

Diversions project allows water from Truckee River near Reno to be collected

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More of all that water rushing down the Truckee River can now be captured for use.

At a time when there's much more water in the river than normal for this time of year, a newly completed structure allows the area's primary water provider to divert nearly 10 million gallons per day more than it could previously.

And with the river's water the cleanest and cheapest available, that's clearly a good thing as summer's heat arrives and the demand for water spikes, said Mark Foree, general manager of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority.

"We always want to maximize use of Truckee River water," Foree said. "This project allows us to do that."

Foree refers to the new Glendale diversion structure on the river near the intersection of Glendale Avenue and Galletti Way.

The \$3.7 million structure, finished last winter and put into use in June, increased the amount of the river's water that can be diverted to the nearby Glendale water treatment plant from 28 million gallons per day to 37 million gallons per day.

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