River Basin storage feasibility study in the Fiscal Year 2005 budget proposal.

The San Joaquin Valley continues to face a water crisis in which our water sup-

plies have become inadequate to meet expanding needs. Demands by domestic users, industry, and environmental needs continue to grow with no relief in sight.

The Upper San Joaquin River Basin storage study would take the next step in the process to resolve this pervasive problem. The study will determine the fea-

sibility of increasing water storage capability on the Upper San Joaquin River in California. It will identify the feasibility of increasing power generation, improving water supply reliability and quality, improving water management efficiency, and improving the environment and flood control on the river.