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GOODBYE, NILES DAM



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THE NILES DAM in Alameda Creek in Niles Canyon is being removed as part of a project to eliminate barriers to fish passage and to address public safety concerns. The dam was built by the Spring Valley Water Co. in 1887 atop a stone dam built 46 years previously by Jose de Jesus Vallejo, who constructed the original Niles Dam to provide water for his flour mill. The Sunol Dam, built in 1900, also is being removed as part of the project by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. The dams are no longer in service.