

11430000 South Fork Rubicon River below Gerle Creek, near Georgetown, CA

Sacramento River Basin

LOCATION.--Lat 38°57'17", long 120°24'02" referenced to North American Datum of 1927, in SW ¼ SW ¼ sec.22, T.13 N., R.14 E., El Dorado County, CA, Hydrologic Unit 18020128, in Eldorado National Forest, on left bank, 600 ft downstream from Gerle Creek, 1.2 mi downstream from South Fork Rubicon River Diversion Dam, and 18 mi east of Georgetown.

DRAINAGE AREA.--47.6 mi².

SURFACE-WATER RECORDS

PERIOD OF RECORD.--February 1910 to June 1914 (published as "Little South Fork Rubicon River below Gerle Creek, near Quintette"), August 1961 to current year.

REVISED RECORDS.--WSP 1931: Drainage area.

GAGE.--Water-stage recorder. Elevation of gage is 4,970 ft above NGVD of 1929, from topographic map. Feb. 1, 1910, to June 21, 1914, nonrecording gage at site about 700 ft downstream at different datum.

COOPERATION.--Records, including diversion to Robbs Peak Powerplant (station 11429300), were collected by Sacramento Municipal Utility District, under general supervision of the U.S. Geological Survey, in connection with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project no. 2101.

REMARKS.--Beginning in 1884, flow regulated by Loon Lake (station 11429350). Original dam was dismantled during September and October 1962 to permit construction of a new earthfill dam completed Dec. 27, 1963. Loon Lake receives water from Rubicon River via Rubicon-Rockbound Tunnel (station 11427940) to Buck Island Lake and from Buck Island Lake to Loon Lake via Buck-Loon Tunnel (station 11428300). Prior to Dec. 3, 1961, water was diverted out of the basin in Georgetown Divide Ditch. Water is diverted 1.2 mi upstream at South Fork Rubicon River Diversion Dam to Robbs Peak Powerplant. Diversion of up to 1,440 ft³/s to Silver Creek Basin began in October 1962. See schematic diagram of Middle Fork American and Rubicon River Basins available from the California Water Science Center.

EXTREMES FOR PERIOD OF RECORD.--Maximum discharge, 12,600 ft³/s, Jan. 1, 1997, gage height, 12.65 ft, from rating curve extended above 2,500 ft³/s, on basis of slope-area measurement of peak flow; minimum, 0.8 ft³/s, Sept. 21, 1962.

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DISCHARGE, CUBIC FEET PER SECOND
WATER YEAR OCTOBER 2007 TO SEPTEMBER 2008
DAILY MEAN VALUES

Day	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1	7.3	6.1	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.8	9.6	6.2	6.8	8.1	6.1	7.8
2	7.5	6.2	7.4	6.8	6.8	7.6	9.6	6.0	6.8	8.1	6.2	7.5
3	7.5	6.1	7.4	6.7	9.7	7.4	9.9	7.4	6.6	7.7	6.0	5.6
4	7.0	6.0	6.8	19	7.3	7.5	10	7.4	7.2	7.9	5.8	7.3
5	6.7	5.9	6.6	11	7.0	7.7	10	7.0	7.1	8.0	6.0	7.5
6	6.7	5.9	7.6	8.6	6.7	7.5	10	6.6	7.1	7.6	5.9	7.1
7	6.6	5.9	8.4	8.1	6.3	7.6	9.8	6.5	7.1	7.3	6.0	7.1
8	6.5	5.9	7.5	7.8	6.2	7.8	8.7	6.3	7.1	8.1	6.0	7.0
9	6.7	6.5	7.3	7.7	6.3	8.1	8.3	6.2	6.9	7.6	6.1	6.9
10	7.2	6.6	6.7	7.9	6.7	8.3	8.5	6.1	6.5	7.8	6.2	7.1
11	6.9	7.6	6.7	7.5	6.9	8.5	9.1	6.0	6.3	7.6	6.4	7.0
12	7.3	6.7	7.1	7.6	7.0	8.5	9.6	6.2	6.4	7.6	6.2	6.9
13	7.3	6.1	6.7	7.2	7.1	12	9.9	6.3	6.3	7.4	5.8	6.8
14	7.3	6.0	6.5	7.3	6.7	11	9.9	6.1	6.3	7.3	5.8	6.8
15	7.3	6.1	6.4	7.7	6.7	9.2	9.1	6.0	6.7	7.3	5.7	6.6
16	7.4	6.4	6.4	7.2	6.6	8.3	8.5	6.3	6.6	7.7	5.8	6.9
17	7.3	6.6	7.0	7.3	6.8	8.1	8.5	6.8	6.5	7.5	6.0	6.9
18	7.2	6.6	7.9	7.3	7.1	8.4	8.6	7.5	6.5	7.4	6.2	6.9
19	8.3	6.7	7.5	7.6	6.6	9.1	8.4	7.3	6.4	7.3	6.3	7.0
20	8.6	6.8	7.7	7.3	6.8	9.7	7.8	15	6.3	7.8	6.1	7.1
21	8.0	6.4	6.7	7.4	6.9	9.4	7.3	40	6.2	7.3	6.2	6.9
22	7.8	6.6	6.6	7.4	7.0	9.3	7.2	32	6.1	7.3	6.5	6.8
23	7.6	6.6	6.8	7.3	7.1	9.8	7.8	7.3	6.0	7.2	5.9	7.2
24	6.9	6.8	7.2	6.9	7.3	9.9	7.3	7.9	6.5	6.9	5.9	6.9
25	5.7	6.9	7.3	6.5	7.1	10	7.1	6.8	6.6	6.8	6.2	7.2
26	5.6	6.9	7.5	6.4	6.9	11	7.1	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.0	6.6
27	5.7	6.6	7.4	7.7	6.8	10	7.2	6.5	7.0	6.5	5.9	6.5
28	5.6	6.4	7.5	7.4	7.1	10	7.2	6.4	6.9	6.6	5.8	6.5
29	5.7	6.7	6.9	7.2	7.6	11	6.9	6.4	8.0	6.6	7.5	6.6
30	5.7	7.0	7.3	7.2	---	10	6.5	6.7	8.3	6.6	7.3	6.3
31	6.2	---	7.2	7.2	---	9.8	---	6.7	---	6.3	7.5	---
Total	215.1	193.6	221.2	243.5	202.6	280.3	255.4	272.8	202.0	227.8	191.3	207.3
Mean	6.94	6.45	7.14	7.85	6.99	9.04	8.51	8.80	6.73	7.35	6.17	6.91
Max	8.6	7.6	8.4	19	9.7	12	10	40	8.3	8.1	7.5	7.8
Min	5.6	5.9	6.4	6.4	6.2	7.4	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.3	5.7	5.6
Ac-ft	427	384	439	483	402	556	507	541	401	452	379	411
Diversion, in acre-feet, to Robbs Peak Powerplant	416	1,320	599	3,860	14,540	14,050	15,840	18,810	9,340	9,670	7,030	5,680

STATISTICS OF MONTHLY MEAN DATA FOR WATER YEARS 1963 - 2008, BY WATER YEAR (WY)

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Mean	10.9	17.1	38.0	51.7	32.7	18.6	13.7	25.1	18.7	12.5	9.37	9.58
Max	52.2	268	396	530	524	130	141	276	249	92.5	13.2	22.3
(WY)	(1963)	(1984)	(1965)	(1997)	(1986)	(1986)	(1982)	(1996)	(1983)	(1967)	(2003)	(1982)
Min	2.40	2.75	4.79	4.86	5.03	3.11	2.35	2.42	2.29	2.36	2.03	1.99
(WY)	(1978)	(1978)	(1968)	(1968)	(1966)	(1977)	(1977)	(1977)	(1977)	(1977)	(1977)	(1977)

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SUMMARY STATISTICS

	Calendar Year 2007		Water Year 2008		Water Years 1963 - 2008	
Annual total	2,843.5		2,712.9			
Annual mean	7.79		7.41		21.5	
Highest annual mean					67.1	1997
Lowest annual mean					3.59	1977
Highest daily mean	118	Feb 11	40	May 21	8,050	Jan 1, 1997
Lowest daily mean	5.0	Sep 17	5.6	Oct 26	1.3	Sep 29, 1963
Annual seven-day minimum	5.2	Sep 17	5.7	Oct 25	1.5	Sep 28, 1963
Maximum peak flow			346	May 20	12,600	Jan 1, 1997
Maximum peak stage			4.41	May 20	12.65	Jan 1, 1997
Annual runoff (ac-ft)	5,640		5,380		15,560	
Annual diversion (ac-ft) a	108,300		101,200			
10 percent exceeds	9.3		8.6		13	
50 percent exceeds	7.1		7.0		8.8	
90 percent exceeds	5.8		6.1		5.4	

^aDiversion, in acre-feet, to Robbs Peak Powerplant (station 11429300).

