

MATILIJIA DAM MAY FIL

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Millions of gallons of water is cascading over Matilija dam spillway after the storm filled the reservoir for the first time.

Matilija Dam Overflowing; Live Oak Acres Area Flooded

★ ★ ★ THE RAINFALL RECORD ★ ★ ★

RAIN TOTALS
(8 a.m. Measurements)

	24 Hours	Storm	Season	Last Year
Camarillo	2.58	4.51	11.25	2.52
Fillmore	5.88	11.14	19.54	2.64
Foster Park	2.38	9.23	20.01	4.68
Lake Sherwood	6.75	—	—	—
Matilija Dam	6.85	13.99	23.93	6.56
Meiners Oaks	6.25	16.21	19.98	—
Montalvo	4.40	7.58	16.17	3.52
Moorpark	3.15	5.96	12.50	2.77
Mound	3.18	7.42	15.50	—
Oak View	7.37	13.94	23.95	4.03
Ojai	4.97	10.32	20.36	4.45
Oxnard	3.43	6.24	14.27	3.26
Port Hueneme	3.05	5.10	11.36	—
Piru	5.02	8.30	17.29	3.31
Santa Ana Valley	10.20*	13.54	25.30	3.38
Santa Paula	4.99	8.90	17.72	3.03
Santa Susana	3.39	3.85	13.63	3.11
Saticoy	5.09	8.54	17.49	3.50
Sespe	6.90	—	—	—
Simi	2.71	4.74	11.53	2.57
Thousand Oaks	3.97	6.75	12.32	3.50
Upper Ojai	6.83	16.21	25.10	4.08
Ventura	3.09	6.08	12.87	3.52
** 48-hour period. Gauge unreachable yesterday because of high water.				
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY				
Santa Barbara	2.50	—	18.11	5.08
Carpinteria	2.89	—	16.80	5.18
Montecito	4.51	—	19.07	7.22
Juncal Dam	10.59	—	35.61	5.96

RUNOFF waters from a rain storm of unprecedented density left Ventura county today a muddy tangle of closed highways and rail lines, flooded residential areas, mountain slides and many acre feet of water standing in lakes.

Drainage facilities, natural and man-made were overtaxed even before the heaviest period of the storm hit. Many weather observers, checking records and memories, said they doubt that so much rain ever fell here in such a short time.

Although there was damage to many areas and numerous homes stood vacant after families evacuated to higher ground last night, the big news even in these times of plentiful moisture was the fill-

SURPLUS WATER THWARTS BOARD INSPECTION TRIP

Thwarted by the very surplus of water they've prayed for so long, members of the board of supervisors missed a long-awaited highlight in their careers as dam builders.

The long storm that filled the \$2.5 million reservoir for the first time since its completion in 1947 also blocked roads with slides, barring their way as they started an inspection tour.

ing of Matilija dam. The lake behind the dam started rising sharply yesterday morning and by mid-afternoon was coming up at a rate of five feet per hour.

At 8:40 p.m., the water reached the lowest portion of the spillway in the center of the dam and splashed over onto the apron below. It was the first time that the dam had been filled and the first water over the top. County Surveyor Robert Ryan and other observers reported that the slip-joint action of the dam operated normally, allowing the dam to move forward with the growing pressure behind. The lake stretched out of sight from the dam, covering the old Lyon Hot springs area.

Hardest hit in the runoff

STORMS BRING WORST WEATHER IN 50 YEARS (See Page 3)

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