

## **Lake Berryessa News e-Newsletter, January - February 2013**

### **The Bureau of Reclamation Requests Your Input!**

The Lake Berryessa News has sent the following list of recommendations to the Bureau of Reclamation and to Cong. Mike Thompson to assist in creating a productive and transparent process for the redevelopment of the Lake Berryessa resorts. Please use them as a basis for your own suggestions or send your own recommendations to:

Jeff Laird, Park Manager Bureau of Reclamation Lake Berryessa Field Office 5520 Knoxville Road Napa, CA 94558 [jlaird@usbr.gov](mailto:jlaird@usbr.gov)

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Reclamation Should Formalize the Lake Berryessa Project Management Team and Its Responsibilities, Including Having Jeff Laird Report Directly to Drew Lessard on an Interim Basis For This Project.

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Immediately Return Big Island Lagoon to a 5MPH Zone for Family Recreation Eliminate Incentives for Multi-Resort Bids by a Single Company or Limit a Single Concessioner to No More Than Three Resorts.

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Minimize the Environmental Requirements Section in the Next Bid Prospectus and Emphasize Financial and Operational Management Qualifications.

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Eliminate Incentives for Multi-Resort Bids by a Single Company or Limit a Single Concessioner to No More Than Three Resorts.

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Provide More Facility Design Specificity in the Next Bid Prospectus to Avoid Having Bidders Propose Unrealistic Plans for Resort Redevelopment.

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Create Categorical Exclusions (CE) or Environmental Assessments (EA) followed by a Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI), as Necessary, to Eliminate the Need for Detailed Environmental Review of Future Development Actions Within the Officially Defined Footprint of the Lake Berryessa Resorts.

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Create a Categorical Exclusion to Eliminate the Need for State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) Cultural Resource Review of Future Development Actions Within the Officially Defined Footprint of the Lake Berryessa Resorts.

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Implement an ISO14001 Environmental Management System (Per DOI Policy) at Lake Berryessa Park Headquarters to Assist in Reclamation Staff's Understanding of the Environmental Requirements Reclamation is Mandating for the Lake Berryessa Resort Concessions.

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In the Next Bid Prospectus Allow Bidders to Propose Annual Occupancy Sites Without Penalty or Prejudice

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You also may wish to make your feelings know to Congressman Thompson as I have in my letter below:

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Honorable Mike Thompson  
1040 Main Street, Suite 101  
Napa, CA 94559

Dear Congressman Thompson,

I know you are continuing your involvement with the Lake Berryessa – Bureau of Reclamation issues. Attached to this letter are recommendations I made to Reclamation regarding the redevelopment of the Lake Berryessa resorts. I wish to assist in creating a productive and transparent process for that redevelopment.

Based on Don Glaser's presentation at the December 10, 2012 community meeting at Lake Berryessa, I am cautiously optimistic. However, I believe it will be difficult to get anyone to pursue new concession contracts based on the way Reclamation treated Pensus, independent of Pensus' own internal problems. That is why I believe my recommendations are important to Lake Berryessa's future and Reclamation's ability to manage that future.

Reclamation's failed experiment at Lake Berryessa should not be allowed to repeat itself.

Thanks you for your assistance in this matter,

Peter Kilkus

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#### Pensus Original Bid Documents Released by Reclamation

The Bureau of Reclamation responded positively to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from the Lake Berryessa News for the original Pensus bid proposal which was submitted in November, 2007. Reclamation had originally denied a FOIA request for this same information in April, 2008.

The bid itself was 828 pages long (a 64MB PDF file). All financial and income projection information was redacted for confidentiality. The complete document looks like something from a movie about the CIA. See the redacted sample below.

The Pensus proposal itself was disappointing to me. I had expected much more substance. As a matter of full disclosure, I had written the Environmental Management Program Proposal draft for three other bidders: Lago Group (Rancho Monticello & Spanish Flat), Steele Park, and Markley Cove. In my opinion the Lago Group bid was far superior in all respects to the Pensus bid. Unfortunately, the Lago Group bid was never even evaluated by Reclamation. It was rejected as non-compliant because of a technicality – or we might have operating resorts on the west shore of the lake right now.

Per a Lago Group representative: "Regarding the elimination of our bid - Lago Resorts LLC - the sentence we objected to, which eliminated our entire bid, was that we would not give Reclamation first lien on our personal property. They refused to reconsider even after we agreed to that requirement, were willing to make the change, and requested the opportunity to make the change repeatedly. The clause was eliminated in all future contracts."

The Pensus bid contained hundreds of pages of information that could have been easily summarized. There were 96 pages of simple Hazmat Training Certificates, 96 pages of redundant Oil Spill Training Exercise reports, 12 pages of a Napa Hotel Occupancy Survey, and a 144-page National RV & Campground Survey.

Creating a more rational bid prospectus is one reason I wrote the recommendations above. Hopefully, the next set of government reviewers will take a broader business-like approach in their bid evaluation.

### Lake Berryessa Shoreline Trail Management Plan

The Bureau of Reclamation released its trail management plan after several public meetings and a thorough analysis by a professional environmental engineering firm, Tetra Tech, Inc. Those of us who attended these meetings were favorably impressed by the thoroughness of the analysis and the depth of the final report.

Will there ever be a complete "trail around the lake" as has been promoted by some for many years. The simple answer is "No". It would be astonishingly expensive and almost impossible to construct. Will there be important segments of a trail that can be used by a majority of visitors and which will enhance their Lake Berryessa experience? That answer is a qualified "Yes" based on priorities listed in the final report.

The Lake Berryessa Shoreline Trail is envisioned as a non-motorized trail route for multiple uses creating a hub around the lake with trails radiating from the hub and connecting to adjacent public lands. With a community-based resource stewardship theme, the Lake Berryessa Shoreline Trail will provide varied opportunities for trail-related recreation, wildlife observation, and outdoor education. The trail would most likely be constructed in various segments over a period of years, even several decades, if funding can be arranged and extremely difficult design and permitting barriers are overcome.

The basic outline of the trail management plan is given in the Trail Report Summary. A fascinating segment by segment analysis with Google Earth photos is shown in the Trail Segment Details document.

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A quote I just found reminds me of the many scientific, religious, and political controversies swirling around the world - and the constant talk of compromise:

"When two opposite points of view are expressed with equal intensity, the truth does not necessarily lie exactly halfway between them. It is possible for one side to be simply wrong." Richard Dawkins

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### Naming of Lake Berryessa Concession Areas

Based on information received from the Bureau of Reclamation's Office of the Solicitor, the concession area names used by the previous concessionaires cannot be used in the future; therefore, the concession areas need to be renamed.

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Hidden Trails Recreation Area

Please review the proposed names and provide comments or additional naming suggestions to Park Manager Jeff Laird at [jlaird@usbr.gov](mailto:jlaird@usbr.gov) by close of business Thursday, March 21, 2013. Any naming suggestions should contain a recognized place name or geographic feature. Thank you.

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### Pensus Appeal of Contract Termination Denied on February 13, 2012

On January 8, 2013, Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties, LLC (Pensus) filed an administrative appeal and a request for a stay of the December 6, 2012 Regional Director's decision to terminate their contract.

Pensus asked the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Hearings and Appeals to vacate the decision letter and remand it to Reclamation with an order directing the reinstatement of the Concession Contract.

On February 13, 2012 the Pensus appeal was denied. The next step may be for Pensus to pursue legal action in the federal courts.

Reclamation continues to implement all of the plans presented to the public during the December 10-12, 2012, public meetings. Reclamation will operate Chaparral Cove (Putah Creek), Foothill Pines (Spanish Flat) and Lupine Shores (Steele Park) this winter and early spring providing day use and boat launching.

Reclamation plans to enter into interim concession contracts to provide some expanded visitor services at those areas plus in the north half of Oak Shores Day Use Area as quickly as possible. Specifically, the interim contracts will require that an interim contractor provide camping at Oak Shores in the north end (along with the government-provided day use in the south end) and boat launching and camping to various degrees at the Chaparral Cove (Putah Creek), Foothill Pines (Spanish Flat) and Lupine Shores (Steele Park) concession areas.

Various groups and individuals have been submitting applications to the Bureau of Reclamation to become members of the new Community Forum. Reclamation just issued this press release:

## Reclamation Schedules Lake Berryessa Community Forum Meeting for Wednesday, Feb. 27

NAPA, Calif. – The Bureau of Reclamation has scheduled the first working meeting of the new Lake Berryessa Community Forum, designed to promote public input regarding future recreation opportunities and services at Lake Berryessa. The public is invited to attend the Forum meeting which will be held: Wednesday, Feb. 27, 6-8 p.m.; Berryessa Senior Center; 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road.

At a public meeting on Jan. 17, Reclamation identified ten stakeholder groups to be represented on the Forum. A press release distributed Jan. 25 requested stakeholder groups nominate individuals to represent the interests of their group and stated that self-nominations would also be accepted. Nominations were due to Lake Berryessa Park Manager Jeff Laird by close of business Feb. 7.

Reclamation is now reviewing the nominations and plans to select and notify the individuals who will represent their specific stakeholder groups in time for the Feb. 27 meeting: Local Landowners and Residents, Local Ranchers, Local Businesses, Land-based Recreation, Water-based Recreation, Conservation Groups, Gateway Communities, Water Quality and Water Supply, Game and Fish Management and Public Services and Public Safety.

Reclamation anticipates that at the Feb. 27 public meeting, the Forum stakeholder representatives will be in place and will be introduced to the public. At the meeting, Reclamation staff will provide information and seek feedback from the public on issues related to implementing the Lake Berryessa Visitor Services Plan Record of Decision and providing for recreation within the lake's concession areas for the 2013 recreation season. Reclamation's goal continues to be to provide safe and enjoyable recreation experiences for visitors to Lake Berryessa.

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Gary from Montana called me about what the Bureau of Reclamation is doing at Canyon Ferry Reservoir in Montana. Sounds like a replay of the Lake Berryessa situation on a smaller personal scale.

He says, "In addition to eliminating 31 mobile homes, BOR wants to put in a brand new marina, new store, docks, campsites, new everything, with all new infrastructure. What we're trying to do is stop BOR from putting in a brand new marina at all. The cost is about \$1,000,000. No funds allocated yet. Nobody wants a new marina - nobody except BOR. I call it the marina to nowhere."

The concessioner says., ""We're off the beaten path, on the backside of the lake, 30 miles either way you come from the highways, and people like that. We have built up the business with a lot of Montana people. We keep it fairly simple, fairly laid back so they don't have to worry about parking off of a hunk of concrete like you do at the other places."

See the full story "Goose Bay concessionaire in dispute with BuRec" at:

[http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/goose-bay-concessionaire-in-dispute-with-burec/article\\_cd71cca5-2cf7-569b-ad27-4f285e4c055e.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/goose-bay-concessionaire-in-dispute-with-burec/article_cd71cca5-2cf7-569b-ad27-4f285e4c055e.html)

<http://www.usbr.gov/gp/mtao/canyonferry/goosebay/>

### **Dallas police-fire pension fund has \$400 million bet on luxury real estate, including Pope Valley in Napa County**

STEVE THOMPSON and GARY JACOBSON - The Dallas Morning News

Published: 16 February 2013

## The Napa-PopeValley Connection

Months after agreeing on the venture, Chernine and Black went in on another project alongside the pension fund. This one, in the upscale wine country of Napa County, would become the first of the fund's three big luxury residential real estate deals.

It was a longer-term investment, with a planned time horizon of five to seven years. The centerpiece of the plan was to redevelop the historic Aetna Springs resort.

Originally developed in the 1870s, the resort features a nine-hole golf course that was among the first west of the Mississippi. For decades, it attracted Hollywood celebrities and other well-to-do visitors.

But in recent decades, while owned by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church, the resort had fallen into disrepair. The pitch to the pension board was to develop a hotel, vineyard, winery and about 50 estate lots, some as large as 100 acres.

Developing the Napa project was a familiar Dallas name. William Criswell, who Chernine introduced to the pension officials, was the developer behind the 60-story Fountain Place tower downtown on Ross Avenue. The building is an icon of the Dallas skyline, but soon after its completion in 1986, it was better known as the largest defaulted property in Texas history.

There is little in old news stories critical of Criswell's skills as a developer. But in hindsight, it's clear his market timing was badly off. In 1984, the same week Criswell began constructing Fountain Place, he spoke to several hundred people at a real estate conference. He predicted that in the coming years, downtown Dallas would face a shortage of office space. Instead, by the time he completed his tower, the market had busted and there was a glut.

## Napa project

In 2006, on the eve of another real estate crash, the pension board approved Criswell's pitch for the Napa project. Criswell, who co-founded a Napa-based development firm, was fresh off the development of a Napa Valley hotel and residential resort, the Calistoga Ranch.

In that project, Criswell and his partner built high-end bungalows off-site, equipped them with axles and vehicle identification numbers, and rolled them in on wheels to comply with zoning for only a trailer park. The pension fund had been among the project's investors.

The fund initially invested \$20 million in the new Napa project. It bought pension officials three seats on the development company's board. Tettamant, along with the pension board's former chairman and vice chairman, began making regular visits to Napa.

Records show they've made 20 trips to Napa since 2007, and they made more in 2006. Usually, two to four pension officials including Tettamant participated in each trip. They often stayed at Villagio Inn & Spa, a \$330-per-night luxury hotel.

The pension officials sat on the development company's board alongside big names in the wine industry. They included Michael and Rob Mondavi, son and grandson of the Robert Mondavi Winery founder; Billy Getty, grandson of oil tycoon J. Paul Getty; and Laura Catena of the Bodega Catena Zapata winery in Argentina.

They hired architect Scott Johnson to design a new clubhouse for Aetna Springs' nine-hole golf course. Johnson had designed Mondavi's Opus One Winery and would later design Museum Tower.



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## **The New Lake Berryessa News Report**

**Dear Loyal Lake Berryessa News Reader,**

As you can see, our newsletter format has changed to be a bit more stylish and to match our website image. This allows me to provide more striking and informative visuals in the newsletter and, hopefully, to enhance your enjoyment of the news from Lake Berryessa. Let me know what you think at [pkilkus@gmail.com](mailto:pkilkus@gmail.com).

Peter Kilkus

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10 at 2 AM!

We lose one hour of sleep! Set your clocks ahead one hour.

Spring Ahead - Fall back.

## **Bureau of Reclamation Launches Public Forum: Is History Being Made?**

On February 27, 2013, the Bureau of Reclamation held its inaugural meeting of the new Lake Berryessa Community Forum and introduced its initial stakeholder-based Coordinating Team. Each team member gave a short personal introduction followed by a facilitator describing the foundation principles of the Public Forum. The meeting was very positive and productive, but not without some controversy.

[Read the full story and summary of the latest issues here...](#)

## **Follow the Latest News and Information from the Bureau of Reclamation Here.**

## **The California Drought of 2013 is Not a Major Impact on Lake Berryessa - Yet.**

Lake Berryessa Water Level as of 3/4/13: The Drought of 2013 continues. This week the water level dropped about an inch to 430.67 feet msl or 9.33 feet below Glory Hole spillway. The official SCWA season rain total remains at 18.82 inches since July 1, 2012 at Monticello Dam.


California shattered an all-time weather record by posting the driest January-February period in recorded history. January and February are normally the wettest months of the year in California. A wet March or April could still turn the winter around, but the prospects for more rain this winter are not good. The National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center released a long-range forecast on Feb. 21, saying that the odds favor dry conditions across California and the Southwest through May. Absent additional big

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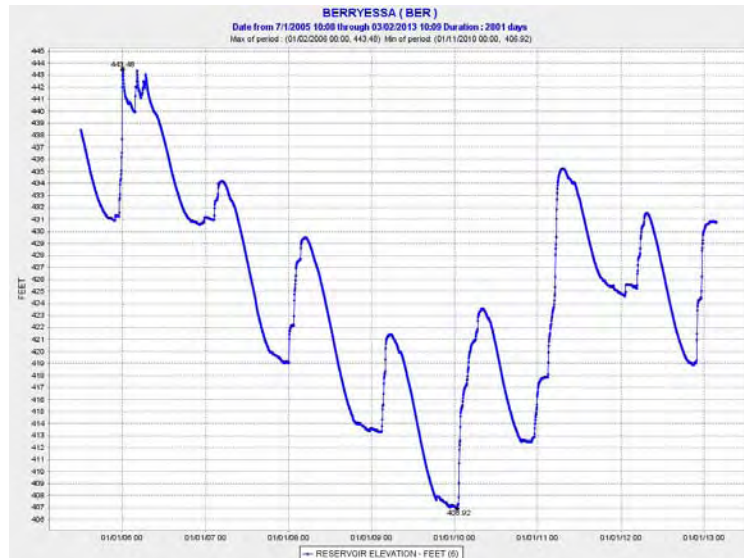
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storms, however, it is likely the state's major reservoirs will end the summer below average, with potentially grim implications for boaters and water users across the state.

However, Lake Berryessa is only about 9.33 feet below the Glory Hole spillway. This is better than it has been for many of the last seven years since the lake last spilled over Glory Hole in January, 2006. The very wet November-December period had produced high hopes that 2013 was the year it would finally happen again.

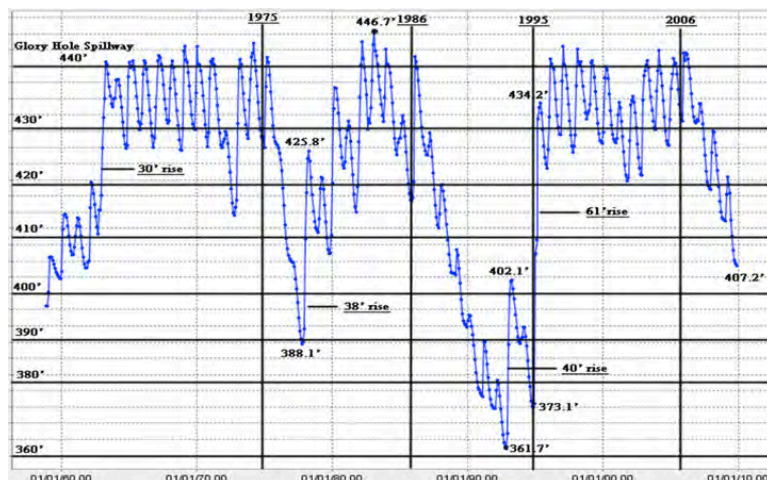
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### Lake Level History: 2005 - 2013



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### Lake Level History: 1958 - 2010

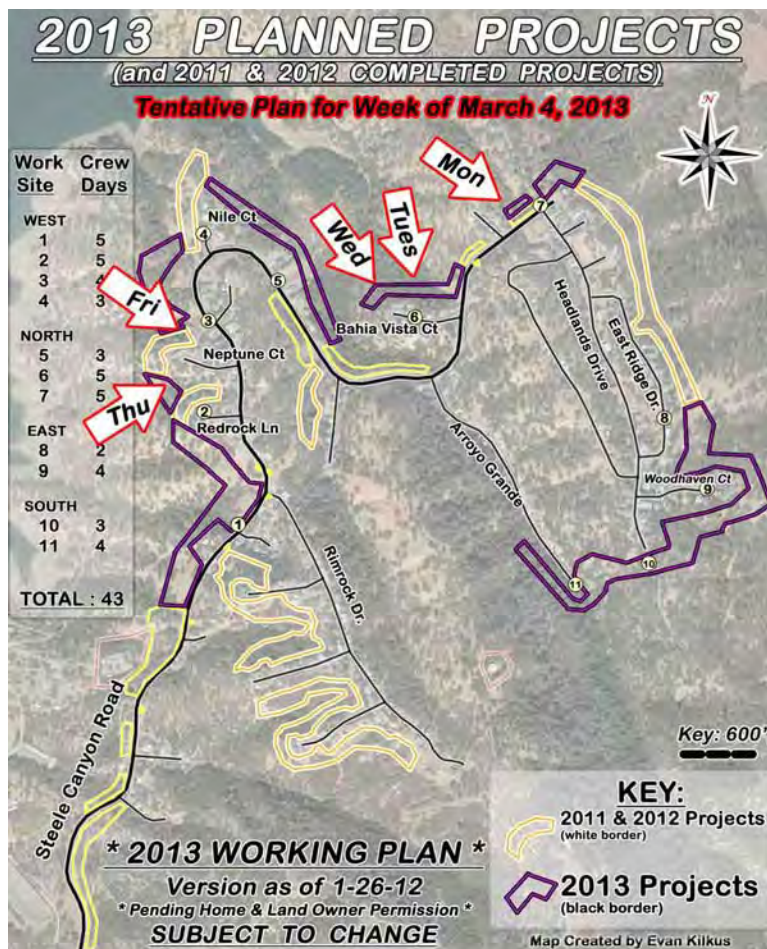


## Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council

CONTROLLED BURN PILES in the BERRYESSA HIGHLANDS THIS WEEK. Expect lots of smoke between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM to the North and West of the neighborhood. Burn piles will continue to smolder and smoke into the evenings. CAL FIRE, the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council, and designated residents will be watching for any issues 24 hours a day. If you have any questions, please e-mail [highlands@napafirewise.org](mailto:highlands@napafirewise.org). The attached map shows this week's tentative plan that is subject to change.

***Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council***





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### [Cucina Italiana at Lake Berryessa](#)



### Pope Valley School Math Student Winners

Pope Valley School students in grades 5-8 participated in an on-line math competition. They were Napa County winners with the students in the photograph in the top 50 out of 611 participating students throughout Napa County.

Front row left to right: Luis Reyes, Ernesto Roman, Rowan Roberts-Davis, Lisa Lord, Gabriela Vega-Zepeda and Luna Velazquez

Back row left to right: Andres Garcia, Lily Velazquez, Maria

Back row left to right: Andrea Garcia, Lily Velazquez, Maria Mauricio, Devin Clark, Maria Maldonado and Gerardo Roman



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## **Bureau of Reclamation Announces Spring 2013 Events and Interpretive Programs at Lake Berryessa**

The Bureau of Reclamation's Central California Area Office announces spring 2013 park events and Park Ranger interpretive programs at Lake Berryessa in Napa County, Calif. All activities will be held rain or shine and are free of charge. Some programs have group-size limitations, so please contact the Park Ranger office regarding availability. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather and bring water and sunscreen for daytime activities. Children are welcome, but those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Glory Hole Photo Album**

While I work on a Best of Lake Berryessa photo album, here are a few great shots of the world famous Glory Hole.



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## **The Lake Berryessa News Report: March 12, 2013**

### **Naming the Lake Berryessa Concession Areas**

The Bureau of Reclamation released the following statement: Based on information received from the Bureau of Reclamation's Office of the Solicitor, the concession area names used by the previous concessionaires cannot be used in the future; therefore, the concession areas need to be renamed. The new names cannot be close alternatives to the previous names; however, they can contain a recognized place name or geographic feature. With these parameters in mind, Reclamation has vetted several names and narrowed them down to a few options:

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### Male Blond Jokes

A friend told the blond man:  
"Christmas is on a Friday  
this year."

The blond man then said,  
"Let's hope it's not the  
13th."

Two blond men find three  
grenades, and they decide to  
take them to a police  
station.

One asked: "What if one  
explodes before we get  
there?"

The other says: "We'll lie  
and say we only found  
two."

A blonde man is in the  
bathroom and his wife  
shouts: "Did you find the  
shampoo?"

He answers, "Yes, but I'm  
not sure what to do... it's for

The Lake Berryessa News posed two questions to Reclamation regarding this news release. Below are the questions and Reclamation's answers.

Question: Facilities such as those planned for Lake Berryessa are commonly known as Resorts or Marinas in the recreation industry. Why did Reclamation use Recreation Area designation in the proposed concession area names?

Answer: Referring to the concession areas as "Recreation Areas" is appropriate because each area will provide some level of recreation services, such as boating, camping, picknicking, fishing, and other recreational activities.

Reclamation is unaware of any plans to designate Lake Berryessa as a National Recreation Area. Additionally, Reclamation does not have the authority to designate Lake Berryessa as a "National Recreation Area." National Recreation Area is a special designation given to certain Federal lands and waters, and they must be designated by Congress in accordance with established policies and procedures.

Question: What is the legal reasoning behind not allowing the previous names or even a close resemblance. It seems unlikely that any previous concessioner would take any legal action.

Answer: Reclamation has been advised that it should select new names for the concession areas to avoid any risk of further litigation over the use of the old names.

### Next Lake Berryessa Public Forum Meeting

**Wed, March 27, 2013, 1:30-3:30 p.m., in the Public  
Safety Facility Training Room, 700 Main St., Winters.**

### Lake Berryessa Water Level as of 3/11/1

This week the water level dropped to 430.59 feet msl or 9.41 feet below the Glory Hole spillway despite .52 inches of rain on Wednesday. The official Solano Irrigation District (SID) season rain total is now 19.36 inches since July 1, 2012 at Monticello Dam.

### Hold Your Breath!

Here's a new way to get from Angwin to Pope Valley. Hold your breath while you watch this. I wonder what the people in the trucks going uphill thought. Thanks to Chris Thompson for this link. I mean - hold your breath!

[Downhill from Angwin to Pope Valley!](#)



dry hair, and I've just wet mine."

A blonde man goes to the vet with his goldfish.

"I think it's got epilepsy," he tells the vet.

The vet takes a look and says, "It seems calm enough to me."

The blonde man says, "Wait, I haven't taken it out of the bowl yet."

A blond man spies a letter lying on his doormat. It says on the envelope "DO NOT BEND ". He spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.

A blond man shouts frantically into the phone "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor. "No!" he shouts, "this is her husband!"

A blonde man's dog goes missing and he is frantic. His wife says "Why don't you put an ad in the paper?" He does, but two weeks later the dog is still missing. "What did you put in the paper?" his wife asks. "Here boy!" he replies.

A blond man is in jail. Guard looks in his cell and sees him hanging by his feet. "Just WHAT are you doing?" he asks. "Hanging myself," the blond replies. "It should be around your neck" says the guard. "I tried that," he replies, "but then I couldn't breathe."

## (NCA) Bills Re-introduced by Congressman Thompson (HR 1025) and Senator Boxer (S483)

### Unpopular, Unnecessary, Unqualified

Making a bad bill better does not make it a good bill. Full analysis in the next issue of the Lake Berryessa News Newsletter. [Read the bill here...](#)

## Napa Library Spring 2013 Newsletter

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**2012 was a banner year for the Napa County Library (NCL). Some of our 2012 highlights included:**

- Circulated 1,092,000 items
- Reopened the American Canyon Branch
- Completed a new strategic plan
- Loaned more items to Solano than borrowed
- Opened the Study Center
- Implemented a patron initiated document scanning project
- Upgraded technology infrastructure for presentations & movie programs
- Upgraded to CARLX (integrated library system- aka The Catalog)
- Purchased & circulated 72 NOOK e-book readers with e-content
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- Introduced Muzzy, an online language learning program for children.

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## Putah Creek Trout Spring Celebration

PCT hopes you will be attending the Spring Social and Fundraiser on March 16 at Canyon Creek Resort. They have 20 fly-tyers to demonstrate their skills and a casting lawn to learn or practice your distance and accuracy. They have lots of great auction, raffle, and sales items for all kinds of fly-fishing enthusiasts, not just for Fly Fishers. Put



kinds of outdoor enthusiasts, not just for fly fishers. But they also need help with event set up, collecting for raffle tickets and handing out silent bidding forms, and for providing some assistance to the Canyon Creek Resort staff with parking.

Finally they need help with taking down tables at 4 PM to help CCR prepare for their Saturday St. Patrick's Day Dinner. If you can't make the event, you can purchase raffle tickets online by going to their website and use the "Donate" button on the home page. \$5 for one, 5 for \$20, 12 for \$40. They will notify you of your winnings.

Most of all, they want everyone to make new friends, enjoy the craftsmanship of fly tyers, pick up some great prizes or sale items, and have great fun.

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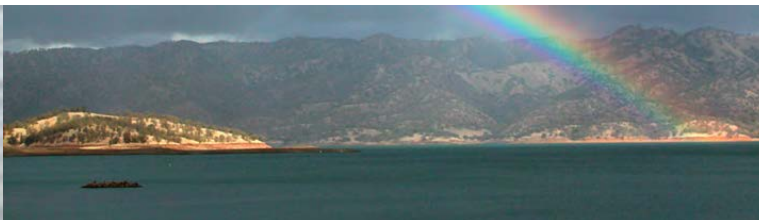
Here's some recent history you may have missed.

Fun to watch!

[Part One](#)

[Part Two](#)





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### **Upcoming Events at the McLaughlin Reserve**

Sunday, March 17 - Three Counties Hike

Sunday, April 14 - Grateful Dead 'Peak' Hike

Sat/Sun, May 18 & 19: Botanical Illustration Workshop

Space is limited and registration for all events is required. Reservations are accepted in order received. Please see directions for registration associated with each specific event. Registration closes three days before each event. [Get details here..](#)

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### **The Old Monticello Rodeo: A Video History**



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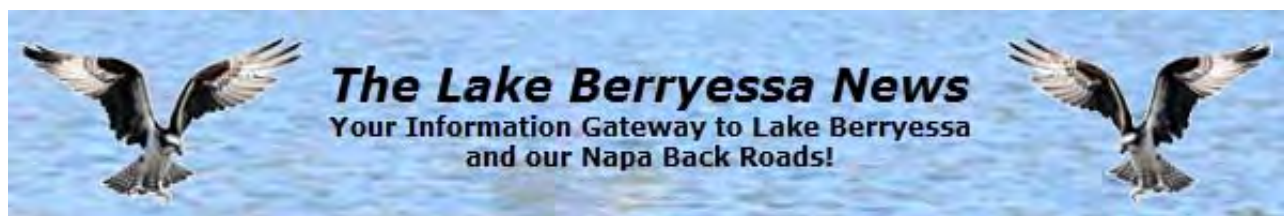
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## **The Lake Berryessa News Report: March 19, 2013**

### **Bureau of Reclamation Promises Less, Berryessa Chamber and Residents Want More!**

**The Napa Register** reports that recreational opportunities at Lake Berryessa this summer are likely to be scaled down, with day-use, boat launching and camping offered at four sites along the lake's western shore. Read the details in the Register.

Two resorts on the southeast side of the lake, Pleasure Cove will continue to offer overnight stays in cabins and campsites, and Markley Cove will provide cabin accommodations. Both will continue to offer launching and marina services. Reclamation is in discussions with the contractors in charge of those resorts to get them to take over more sites at Lake Berryessa this summer. Failing that, Reclamation would put out a quick request for proposal to line up interim contractors.

Reclamation is planning to get short-term contractors signed up for this summer and the next year to offer camping and day-use at Putah Creek, Steele Park, and Spanish Flat resorts, as well as the Oak Shores site, which is currently for day-use but has offered camping in the past.

Reclamation wants to offer boat launching at Putah Creek and Steele Park, although it says it is still negotiating to do so with Steele Park's former contractor. The agency had plans to tear out the boat ramp and roads at Steele Park, but Reclamation says it is still trying to strike a deal to prevent that. Reclamation acknowledged that getting tourists to return to the lake as they once did will require more investment in developing facilities and services.

Meanwhile the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce is requesting specific information from Reclamation concerning the actual plans and timing of improvements. See their list of questions below. Their latest request for information is aimed at getting details at the next Public Forum meeting.

1. When will the Reclamation provide the community with a written time line for future operations and development of the six concessionaire areas?
2. What is the status of road and launch ramp at Steel Park?


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### The New Lake Berryessa News News Report Creates Nearly Uncontrollable Excitement!

Early morning  
enthusiasm once again  
gripped residents of the  
small rural Lake  
Berryessa community as  
they flocked in droves to  
see local Spanish Flat  
Country Store and Deli's  
weekly bulletin-board  
posting of upcoming  
events and area news  
from the New Lake  
Berryessa News News  
Report.

"Here it comes,  
everybody!" said owner  
Marcia Ritz, who stood  
near the front of the  
large, clamoring crowd  
that had gathered in and

3. What's the status of the 5% surcharge fee collected from resort visitors by Pensus?
4. What's the status of interim contracts?
5. What is the process to choose new resort names?
6. Who will be in charge of security at the resorts?
7. Has an itemized budget been developed for Reclamation activities related to the concession areas?

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Reclamation statement, Monday, March 18, 2013.

### Reclamation to Hold Lake Berryessa Community Forum Meeting Wednesday, March 27, in Winters, CA.

The Bureau of Reclamation will hold the next meeting of the Lake Berryessa Community Forum on Wednesday, March 27, in Winters, CA. Forum meetings are designed to promote public input regarding future recreation opportunities and services at Lake Berryessa. The public is invited to attend the Forum meeting which will be held:

Wednesday, March 27, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Public Safety Facility Training Room  
700 Main Street, Winters, CA

At the previous meeting on Feb. 27, the Forum's Coordinating Team members were introduced and the Forum charter and ground rules were discussed. Discussion topics at the March 27 meeting will include the effects of budget sequestration on Reclamation operations; the timeline, plan and budget for concession services; and the naming of the lake's concession areas.

### SPRING BRINGS A SURGE OF FIREWISE ACTIVITY TO NAPA COUNTY

By Roger Archey for Napa Firewise

I recently took advantage of some beautiful spring weather and visited three Firewise project sites in rural Napa County, on Mt. Veeder, in Circle Oaks, and in the Berryessa Highlands. The buzz of chainsaws and the drone of chipping fill the air! In the Berryessa Highlands I met with Evan Kilkus, project manager for the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council.

Evan is the quintessential "sparkplug!" When you see him in action, you can understand why community response to the Firewise campaign is nearly 100% in his community. Evan is proud of what he and the community have accomplished together over the past three years. "The work looks so natural you can't tell there was a huge mitigation effort taking place," reported Evan. "That said, we know wildfire is inevitable. We also know our project will pay off some day." [Read full story here...](#)



around the small care,  
spilling out into the  
parking lot and beyond.  
"I can't wait a second  
longer to find out this  
week's community  
happenings and other  
items of interest."

As Ritz spoke, a Spanish  
Flat Country Store  
employee was seen to  
emerge from behind the  
counter carrying what  
appeared to be a  
computer printout in  
one hand, a stapler in  
the other.

According to witnesses,  
the buzz among the  
assembled locals reached  
fever pitch as the  
employee elbowed her  
way through the throng,  
making her way to the  
corkboard affixed to a  
wall near the coffee  
shop's entrance.

The New Lake  
Berryessa News News  
Report Weekly  
Neighborhood News &  
Events Listing has  
reportedly enjoyed  
massive popularity since  
its first posting a few  
weeks ago, with  
residents piling into the  
store to get the latest  
leads on complimentary  
wine-tastings, open-mic  
nights, and gluten-free  
recipe seminars.

This Thursday there was  
already a line around  
the store before it  
opened, filled with  
people who admitted  
they just couldn't wait to  
find out what valuable  
information this week's  
edition of the 8-and-a-  
half-by-11-inch sheet of  
naner might hold.



Berryessa Highlands: Project Manager Evan Kilkus (L) and CAL  
FIRE Crew Supervisor Ken Pridmore (R) review area maps.

### **Lake Berryessa Water Level as of 3/18/13**

This week the water level dropped noticeably, by 3.5 inches, to 430.31 feet msl or 9.69 feet below the Glory Hole spillway. The official Solano Irrigation District (SID) season rain total remains at 19.36 inches since July 1, 2012 at Monticello Dam.

Weather watchers will remember that last year (2012) was also a very dry winter until the rains came at the end of March (16 rain days - 7.6 inches) ending the season with 19.56 inches. 2011 was a very good rain year with a total of 37.92 inches (16 rain days -12.4 inches) in March.

We always seem to get a warm, sunny period in March. Then we are surprised by the cold and rain from March into May.

#### **Historical Weather Notes from the Lake Berryessa News Journal**

4/24/11 - Easter Sunday, cold and drizzle

5/16/11 - cold, rain, hail

5/18/11 - rain and wind all night and day

5/28/11 - Memorial Day Weekend - miserable day, rain,  
cold, wind

6/1/11 - rain and thunderstorms

6/5/11 - rain all day Saturday and Sunday

One of the worst May and June weather periods

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3/25/12 - rain and cold

3/27/12 - rain all day, cold and windy

4/13/12 - .65 inches of rain, hail several times

4/23/12 - 90 degrees! Last few days have been hot

5/26/12 - Memorial Weekend - showers, thunder, cool

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Some folks are worried, though, that once reliable internet service is available in this rural area and they can get the New Lake Berryessa News News Report on their home computers and smart phones, another fun rural tradition will vanish into history as so many others have.

### Horoscope

#### Aries (3/21-4/19):

You will successfully foil a secret plot to infiltrate your house and surprise you with birthday gifts, cake, and good wishes.

#### Taurus (4/20 - 5/20):

It slices, it dices-it makes perfect shoestring fries each and every time! It's Susan, the woman you married 15 years ago and now treat more like a kitchen appliance than your very wife!

#### Gemini (5/21 - 6/20):

You'll laugh all the way to the bank this week, before seeing your account statement, monthly service charges, looming overdraft fees, and crying all the way back home.

#### Cancer (6/21-7/22):

The ebb and flow of the ocean tide will greatly influence your future this week, pushing you further and further away from all those rescue ships.

#### Leo (7/23-8/22):

They may tell you you're deluded, that you've lost



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### [Lake Berryessa News Facebook Page](#) [Most Popular Post of the Week](#)

Here is a picture many of Lake Berreyssa residents and lake regulars will appreciate. They used to actually light a fire in the bucket of the pipe. Now it's just a red metal cutout on the way up Monticello Road from Napa.

### [The Old Man and a Pipe on Monticello Road](#)



### [Wine and Dessert at Nichelini Family Winery](#) [Saturday, March 23rd, 11 am to 5 pm.](#)

Nicole Plue, the winner in 2010 as the best pastry chef in the United States by the James Beard Foundation (the Oscars of the chef world) has left Cyrus Restaurant in Healdsburg to work full-time on her new dessert line,

**your mind, but you know good and well that those jabbering, naysaying radiators in your apartment don't know what they're talking about.**

**Virgo (8/23-9/22):**

**You've always been practical when it comes to financial matters, which will make the removal of three of your family members from life support that much easier this week.**

**Libra (9/23-10/22):**

**There are a million reasons you shouldn't give up hope of ever finding love. None of them, however, are any good.**

**Scorpio (10/23-11/21):**

**The stars indicate that you're way ahead of your time. Specifically, the year 2436, when covering oneself in bird dung and screaming angrily at the Sun will be commonplace.**

**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21):**

**Much to your horror, the other shoe will finally drop this week, along with the other sock, half-a-dozen metal screws, and the other prosthetic leg.**

**Capricorn (12/22-1/19):**

**Be aware that several of your closest friends may bring up a number of your personal flaws this week, which will make some at your funeral slightly uncomfortable.**

**Aquarius (1/20-2/18):**

Sideshow. For her first winery ever to offer one of her Sideshow small batch, hand-crafted dessert products to the public at large, she selected Nichelini Family Winery.



Nicole Plue

Photo: Raymond Young

It looks like the East side of Napa is getting some nice recognition. Nichelini Family's red dessert wine, Porchlight, will be paired with Sideshow's unique Saltine Toffee. Ms. Plue will be present in person to talk about the pairing and other pastry adventures. [Get details here...](#)

**Lady Leprechaun Spotted in Pope Valley**

Pope Valley is famous for many things. I spotted one on St. Patrick's Day last Sunday just a mile south of downtown Pope Valley. The world famous Pope Valley Lady Leprechaun!



Pope Valley  
Lady Leprechaun  
3/17/2013



The stars don't  
understand how you can  
sleep at night after  
everything that you've  
done, though they're  
mostly just referring to  
all the napping.

**Pisces (2/19-3/20):**

The stars foretell that  
food will materialize in  
your refrigerator the  
fourth time you open it.



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**The Napa Valley Vine Trail Receives Financial Boost  
for Calistoga Connection**

The Napa Valley Community Foundation has awarded a \$200,000 grant from an anonymous donor to the non-profit Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition to fund the design of the Calistoga section of the Vine Trail and Bay Area Ridge Trail in Calistoga, Napa Valley.

The beautiful, historic spa town of Calistoga now forms a vital link in the 550+ mile Bay Area trail network. From Calistoga, trail enthusiasts will be able to access the Oat Hill Mine Trail, Mt. St. Helena and a protected open space corridor along Napa Valley's eastern ridge line.

The Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition is a community-supported nonprofit working to create a 47-mile walking/biking trail system connecting the entire Napa Valley from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the foot of Mt. St Helena in Calistoga.

Residents and visitors alike celebrate Napa Valley's world-famous vineyards, wines, and hospitality. To reflect the Napa Valley's unique sense of place and viticultural tradition, the Vine Trail route divides into 10 sections, corresponding to the AVA (American Viticultural Area sub-appellation) or city sections through which the Trail passes. From south to north these sections are: Vallejo

passes. From south to north these sections are: Vallejo, American Canyon, Los Carneros, Napa/Coombsville, Oak Knoll District, Yountville, Oakville, Rutherford, St. Helena, and Calistoga.



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### [Berryessa Valley History Video](#) [Building Roads in 1929](#)



### [Spring 2013 Events and Interpretive Programs at Lake Berryessa](#)

All activities will be held rain or shine and are free of charge. Some programs have group-size limitations, so please contact the Park Ranger office regarding availability. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather and bring water and sunscreen for daytime activities. Children are welcome, but those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

#### [Nature Hike - Wildflower Wander](#)

Saturday, March 23, and Saturday, March 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at Smittle Creek Day Use Parking Lot

Join a Park Ranger for a leisurely hike on the Smittle Creek Trail along the western shoreline of the lake. Enjoy spring wildflowers and get some fresh air and exercise while learning about the natural and human history of the area on an easy-to-moderate 2.6 mile, one-way guided hike. The trail travels through a shaded Blue Oak woodland, affording hikers scenic views and peaceful surroundings. Meet at the south end of the Smittle Creek Day Use Area parking lot, off of Berryessa Knoxville Road. Vehicles can

parking lot, off of Berryessa-Knoxville Road. Vehicles can be shuttled to the trail end point at Coyote Knolls within the Oak Shores Day Use Area. Hikers may stay with the ranger for the entire 4-hour hike or leave early if they choose. Bring a lunch to enjoy on the lake. For details and directions, please contact Mike McGraw at 707-966-2111, ext. 112 or [mmcgraw@usbr.gov](mailto:mmcgraw@usbr.gov).

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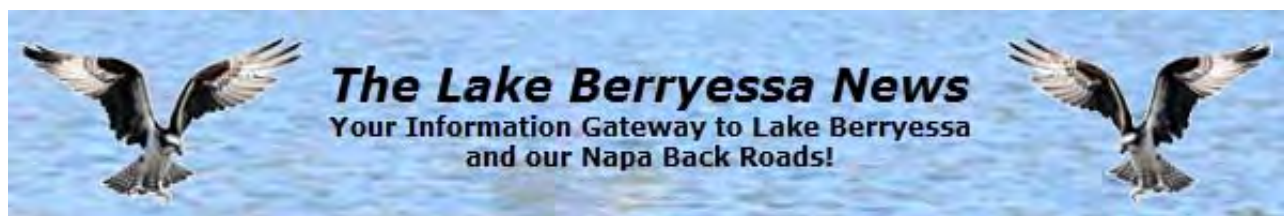
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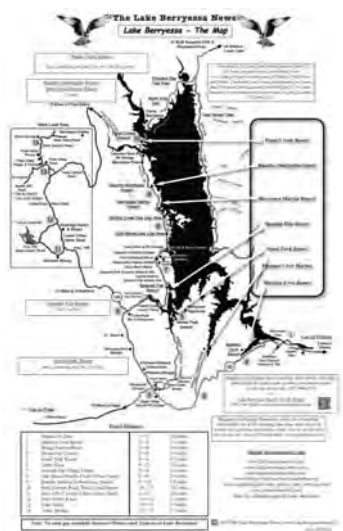




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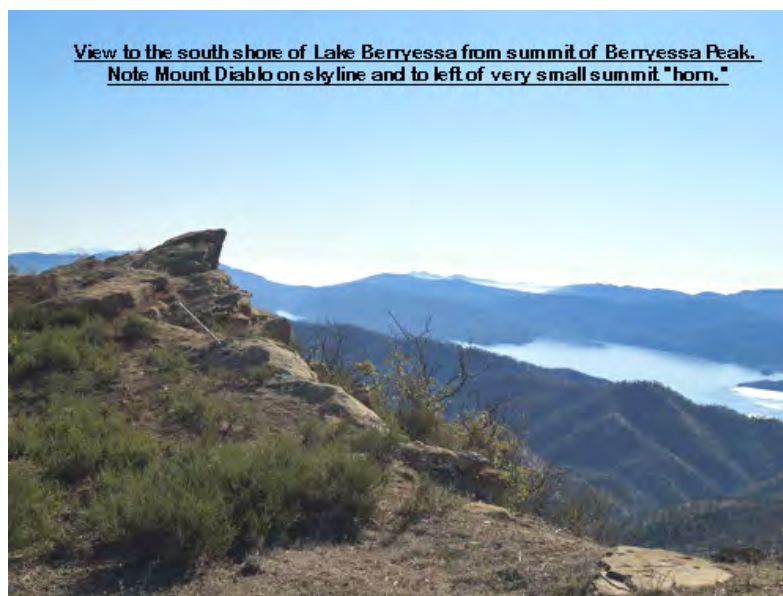
## **The Lake Berryessa News Report Special Edition April 1, 2013**

Long-time readers of the Lake Berryessa News know that April 1 is my favorite national and international holiday - a day that makes you wonder what news stories are real enough to be silly or silly enough to be real. You be the judge. For the best April 1 stories from the Lake Berryessa News Archives go to:

## **[The Best of April 1st from the Lake Berryessa News](#)**

### **Lake Berryessa Eco-Tourism: Making Berryessa Peak Accessible**

Desperation Recreation, Inc. will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony today, Monday, April 1, 2013, for its new Berryessa Peak - Blue Ridge zipline venture. Following through on its stated corporate strategy, "We'll help you do anything to get a tourist dollar!," the new Lake Berryessa nature-based attraction combines the satisfaction of surviving a strenuous four hour uphill hike with the thrill of a wicked-fast ballistic descent to lake level - ending with a quiet kayak paddle home.



**View to the south shore of Lake Berryessa from summit of Berryessa Peak.  
Note Mount Diablo on skyline and to left of very small "horn."**

The hike is 6 -7 miles one way. The round trip, going at a moderate pace, takes about 7 hours and 45 minutes. Recognizing that the majority of local and international ecotourists may not be attracted to such a time-consuming and physically-demanding hike, Desperation Recreation, Inc.

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**Berryessa Birthdays - April**

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8 William Oppenneer  
9 Laura Larski  
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12 Alma Saylor  
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**April 1st Notes**

"Everyone has a right to be stupid; some people just abuse the privilege."

"Never attribute to malice that which can be adequately explained by stupidity."-Anonymous

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."-Albert Einstein

"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."-Martin Luther King, Jr.

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provides a more attractive downnnn option.



Ziplines would offer a different perspective and experience at Lake Berryessa. With relatively low start-up and operating costs this new recreation opportunity would provide a daily windfall of several thousand dollars, while providing public thrill-seekers the long-awaited activity of zipping from Berryessa Peak to the Lake Berryessa surface with the exhilarating speed and smoothness a bald eagle in flight. Babies and older adults are surprisingly taken by the excitement and adrenaline that comes naturally when they start flying for the first time. **See full story with photos here...**



**Bureau of Reclamation Public Forum**  
**(3/27/13)**

The second Public Forum meeting in Winters on March 27, 2013, was heavy on planning details and timelines (see draft plans below), but still light on actual accomplishments. A discussion of resort names showed that a moderate consensus was building for historical and place-based names

## **Study Finds Newborn**

### **Infants Can Tell If Parents Are Losers**

A study published this week in the journal Pediatrics found that, within seconds of their birth, babies have the ability to sense whether their parents are losers.

"From the moment they open their eyes, newborns can tell if their mother had no other options and was forced to settle for their father, or if their father is a sad sack who has no friends and gets drunk on a single glass of chardonnay," said researcher Dr. Stuart Lindstrom, explaining that despite their blurry vision, infants can still identify basic loser body types, and have specialized olfactory receptors allowing them to detect the odor of failure.

"In fact, we've determined that as early as the second trimester, a fetus picks up on the income and social standing of its mother via the umbilical cord." The study also concluded that the screams of newborns stem from the sudden realization they will be stuck with their loser parents for at least 18 years.

**Allie the Lake  
Berryessa Alligator  
sightings seem to  
happen only on  
April 1!**



such as Steele Canyon Recreation Area and Marina or Pope Canyon Recreation Area and Marina.

Under questioning by members of the public as to why the old names, or close approximations, could not be used, Reclamation had no definitive answer. Department of Interior attorneys had claimed there was some risk of litigation from the previous concessioners, even though no one had actually contacted the previous concessioners regarding the issue.

Reclamation expects to have a short-term contract for the future continued operation of Markley Cove signed within the next few weeks. Pleasure Cove remains open under their long-term contract and no changes to their operation are envisioned. Reclamation plans to award up to 4 interim concession contracts with up to 2 Base Years plus 1 or 2 Option Years for operation of the other resorts.

As to the important question of who will run the remaining resorts this summer, Reclamation admitted that the Markley Cove concessioner had declined to enter into a short-term contract for Steele Park, Spanish Flat, and Putah Creek. Pleasure Cove Marina was apparently still in discussions with Reclamation, but not enthusiastic about running more resorts short-term. No one asked the question, "What is Plan B?" If Pleasure Cove declines the opportunity, Reclamation must scramble to entice other companies to take on those management responsibilities. What, you say, but it's already April and the 2013 recreation season formally opens in just two months!

Reclamation stated that they have a short-term budget of \$1.5 million for this phase of the Berryessa project. That number includes a potential payment to the previous concessioner for the roads and launch ramp at Steele Park - or for their demolition and replacement. However, no final decision has been made and the parties are still in negotiations. Reclamation is also providing site security at the resorts, as well as contracting with a private security company for coverage from 6 PM to 6 AM, seven days a week.

The short-term \$1.5 million also includes upgrades to the resorts. On the list are electricity and water services, vault toilets, courtesy docks, picnic tables, fire rings, bbq grills, and other minor amenities as outlined in the Draft Plan below. Reclamation will be renting all of the equipment left behind by Pensus - tables, fire rings, courtesy docks - until the government procurement process can be kick-started. Possible, but unfunded as of now, improvements include water wells and potable water systems, RV dump stations, and a temporary launch ramp at Spanish Flat Resort.

Local concern is also focused on how quickly Reclamation can develop the new Prospectus and go out for bid on long-term contracts. Two alternative scenarios are shown below





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## Horoscope

### Aries (3/21-4/19):

It's never too late to start your life over, but hurry, as you only have minutes left.

### Taurus (4/20 - 5/20):

You will be upgraded with improved graphics and greater ease of use, but processor speed remains a problem.

### Gemini (5/21 - 6/20):

Investigators from several federal agencies will conclude that the failure of an 89-cent O-ring caused you to explode over Florida.

### Cancer (6/21-7/22):

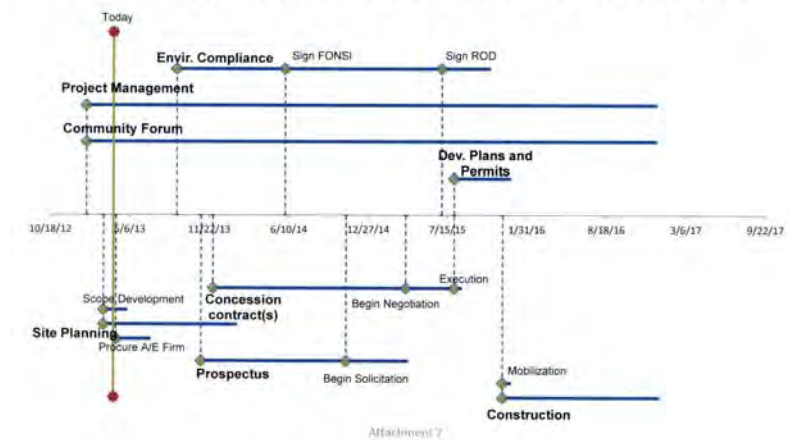
Your fascination with the Vietnam War, combined with your love of romance novels and vampire myths, cause you to produce the worst work of fiction ever.

### Leo (7/23-8/22):

Awesome forces beyond your control will continue to cause pictures and sounds to

term contracts. Two alternative scenarios are shown below. The consensus at the meeting was that Alternative 1 is preferable. That alternative focuses on front-end planning and environmental assessments so that once a long-term contract is signed, construction can begin immediately. Unfortunately neither scenario shows new construction starting before the end of 2015 - best case.

## **Alternative 1: Planning for Site Development Before the Prospectus**



## Lake Berryessa Water Level as of 4/1/13

This week the water level kept dropping - by another 3.7 inches - to 429.63 feet msl or 10.37 feet below the Glory Hole spillway. The official Solano Irrigation District (SID) season rain total remains at 19.64 inches since July 1, 2012 at Monticello Dam.

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**Virgo (8/23-9/22):**

Just when things seem to be going your way, you'll be forced to get out of bed this week.

**Libra (9/23-10/22):**

Once the laughter dies down, the party favors are put away, and the monkeys led back inside their cages, you'll finally be given a chance to explain your side of the story.

**Scorpio (10/23-11/21):**

Nobody knows your sweet old Jeremiah as well as you do, except maybe for his secret second wife, their three grown-up children, and several high-ranking officers at the CIA.

**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21):**

Take a moment this week to reflect on the fleeting nature of love, loss, and life itself. This should give the stars enough time to deal with some actual, important stuff for once.

**Capricorn (12/22-1/19):**

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what's been wrong with you lately. That, sadly enough, takes three rocket scientists.

**Aquarius (1/20-2/18):**

By the end of the week, you'll know more about dental prostheses than you ever thought possible.

**Pisces (2/19-3/20):**

This will be a lucky



**Tree-chopping and Earthmoving: What's Happening Across from the Steele Park Entrance?**

Many people have questions regarding the construction work going on across from the Steele Park entrance. The Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) will be putting out a newsletter soon. The 100 page environmental report is available on the Lake Berryessa News web site at [www.LakeBerryessaNews.com](http://www.LakeBerryessaNews.com). It includes maps and mitigation measures.

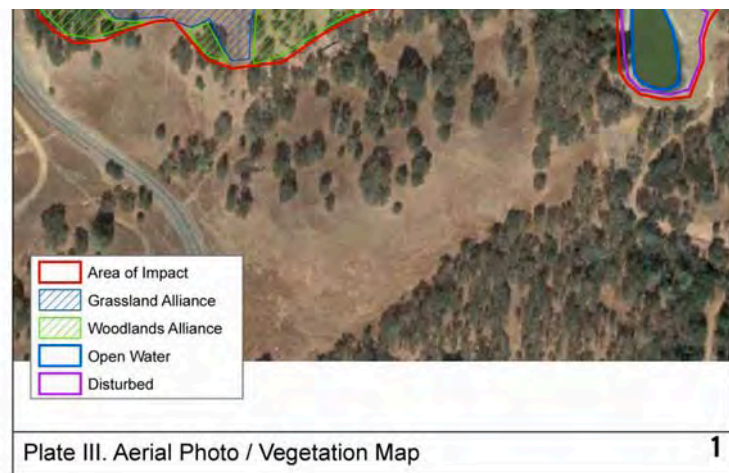
What you see from the road is only a part of the project - the lowest pond. All construction activities will be mitigated and trees replanted. This project is only part of the major reconstruction of the NBRID water and sewer system.

Per the NBRID report: Pond Expansion - expand the capacity of the pond system from the existing tailwater pond, which is currently 1.3 million gallons to a total of 22.3 million gallons. A total of three ponds are planned to be built to attain the maximum capacity due to site conditions. The proposed project was designed to meet regulatory constraints and to provide additional operational flexibility.

The following measure shall be implemented to offset the loss of oak woodland: An Oak Woodland Avoidance and Management Areas shall be developed by a qualified biologist, including identification of enhancement areas onsite, planting and other enhancement activities. Direct impacts to 6 acres of oak woodlands onsite would be mitigated through the preservation and enhancement of 12.0 acres of onsite oak woodland habitat...the replanting of oak woodland at a 2:1 ratio, on a per-acre basis. At a minimum the enhancement plan shall include planting guidelines, planting survival rate of 80% or greater over a 3-5 year period, and monitoring and reporting program to be submitted to the County annually. **More...**



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The Chamber's tourist information program includes our Lake Berryessa page on the Visit Napa Valley website: [http://www.visitnapavalley.com/lake\\_berryessa.htm](http://www.visitnapavalley.com/lake_berryessa.htm). The Chamber will also promote Lake Berryessa and its businesses with a continually updated "Lake Berryessa - The Map" which makes Lake Berryessa and its businesses more easily accessible to visitors. Lake Berryessa is also featured in the Napa Valley Guidebook, which is distributed nationwide.

The Chamber has become influential within the Napa County tourism and political sectors. Your support as a



County tourism and political sectors. Your support as a member will help to expand that influence for the good of our community, especially during this time of change at Lake Berryessa.

Please send your contact information and a check for \$25 payable to the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce to:

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### **April 1st Classics**

*This first story was my original foray into April 1st alternate reality history. The concept of raising the dam had been ingrained in the mythology of Lake Berryessa for decades. The Bureau of Reclamation was not pleased because the Lake Berryessa headquarters received a spate of phone calls asking if the story were true!*

### **Bureau of Reclamation Releases 50th Anniversary Plans to Raise Monticello Dam**

BOR officials announced that, after decades of rumors, Monticello Dam will finally be raised 10 feet as part of their redevelopment plan for Lake Berryessa. Although the rising lake level will help in removing trailers from the seven resorts by floating them away, this is not the primary goal of the plan. Napa County signed away most of its water rights to the lake and now Solano County is being pressured by Budweiser to supply more water to its brewery.

To protect sensitive wildlife habitat (and some private property), the BOR will build a 15 foot tall dike around the shoreline. The Sierra Club, which originally agreed to help fund a 165 mile trail around the lake, agrees that the dike should be the trail: a win-win multi-use solution.

Per Congressman Mike Thompson, since it will be funded at taxpayer expense, the dike will be wide enough for hikers,

bikers, horses, motorcycles and A1V's to share. Special launch ramps will be built at the resorts for high water access. Several "put-ins" for kayaks will be spaced around the lake with the newly-designed "Kayak Katapults" for rapid launching of non-motorized watercraft.

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*The following story received the all-time highest positive response rate of any April 1st satire I've printed. It was believed by so many people that when I finally had to release a statement admitting that it was a joke, I received some very dissappointed emails.*

### **Floating Native American Casino Coming to Lake Berryessa**

In a stealth legal action with profound long-term consequences, a consortium of Native American tribes has forced the Bureau of Reclamation to allow them to build a floating casino on the surface waters of Lake Berryessa. Native American attorney, Hadge Ufuuld, said that Reclamation opened the door to this action during the recent Lake Berryessa concession bid process by formally defining the "land surface" as categorically different from the "water surface" under federal government control.

The legal settlement with Reclamation which allows the construction of a floating casino on Lake Berryessa includes some concessions (no pun intended) regarding its ownership and construction. The floating casino itself will not be a single structure - it will consist of approximately fifty individual, but linked, private houseboats each owned by a separate tribe. The tribes will be free to build their own houseboat or choose from several designs pre-approved by Reclamation.

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*The following story was picked up on many fishing blogs.  
Only about one in three people got it initially.*

### **Exciting New Game Fishing Opportunity at Lake Berryessa**

Genetic engineers at the University of Lake Berryessa have teamed up with scientists from the California Department of Fish and Game to create a new class of sport fishing at the lake. Although anglers love the trout, bass, kokanee, catfish, and crappie fishing at Lake Berryessa, new biological research will bring the excitement of deep sea ocean fishing to large freshwater lakes.

Genetically-modified saltwater ocean species such as Marlin and Dorado have been developed which can thrive in fresh water environments. The only difference is that the selected test species have been tailored to their more limited environments by controlling their size.



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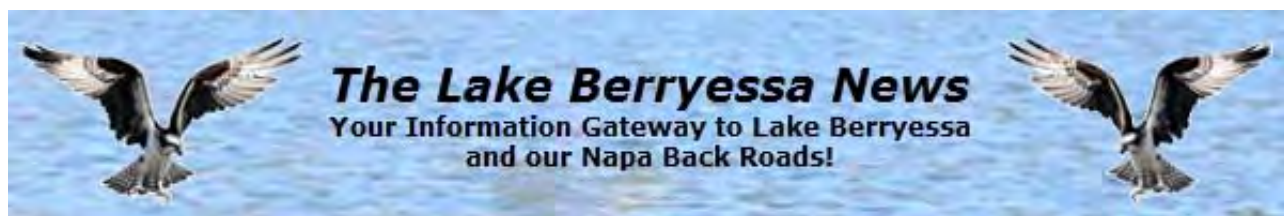
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## **The Lake Berryessa News Report: April 7, 2013**

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Only a short newsletter today since April 7 is my lucky day to go snow skiing one last time in a bad ski year. It will soon be time to start jet skiing!

## **Reclamation Announces New Names for the Lake Berryessa Concession Areas**

The Bureau of Reclamation announced the new names for five of Lake Berryessa's seven concession-operated recreation areas. The public response has been uniformly positive. Although the old resorts/new recreation areas now have new names, the rest of the goals for this summer are still up in the air.

No short term concessioners have been named yet, but Reclamation is still working with Pleasure Cove Marina (Forever Resorts) to run some of the recreation areas. Pleasure Cove did manage camping a few years ago at Oak Shores. But with only about one month until the formal opening of the 2013 summer recreation season, it is still unclear if and where there will be camping.

See updated map on the left. The new names are:

Putah Canyon Recreation Area - formerly Putah Creek Resort and Chaparral Cove

Monticello Shores Recreation Area - formerly Rancho Monticello Resort and Manzanita Canyon

Berryessa Point Recreation Area - formerly Lake Berryessa Marina Resort and Blue Oaks

Spanish Flat Recreation Area - formerly Spanish Flat Resort and Foothill Pines

Steele Canyon Recreation Area - formerly Steele Park Resort and Lupine Shores

The lake's remaining concession-operated recreation areas, Markley Cove Resort and Pleasure Cove Marina, will retain their current names for the duration of their contract terms.


Since December 2012, when Reclamation terminated the former concessionaire's long-term contract for the five concession-operated recreation areas, efforts have been


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**New Millenium  
Definitions**

To study (verb): Act of  
texting, talking, eating,  
and watching TV with  
an open textbook  
nearby.

Couching Distance: The  
distance one can reach  
without leaving the  
couch or sofa.

Facebook 101: The class  
that should exist for  
everyone on facebook  
that posts ridiculously  
embarrassing or  
demeaning things about  
themselves or others.

Instagram: Every  
hipster's favorite way to  
make it look like they  
take really classy  
pictures when really  
they are still using their  
phones. Yeah, you  
might look really  
cute/old  
school/vintage/retro, but  
it's still a cell phone  
picture.

concession-operated recreation areas, efforts have been underway by Reclamation to develop recreation services at the lake for 2013 and the long term. A key concern has been the recreation areas' names.

The new names, which were determined with input from the Coordinating Team Members and the public, are owned by Reclamation; however, future concessionaires may use these names in whole or in part to market or emphasize specific recreational services provided at these areas.

## Different Ways to Fish at Lake Berryessa!

Just when I thought I had seen it all, including the Yak anglers fishing in tricked-out kayaks, along comes the kick-boats and float tubes from Bass-n-Tubes! The first link is photos from their Lake Berryessa tournament on March 23. The second link is a photo album of the fishing rigs. Fascinating but cold?

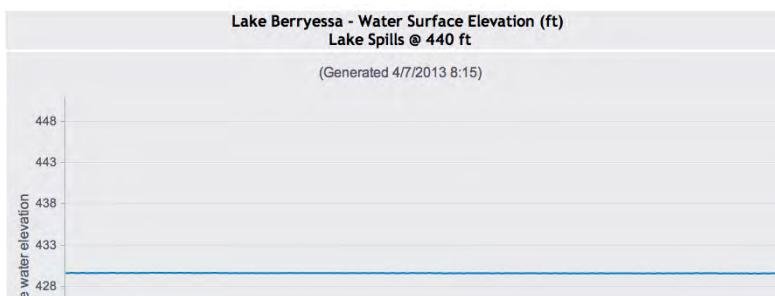
[Berryessa Bass Kick-Boat Tournament](#)

[Kick Boat & Float Tube Rigs](#)



## Lake Berryessa Water Level as of 4/7/13

Despite last week's rainfall of about half an inch, the real-time lake level monitor at the [Solano County Water Agency Lake Level Monitor](#) shows the water level holding steady at just above 429 feet msl or 11 feet below the Glory Hole spillway. The season rain total reached 20 inches since July 1, 2012 at Monticello Dam.

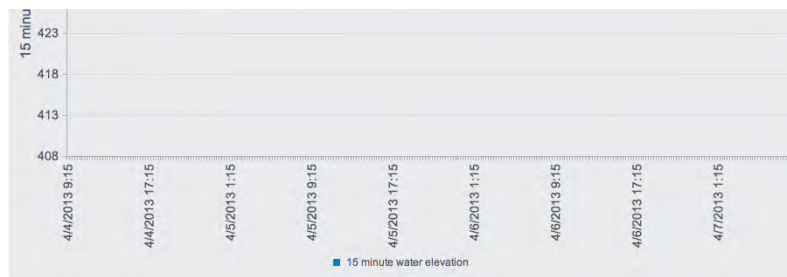


Youtuber: One who spends so much time browsing YouTube videos that they have metaphorically taken root, in the manner of a potato or other root vegetable. A couch potato of the new millenium.

Soap Grafting: The act of attaching an almost completely used piece of soap to a new, unused piece because it is now too small to be conveniently used but you also don't want to waste it.

Bangover: Sore neck as a result of headbanging at a metal concert.

Boytox: When a woman gives up dating / cavorting with the opposite sex for a temporary period in an attempt to enhance her overall well-being, including her mental health and her physical appearance. As a result, she may glow or look younger from lack of frowning and crying as if she had a Botox injection.



### **Rain at Lake Berryessa Means Beautiful Rainbows!**



#### THINGS YOU WOULD LOVE TO SAY OUT LOUD AT WORK

How about never? Is never good for you?

I see you have set aside special time to publicly humiliate yourself.

I don't know your real problem, but I'll bet it's hard to pronounce.

I am out of my mind at the moment, but feel free to leave a message.

It sounds like English, but I don't understand a word you're saying.

Ahhh, I see the screw-up fairy has visited us again.

I like you. You remind me of myself when I was young and stupid.

You are validating my inherent mistrust of strangers.

I am already visualizing the duct tape over your mouth.

I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you.

Thanks! I'm refreshed and challenged by your unique point of view.

Any connection between your reality and mine is coincidental.

What am I? Flypaper for freaks?

I'm not being rude. You're just insignificant.

It's a thankless job, but I've got a lot of karma to burn off.

I started out with nothing and still have most of it left.

Sarcasm is just one more service we offer.

If I throw a stick, will you leave?

Whatever kind of look you were going for, you missed.

Chaos, panic and disorder. My work here is finally done.

How do I set the laser printer to STUN?

I'll try being nicer if you try being smarter.

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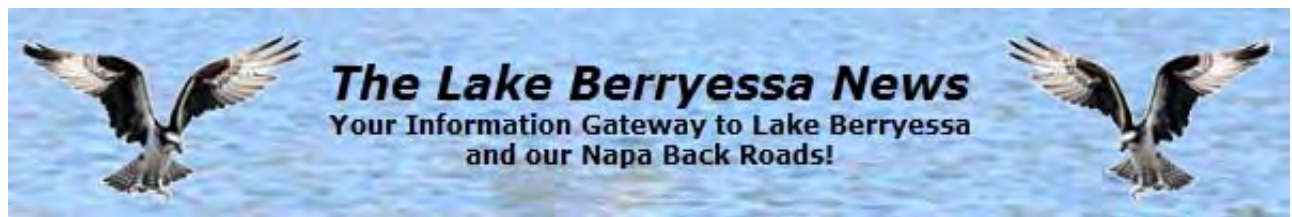
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## The Lake Berryessa News Report: April 16, 2013

Lake Berryessa is warm, beautiful and quiet after an exciting weekend HITS Triathlon. The lead story is an amazing 16 hour adventure told by Lake Berryessa's own new Ironman, Pastor Bob Lee. On other fronts progress is slow to none in the Bureau of Reclamation's efforts to find companies to operate the newly renamed Recreation Areas.

### [The Survival of Ironman Pastor Bob An Epic Lake Berryessa Adventure](#)

Pastor Bob Lee wants to thank all who have supported the church's efforts to raise money for local scholarships this year. He survived the HITS Ironman Triathlon this past Saturday, May 14, starting out at 7 AM and finishing up at 11:15 PM. Yes - that's right - more than 16 hours later! If you want to know what it's like to push yourself that hard physically and emotionally, [Click here for the amazing adventure in his own words...](#)



Bureau of Reclamation Lake Berryessa Update

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Link Diving: The act of clicking further and further from your original subject of research. Commonly related to the popular website Wikipedia.com


Scoring some man points - points that one receives upon the completion of a distinctly manly task. More often than not, intelligent points and man points are inversely proportional.

Awesome man points - points received for doing stereotypical macho actions like starting a fight with a professional boxer, taunting someone to throw a dart at your face, lighting a fart on fire, or holding a scorching object in your hand for an extended period of time

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## Horoscope

### Aries (3/21-4/19):

**Jupiter is in your sun sign this week, making it pretty crowded in there, what with Jupiter being the largest of the planets and all.**

### Taurus (4/20 - 5/20):

**You thought true love would last forever, but you're shocked to discover an expiration**

Steele Canyon Recreation Area and Putah Canyon Recreation Area are both open for day use and boat launching. There is currently no fee for use of these areas. Starting in May Reclamation hopes to have an interim concessionaire to manage those sites. The plan is to have camping, day use, and boat launching at both of these sites for the summer season. User fees will be charged by the concession contractor.

Spanish Flat Recreation Area is open for day use only. Reclamation is working to award an interim contract to provide camping and day use at this area beginning sometime in May. The plan is to have camping and day use at Spanish Flat for the summer season. User fees will be charged by the concession contractor.

Reclamation is currently negotiating with Forever Resorts (Pleasure Cove) to provide recreation services at Steele Canyon Recreation Area and Spanish Flat Recreation Area. Reclamation is searching for a possible concessionaire for Putah Canyon Recreation Area. Reclamation is also seeking an interim contractor to offer camping at north end of Oak Shores. Although Pleasure Cove (Forever Resorts) provided this function a few years ago they apparently are not interested this time.

Pleasure Cove (Forever Resorts) is operating under the existing 40-year contract signed in 2010. Markley Cove continues to operate Markley Cove under an existing interim contract which ends next month (May). Negotiations are progressing towards another 3-4 year interim contract. No word yet on the fate of the launch ramp and roads at Steele Canyon Recreation Area.

Reclamation is working to prepare contracts to provide potable water connections at Steele Canyon and Putah Canyon. In addition contracts are being developed to provide vault toilets and temporary RV dump stations at Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat and Putah Canyon. All of these items are subject to the availability of funding and the timely award of contracts. Reclamation's goal is to have these facilities and services in place sometime in 2014.

### Lake Berryessa Water Level as of 4/15/13

This week the water level dropped another 2 inches - to 429.20 feet msl or 10.8 feet below the Glory Hole spillway. The official season rain total reached 20.36 inches since July 1, 2012 at Monticello Dam.

discover an expiration date printed on the back, just below the consumer warnings.

**Gemini (5/21 - 6/20):**

You will fall victim to a dangerous personality disorder that makes you believe that the personal lives of celebrities are interesting and important.

**Cancer (6/21-7/22):**

Frankly, the stars don't understand what your problem is with calamari. So what if it's tentacles? It's delicious! Eat it already!

**Leo (7/23-8/22):**

Next week will be a time of great financial and emotional rewards. It's just too bad you won't be there to see it.

**Virgo (8/23-9/22):**

Your marriage will soon erode to the point where you'll be sorely tempted to turn her in for the reward money.

**Libra (9/23-10/22):**

You will be shocked to learn that, due to a legal fluke, your long-term houseguest is now your common-law wife.

**Scorpio (10/23-11/21):**

After 14 long years, you will be admitted to the Baseball Hall Of Fame when you finally come up with the \$11.50 admission price.

**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21):**

Start childproofing your house now, as a pack of bloodthirsty feral children is headed your way.

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**Reclamation to Hold Lake Berryessa Community Forum Meeting on Wednesday, April 24, in Napa**

The Bureau of Reclamation will hold the next meeting of the Lake Berryessa Community Forum on Wednesday, April 24, in Napa, Calif. Forum meetings are designed to promote public input regarding future recreation opportunities and services at Lake Berryessa.

The public is invited to attend the Forum meeting which will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Napa Elks Lodge #832, 2840 Soscol Avenue.

At the March 27 meeting held in Winters, Calif., Reclamation staff and members of the Community Forum's Coordinating Team discussed the naming of the lake's concession areas; possible impacts of budget sequestration on Reclamation operations; and the timeline, plan and budget for concession services. Discussion topics for the April 24 meeting will include the recently announced decision on the concession area names, the status of plans for the 2013 recreation season, the process for moving forward with the request for proposals and long-term contracts, possible effects of the sequestration and Reclamation's fire management activities for the 2013 season.

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**Capricorn (12/22-1/19):**

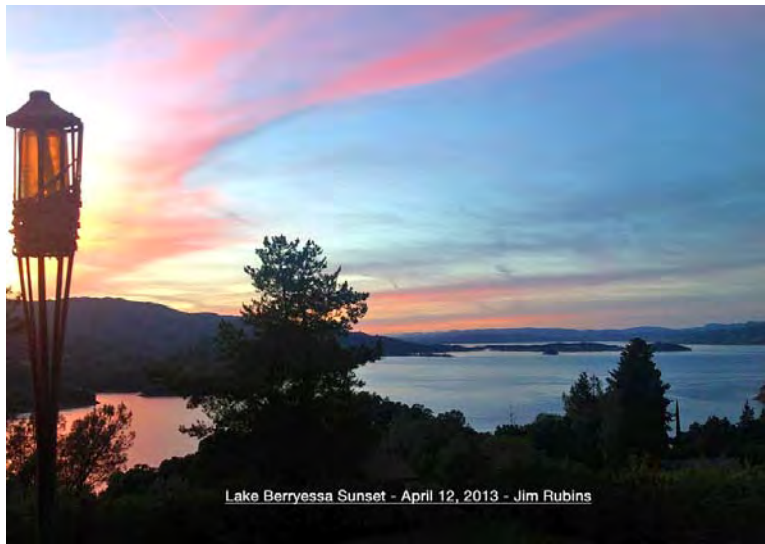
**Your uniqueness as a human being is threatened when you find a person who enjoys ham just as much as you do.**

**Aquarius (1/20-2/18):**

**The way to respond to a stupid question is to pretend not to hear it, which is why your friends all seem to have hearing problems.**

**Pisces (2/19-3/20):**

**You're finally entering the period of life in which the things that you want to do greatly outnumber the things that you will eventually do.**



**The Lake Berryessa News Fishing Journal**

**Berryessa Action: Kokanee, Kings, 'Bows And Bass**

By Robin Wade, Western Outdoor News

Although the bite is still a little unsettled, the fishing at Lake Berryessa is finally starting to shape up. As the waters begin to warm, the food chain is coming alive and fish are hungry...

**Great Bass Fishing at Lake Berryessa**

Don Paganelli just sent this in about how good the bass fishing is at Lake Berryessa. "The bass bite has been great for the last month and getting better. My last trip on Saturday, April 6th, clients caught 18 bass up to 4.75 pounds. The youngest, 11 year old Kate Hayashigatani got the biggest - of course, a 4.75 pound smallmouth bass."



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**Fishing With Sid at Lake Berryessa**

Just got back from vacationing in Miami and couldn't

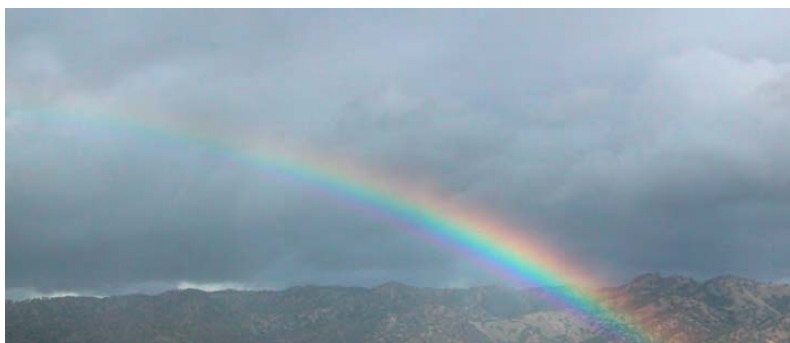
wait to get on the lake. Saturday I went out and noticed that the bass are coming into the shallower water for bedding. The water was clear and wearing my "Hobie" polarized sunglasses I was able to see the activity of the bass.



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### [Different Ways to Fish at Lake Berryessa!](#)

Just when I thought I had seen it all, including the Yakanglers fishing in tricked-out kayaks, along comes the kick-boats and float tubes from Bass- n -Tubes!





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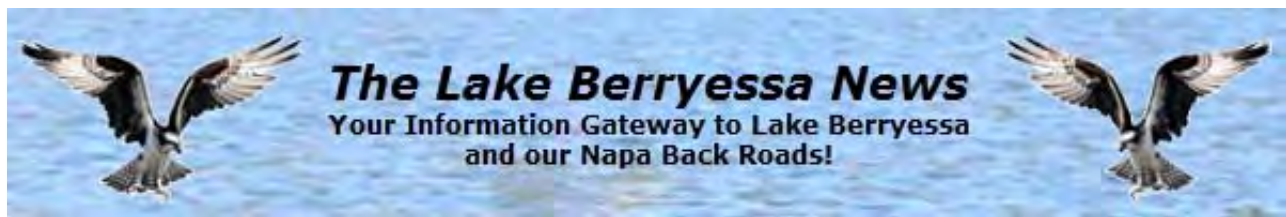
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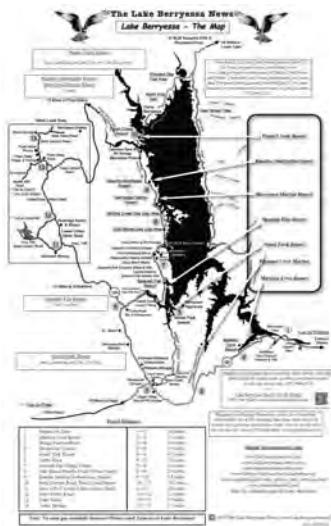




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## The Lake Berryessa News Report: May 6, 2013

Little news from the Bureau of Reclamation during the last two weeks. No date proposed for any renewed camping at Steele Canyon Recreation Area, Spanish Flat RA or Putah Canyon RA. Everything is still "in negotiation". The launch ramp and road situation at Steele Canyon is still up in the air. The previous owner of Steele Park Resort told the Lake Berryessa News last week that he had not spoken with the BOR for a month and has no real idea as to what they are doing.

A summary of the April 24 Public Forum Meeting in Napa is available at: [Summary of Lake Berryessa April 24, 2013 Community Forum Meeting](#). It includes all of the latest information available - except for the following story about the Markley Cove contract that was just released today.

Reclamation has chosen Planning Alternative 1 from the previous meeting and now calls it the Lake Berryessa Long Term Contract Timeline. It shows that the new Prospectus is to be distributed in November, 2013 with construction of the new resorts to begin, if all goes well, by about November, 2015 - 2 1/2 years from now!



## Reclamation and Markley Cove Resort Sign Interim Contract for Continued Concession Management at Lake Berryessa

On May 1, the Bureau of Reclamation signed an interim contract with John and Linda Frazier for the continued management of the Markley Cove Resort concession area at Lake Berryessa, Napa, Calif. The term of the new interim concession contract is from May 27, 2013, through December 31, 2014, plus two, one-year option periods.

"Reclamation has enjoyed a positive and successful relationship with the Fraziers for many years, and we are



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Marlyn La Rosa 5  
Bill Hughes  
Anglea Carstens 10  
Ken Becker  
Marjorie Pridmore 13  
Jim Edmondson 23  
Shelly Ashley Cox 22  
Michael Wright 23  
Jerry Rehmke 25  
Sally Burch 29  
Rosemarie Wilson  
Linda Tschida 30  
Jim Lucas

**Sit of Shame: That moment when you're sitting in your car after being pulled over by a cop. Knowing that every person driving by is looking at you.**

**Social Fruitfly: Like a social butterfly, without any charm or beauty. An unwanted pest.**

**Social Hacking: Not to be confused with social engineering, social hacking is to insert your own made-up words into everyday use in an attempt to get other people to use your vocabulary. You can measure accomplishments by finding strangers you have never met that use your word.**

**Disney Channel: A channel that always has shows with lame, repetitive plots, and will make a show or a movie every time they think of an amusing pun or any random theme (i.e. a kid who plays baseball and**

pleased that this relationship will continue for this interim period," stated David Murillo, Regional Director for Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region.

Markley Cove Resort, approximately 12 miles west of Winters, Calif., at 7521 State Highway 128, provides marina operations including boat launching, boat and jet-ski rentals, boat slip rentals and fueling service as well as vacation cabin rentals, day use and a general store.

In addition to the services provided by Markley Cove Resort, Pleasure Cove Marina, at 6100 State Highway 128, offers a full range of recreation activities including RV and tent camping; cabin rentals; boat launching; boat slip rentals; houseboat, ski boat and jet-ski rentals; fueling service and a general store.

Reclamation expects to sign interim contracts with other concessionaires in the next few weeks to provide camping, day use and boat launching services at Steele Canyon Recreation Area and Putah Canyon Recreation Area and to provide camping and day use services at Spanish Flat Recreation Area.

**Will There Be Tent & RV Camping at Lake Berryessa?**

As of now, camping can be found only at Pleasure Cove Marina. Reclamation says that interim contracts for several areas are approaching completion. A contract with Pleasure Cove Marina to operate Steele Canyon Recreation Area and Spanish Flat Recreation Area is in final review. Once the contract is signed Reclamation will be able to announce a starting date for services in those areas. The contract would be for the 2013 recreation season, with two option years.

Reclamation is still in search of a concession contractor for Putah Canyon Recreation Area and the northern portion of Oak Shores Day Use Area. If no concession contractor is found to operate these two areas, Reclamation will operate Putah Canyon Recreation Area as a boat launch and day use area for the summer, while continuing to look for a concession operator and would operate the northern half of Oak Shores as a day use area. Reclamation has recruited volunteer park hosts to coordinate with park rangers in the operation of Oak Shores Day Use Area and Putah Canyon Recreation Area if necessary.

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cooks.) Although the target audience is 9 year old girls and fruity boys of their early teens/preteens, they will not heisitate to make movies like "High School Musical" (by the way, if they wanted to make a realistic high school movie, it wouldn't be on Disney Channel, it would be on comedy central at 10:00 at night.) Every frikin month they make a new movie and use the same actors (or better yet actresses) over and over and end up turning them into crappy, anerexic pop performers with no skill who end up lasting for little over a year.


Unfortunately you can tell it will be around for a LONG time since their so rich they dont even need to show commercials that dont advertise their own things

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## Horoscope

### Aries (3/21-4/19):

Jupiter is in your sun sign this week, making it pretty crowded in there, what with Jupiter being the largest of the planets

 <p>Buy this home for <b>\$13,995</b></p> <p>Well-maintained 2 bdrm, 1 bath 52' x 12' - \$550/mo space rent</p> <p>or</p> <p>Rent this home for <b>\$675 per month</b> plus utilities</p>	 <p>Buy this home for <b>\$29,500</b></p> <p>New 3 bdrm, 2 bath 48' x 14' - \$550/mo space rent</p> <p>or</p> <p>Rent this home for <b>\$1,100 per month</b> plus utilities</p>
<p>100% owner financing with approved credit plus one year lease</p>	
<p>Within the Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pool</li> <li>Laundry</li> <li>Lake Access Trail</li> </ul>	 <p>707-966-1124</p>
<p>Within Walking Distance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cucina Italiana Restaurant</li> <li>Spanish Flat Country Store</li> </ul>	

## New Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area Map Released

The new BSMNCA map has been released by Congressman Mike Thompson's office. Thompson's original map introduced with the NCA legislation last year caused much concern because it included large areas of private property. At a public meeting, Thompson promised to modify the map boundaries to remove private property, which he did, as well as to change the written legislation itself to guarantee that private property was not included - the Berryessa Highlands, for example. He also modified the bill to specifically allow motorized recreation to continue at Lake Berryessa.

SEC. 7. WATER: Nothing in this Act: (8) affects the use of motorized or non-motorized watercraft (including personal, commercial, and recreational watercraft) on Lake Berryessa.

The complete bill is available at:  
[http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/BSM\\_NCA/HR1025.pdf](http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/BSM_NCA/HR1025.pdf)

The Cache Creek Wilderness Study Area has been added to the NCA so there's no longer a gap between the lower and upper halves of the NCA, which originally separated Lake Berryessa. Only part of the Mendocino Forest is in the NCA, as before, but only part of the Snow Mountain Wilderness, approximately two-thirds, is actually included in the NCA. That seems a bit odd since the NCA is named after it. And what's wrong with including the rest of the Mendocino National Forest?

According to Congressman Thompson's office, they worked with Congressman Huffman, who now has the Mendocino National Forest in his district, and Congressman Garamendi since it pertains to lands in their districts. The current

the largest of the planets  
and all.

**Taurus (4/20 - 5/20):**

You thought true love  
would last forever, but  
you're shocked to  
discover an expiration  
date printed on the  
back, just below the  
consumer warnings.

**Gemini (5/21 - 6/20):**

You will fall victim to a  
dangerous personality  
disorder that makes you  
believe that the personal  
lives of celebrities are  
interesting and  
important.

**Cancer (6/21-7/22):**

Frankly, the stars don't  
understand what your  
problem is with  
calamari. So what if it's  
tentacles? It's delicious!  
Eat it already!

**Leo (7/23-8/22):**

Next week will be a time  
of great financial and  
emotional rewards. It's  
just too bad you won't  
be there to see it.

**Virgo (8/23-9/22):**

Your marriage will soon  
erode to the point where  
you'll be sorely tempted  
to turn her in for the  
reward money.

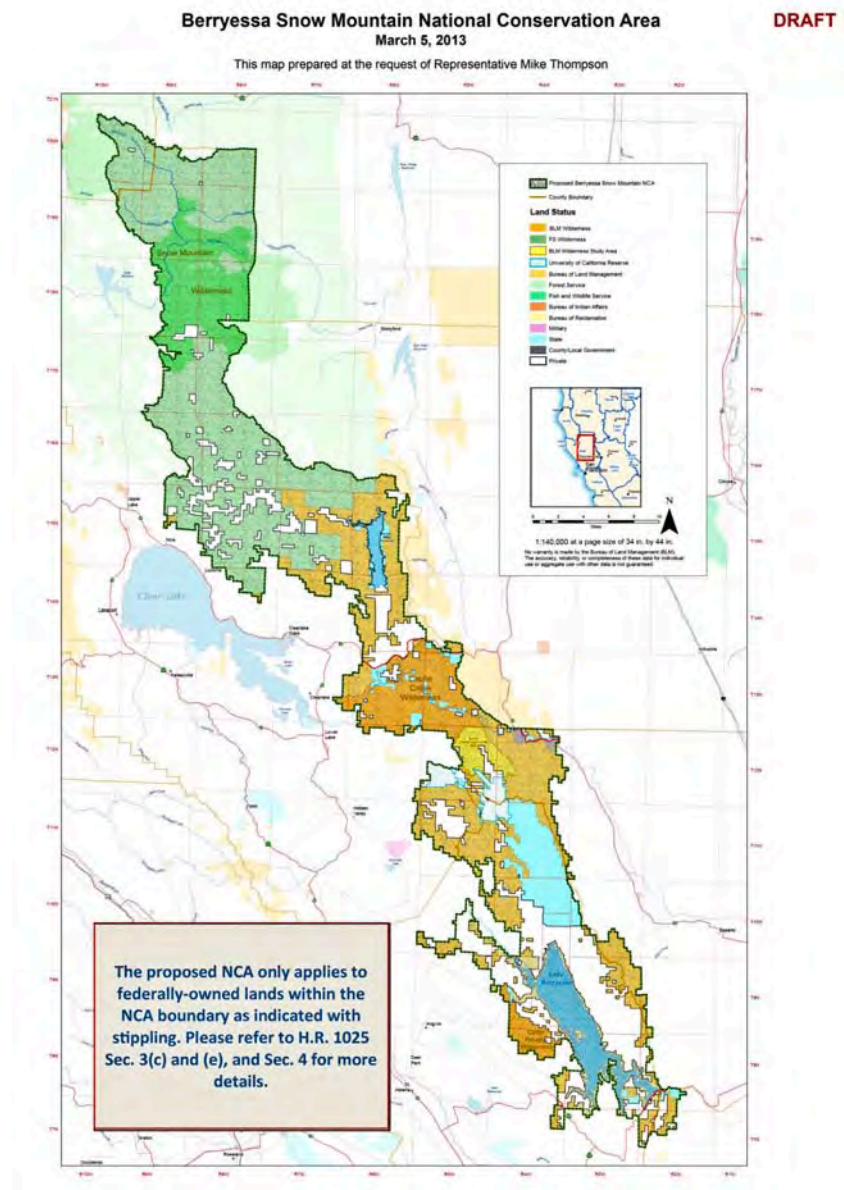
**Libra (9/23-10/22):**

You will be shocked to  
learn that, due to a legal  
fluke, your long-term  
houseguest is now your  
common-law wife.

**Scorpio (10/23-11/21):**

After 14 long years, you  
will be admitted to the  
Baseball Hall Of Fame  
when you finally come  
up with the \$11.50  
admission price.

since it pertains to lands in their districts. The current  
boundaries are based on a combination of political  
boundaries and boundaries that are logical based on other  
features (roads, rivers, edges of property, etc.).



Here's a very good five minute KQED radio summary of the  
basic Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA issues.

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**[Another Try For California's Second National  
Conservation Area](#)**

by Craig Miller, KQED Science Editor April 26, 2013

Compared to the nation's 16 existing National Conservation  
Areas, the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation  
Area (BSMNCA) would be among the biggest, a patchwork  
of lands variously managed by the Forest Service, Bureau of  
Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation, pulling in  
three already-designated wilderness areas and a sizable  
chunk of the Mendocino National Forest. Talking with  
hikers and boaters around the lake, I found few who were  
even aware of the proposed NCA, let alone knew what it  
would mean. And that's where it gets tricky. There seems to



**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21):**

**Start childproofing your house now, as a pack of bloodthirsty feral children is headed your way.**

**Capricorn (12/22-1/19):**

**Your uniqueness as a human being is threatened when you find a person who enjoys ham just as much as you do.**

**Aquarius (1/20-2/18):**

**The way to respond to a stupid question is to pretend not to hear it, which is why your friends all seem to have hearing problems.**

**Pisces (2/19-3/20):**

**You're finally entering the period of life in which the things that you want to do greatly outnumber the things that you will eventually do.**

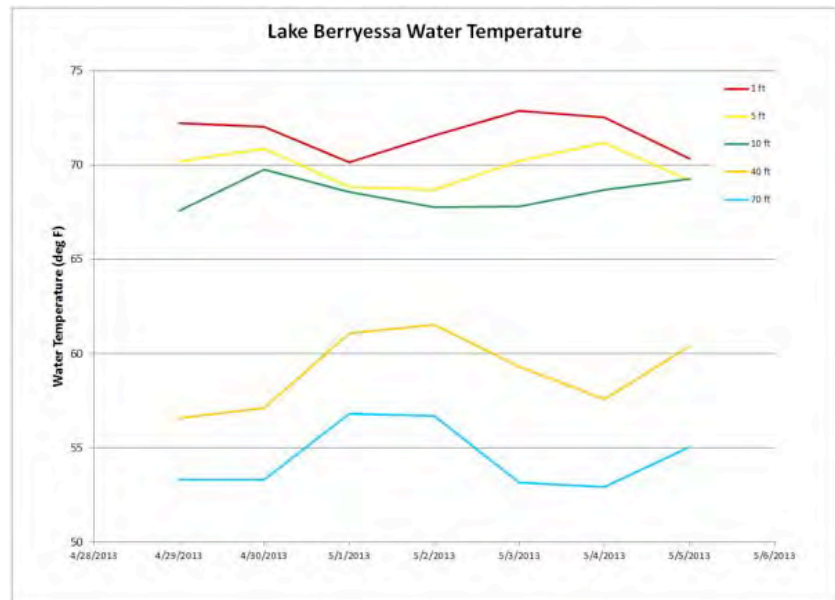
... means that there is no one set of rules for NCAs. Each one has its own "site-specific" set of protections and restrictions.

"I say this just doesn't qualify," says Peter Kilkus, who publishes the Lake Berryessa News website from his 60-acre homestead overlooking the lake. He and some other landowners and business interests have opposed the NCA, saying it's just not necessary. [Read and hear the full story...](#)

**Lake Berryessa Water Level as of 5/6/13**

The water level dropped 6 inches this week - to 427.83 feet msl or 12.17 feet below the Glory Hole spillway. The official season rain total is 20.36 inches since July 1, 2012 at Monticello Dam.

**Latest Lake Berryessa Water Temperature**



**4th Annual Helping Hands Charity Event**

The Community Church has set the date for the 4th Annual Helping Hands Charity Event ... mark your calendars for Saturday, May 11. As in the past, we'll have a community rummage sale, a car wash, a bake sale, and we'll feature the AWANA Grand Prix.







We're trying something new this year ... a chili cook-off. This year the proceeds will go to several local groups: Berryessa 4-H Club, Capell Valley Community Garden, and the Community Church Scholarship Fund. Here are some of the details for the day ~~

Rummage Sale ~~ This is a great time to do some spring cleaning and put your unneeded "treasures" in the rummage sale. It's only \$25 for an uncovered 10X10 spot, or \$35 for a covered (canopy-provided) 10X10 spot. You keep all your proceeds AND all your left-over treasures. Remember that old saying ... one person's junk is another person's treasure. Call the church NOW (252-4488) to reserve a booth space.

Car Wash ~~ We've always charged \$5 for regular-sized cars, a bit more for larger vehicles. Good news on the car wash front ... some members of the new Vintage High School football team will be coming up to man the car wash. The new Vintage head football coach is a very strong Christian, and he really wants to help us out. There are a number of Berryessa Boys on his football team, and he'll be sending them and some extra players to man the car wash. The car wash will be at the service station to keep the water away from the rest of the activities.

Chili Cook-Off ~~ We will charge just \$10 to enter your favorite home-made chili into the contest. This is NOT a traditional cook-off where you must prepare the chili on the premises. We're suggesting that you prepare it ahead of time and bring it in a crock pot (or similar type pot) that can be plugged in to a power source (which we will provide) to keep the chili at a safe temperature throughout the day. The chili may contain beans ... it's your choice. People's Choice Awards will be accompanied by cash prizes of \$50 for first place, \$20 for second place, and \$10 for third place. Judging will be via popular vote by community members who purchase sample cups from the church. Call the church NOW (252-4488) to sign up.

Bake Sale ~~ The bake sale has traditionally been a fundraiser for our AWANA program. AWANA parents provide the goodies and man the booth.

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AWANA Grand Prix ~~ We've already started selling the Grand Prix car kits to AWANA kids (and adults). This is the highlight of the day for our AWANA members. If you've not seen it before, think 'pine wood derby' ... it's a lot of fun, lots of competition and excitement. Scott Koehler does a great job of organizing this event. If you're interested, call Terri or Pastor Bob (252-4488) ... the car kits are only \$5. You don't have to be in or associated with AWANA to participate in the Grand Prix.

We hope to see you at our Helping Hands event at the Community Church (at the Corners) on the 11th even if you're not going to participate in one of the activities listed above. There will be lots to do while you get your car washed by members of the Vintage football team.

### **Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Directory**

The Chamber will print a Business Directory for Chamber members. You must be a Chamber member to be listed. Chamber membership dues are \$25.

There are four options for presenting member information. Chamber membership dues will cover your name and telephone number in the directory. If you want additional information presented in the directory, you can include your business card or other information concerning your type of business for an additional cost of \$25 for a quarter page. A half-page price is \$50 and a full page is \$100.

The business directory will be distributed throughout the area. The deadline for your entry in the directory is June 1st. The Chamber will then process the information and print the layout for distribution. If you have any questions, call Jerry Rehmke at 415-987-3224.

### **Life Line Screening at the Community Church of Lake Berryessa on Tuesday, May 7**

Life Line Screening will be holding a Screening Event on Tuesday, May 7 at the Community Church of Lake Berryessa throughout the day. Life Line Screening does health screenings via ultra-sound for a variety of health issues. Please see their web site ([www.Lifelinescreenings.com](http://www.Lifelinescreenings.com)) for a listing of services and additional information. The Church has been provided several free screening packages and we would like to make them available to the Community. If you are unable to afford their services and would like to participate please call the church at 252-4488.

## Fishing With Sid

Last Saturday I took out Bruce and Jenna for the day. The lake was fairly calm when we started out, but by the time we reached the Narrows the wind had picked up. When we looked back to the main lake we could see white caps. I had promised to take them to the vineyards so we headed out that way and it was a rough ride. Once we got there it was hard to fish in any pattern as the drift was very rapid. We were still able to land our largest fish of the day a 3 1/3 lb smallmouth bass.

Took Albert out in the afternoon for a couple of hours. We went into a cove to be out of the wind and went into pretty shallow water approximately three feet or less. We saw a lot of bass and many fry in the water. This past weekend I took Albert and Bob out and we had a pretty good day. We ended up in my favorite cove with the sun going down the bass just started jumping all around us and chasing minnows. We hit pay dirt and started catching some nice bass and trout.

Now about the one that got away.....I threw a lipless crankbait into about four feet of water and was hit like a freight train by a bass weighing between six to eight pounds. He pulled me into the grass and I fought him for at least five minutes and lost him when he broke the tip of my loomis rod.

Remember to get your new fishing license now. As shown in the photo Fish & Game rangers will be randomly checking Lake Berryessa launch sites for your licenses and quagga mussels on your boats.



'til next week.....good fishing!!!

[www.fishingconnection.net](http://www.fishingconnection.net), bestguide@hotmail.com, 650-583-3333.

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### Sixth Bass Tournament of the Year

Hello to the teams that fished the 6th Tournament of the year. Thank you to the consistent & new team's that fished the Sixth Tournament of the 2012-2013 Season on April 21, 2013 out of Markley Cove.

The bite got a little tougher for some teams, but as always most the teams figured the fish out. It seems that most of the fish have spawned, but there are a few bed fish to be caught. No giant fish were weighed in, but we had some good sacks at the scales! The weather was like a nice early Summer day with temperatures into the mid 80's by the afternoon. The lake again had clear visibility up to 20 feet in some locations with temps from 59-65 degrees in different locations on the lake.







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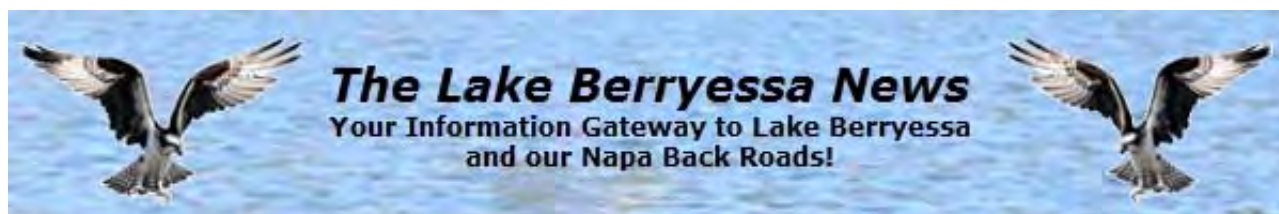
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## **The Lake Berryessa News Report: May 29, 2013**

### **Reclamation and Pleasure Cove Marina, LLC Sign Interim Concession Contract for Management of Spanish Flat and Steele Canyon Recreation Areas at Lake Berryessa**

Policies and rates are given below and on the Lake Berryessa News web site. The term of the interim contract is May 20 through December 31, 2013, plus two, one-year option periods.

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### **Reclamation and Royal Elk Park Management, Inc. Finalize Interim Concession Contract for Management of the Putah Canyon Recreation Area at Lake Berryessa**

On May 24, the Bureau of Reclamation signed an interim concession contract with Royal Elk Park Management, Inc. for management of the Putah Canyon Recreation Area at Lake Berryessa, Napa, Calif. The term of the interim contract is May 24, 2013, through December 31, 2015, plus one, one-year option period.

Under the interim contract, Royal Elk will provide RV and tent camping, day use, and boat launching at the Putah Canyon Recreation Area.

Campers may call Royal Elk at 707-966-9211 to make reservations for future camping dates. Please note that currently no RV hook-ups, potable water, flush restrooms or showers are available for campers at Putah Canyon, and visitors/campers are advised to bring bottled drinking water.

Headquartered in Hollister, Calif., Royal Elk manages campgrounds and boat launches at several California locations, including the Pinnacles National Park in San Benito County and the Plumas National Forest's Bucks Lake, Antelope Lake and Feather River Canyon in Plumas County. For additional information, please visit their website at <http://royalelcparkmanagement.com/>.

With the signing of this contract, five of the seven concession areas at Lake Berryessa are open for business via commercial concession contracts, and are providing recreation services to the public. The Monticello Shores and Berryessa Point recreation areas are currently closed to public use and will remain closed until a long-term concession contract is awarded.

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**Pridmore Storage**

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**JUNE Birthdays**

**Betty Fehrenkamp  
Ruth McGinnis  
13th Karl Frank  
15th Nancy Courtney  
15th Eric Gaustad  
26th Wes Plunkett  
29th Sally Burch**

**Wardrobe Creep: The gradual yet unstoppable process by which your wife or girlfriend's clothes take over your wardrobe. It often begins by the male partner naively agreeing that he will temporarily host a single garment because of a short term capacity issue in the female wardrobe. From this point on the male no longer has control of his wardrobe.**

**Immoral Superiority: The belief or attitude that one is cooler than another because they pursue or pursued illicit deeds as in "Jack bought a souvenir, but Meg stole one - demonstrating her immoral superiority".**

**Bragplaining: When you complain about something for the sole purpose of brining it up in conversation to brag about it.**

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**Drew Lessard Appointed Area Manager for Reclamation's  
Central California Area Office**

FOLSOM, Calif. - David Murillo, Regional Director for the Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region, announces the selection of Drew Lessard as Area Manager for the Central California Area Office, located at Folsom Dam, 23 miles east of Sacramento. As the Area Manager, Lessard is responsible for the operation of Folsom, Nimbus, New Melones and Monticello dams.

A federal employee for 19 years, Lessard began his career as an Environmental Engineer for the U.S. Air Force at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., implementing the Installation Restoration Program. He then worked for the U.S. Forest Service on the Lincoln National Forest in Alamogordo, N.M., as a Civil Engineer responsible for the maintenance and engineering of Forest Service facilities.

**Steele Canyon Recreation Area and Spanish Flat  
Recreation Area Are Now Open at Lake Berryessa!**

**Steele Canyon Recreation Area  
1605 Steele Canyon Road  
707-966-9179**

**Spanish Flat Recreation Area  
4209 Knoxville Road  
707-966-9192**

**Reservation Policy**

Payments are made in advance on-line and over the phone. Cancellations must be received 72 hours or more in advance of planned arrival date to receive a refund. Campsites and Recreational Vehicle (RV) Sites - During the Summer (April 1st to October 1st) there is a 2 night minimum stay for weekend campsite reservations (3 nights over holiday weekends). There is no charge for children under the age of 12. Rates are based on double occupancy, and do not include taxes or gratuities. Must be 21 years old to reserve a campsite. There is a limit of two vehicles and eight people for Standard and RV Campsites. There is a limit of one vehicle and four people for Tent Only Campsites. All rates are subject to approval by the Bureau of Reclamation and can change at any time.

**Rates**

RV Campsite (Maximum 2 vehicles) - \$32 (2 people).  
Additional person \$4, maximum 8 people per site.

Standard Campsite (Maximum 2 vehicles) - \$30 (2 people).  
Additional person \$4, maximum 8 people per site.

Tent Only Campsite (Maximum 1 vehicle) - \$25 (2 people).  
Additional person \$4, maximum 8 people per site.



## Horoscope

### Aries (3/21-4/19):

Nothing will be able to prepare you for the sense of dread and fear you'll experience when you suddenly realize your life has meaning and purpose again.

### Taurus (4/20 - 5/20):

The stars see many things ahead for you, which is exactly the kind of vague and value-neutral statement they've spent the long eons of their existence perfecting.

### Gemini (5/21 - 6/20):

You've always been afraid no one will notice when you die, but take comfort: The swarm of killer bees will be very much aware of what's happening.

### Cancer (6/21-7/22):

The stars would love to tell you what's ahead for you this week, but they've decided they'd rather wait and see the look on your face when it all happens.

### Leo (7/23-8/22):

It turns out that pianos hardly ever suddenly fall out of twelfth story windows onto people, although you'll have a hard time feeling special about it.

### Virgo (8/23-9/22):

While it's true there are only two kinds of people in the world, the stars believe it would be unkind to tell you just how much better than you the other one is.

12 years and under are free.

Extra Vehicle/Parking - \$5 per vehicle, per night of camping.

Pet Fee - \$5 per pet, per day or night of camping Day Use - \$15 per vehicle

Extra Person (day use) - \$4 per person, walk in.

Boat Launch - Not a registered camper \$20 (Steele Canyon only).

Boat Launch - Registered camper \$10 (Steele Canyon only).

Annual Boat Launch Pass - \$250 - May, 2013 to May, 2014 (usable at Steele Canyon only).

Annual Day Use Pass - \$125 (site specific pass for Spanish Flat and site specific pass for Steele Canyon).

The Annual Day Use Pass is a sticker that stays in the window of the car for one year and this includes driving in and parking, fishing, etc.... you do not have to park outside.

ALL annual passes can be purchased at the gate at Steele Canyon Resort.

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Web pages for the new campgrounds can be viewed at:

<http://goberryessa.com/services/SteeleCanyon/>

<http://goberryessa.com/services/SpanishFlat/>

**Pleasure Cove Marina is NOW HIRING for positions at Steele Canyon Recreation Area and Spanish Flat Recreation Area**

**Reservations / Front Gate / Maintenance**

**Apply at the Steele Canyon front gate on Monday - Thursday from 9am to 5pm.**

### **Summer is Here and Lake Berryessa is OPEN!**

Feel the warm summer breeze on your face this coming weekend. See Lake Berryessa Boat & Jet Ski Rentals in Markley Cove for the best deals on the best boats and jet skis.

[Lake Berryessa Boat & Jet Ski Rentals](#)



**Saturday, June 15: WINE & CHEESE TASTING**

Call the center at 966-0206 or Paul at 966-0357.

### [Cucina Italiana at Lake Berryessa](#)

Come to Cucina Italiana at Lake Berryessa this weekend - weather will be great! Chef Stefano Gusberti works REALLY hard preparing the best and most authentic Italian food in California. LIKE him on Facebook to keep up with the latest happenings as Cucaina and Lake Berryessa.

### [Cucina Italiana on Facebook](#)



### [Monticello Veterans Memorial Wall Ceremony](#)

A year-long effort by CeCe Short and her many supporters culminated in a beautiful Monticello Cemetery Veterans Wall memorial which was dedicated on Friday, May 24, 2013. Steve Lederer, Napa County Public Works Director was joined by Napa County Supervisor Bill Dodd in addressing the large group in attendance on a typically warm sunny day at Lake Berryessa. Pastor Bob Lee of the Community Church of Lake Berryessa gave moving tribute to all of our veterans prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony (with a very large pair of working scissors!).



### **Libra (9/23-10/22):**

**People say you're too easygoing, unmotivated, and accepting of your own flaws, but you'll learn to live with that.**

### **Scorpio (10/23-11/21):**

**Although no one is currently keeping statistics on falcon attacks, your next few weeks will motivate several people to begin considering the necessity.**

### **Sagittarius (11/22-12/21):**

**This is a terrible week to make decisions about your love life, although to be perfectly honest, the problem's less with the week and more with you.**

### **Capricorn (12/22-1/19):**

**For the next week, laws will not apply to you, which is a real pain, as you've become pretty accustomed to Newton's first and third.**

### **Aquarius (1/20-2/18):**

**Take comfort in the fact that we are all part of a larger plan, although really it's more of an eons-spanning game of universal domination played by uncaring immortals than a "plan."**

### **Pisces (2/19-3/20):**

**You're not sure if your new mousetrap is better, but due to its horrifying use of liquefying blades, the world will beat a path to your door out of sheer morbid curiosity.**



### **Lake Berryessa Water Level as of 5/27/13**

The water level dropped to 426.36 feet msl or 13.64 feet below the Glory Hole spillway. The official season rain total is 20.36 inches since July 1, 2012 at Monticello Dam. Water temperature is in the mid-70s.

### **Fishing With Sid on Memorial Day**

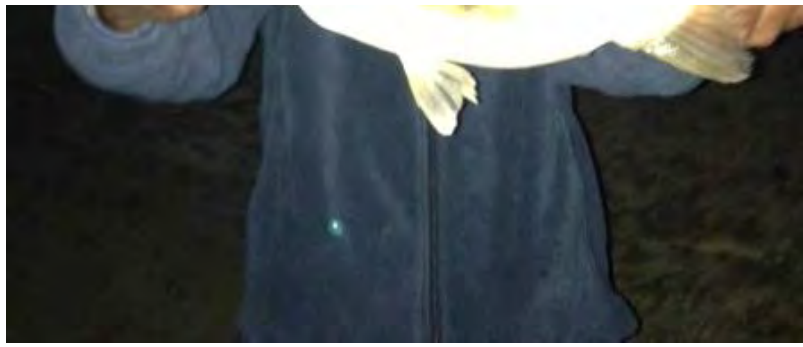
Memorial Day weekend was a lot of fun even though the weather wasn't the greatest. On Sunday I went out with Dan and he was using a "Speed Trap" lure with a feather hook on the back. We were trolling in about 35 feet of water and he said he was snagged. I felt he wasn't snagged and told him just keep reeling you've got a fish.

He landed one of the largest trout of the season. It was pretty windy on the main lake so we looked for shelter in a cove and switched to fishing for bass. Bill took three people out for me and limited out in salmon and trout. He told me the wind was pretty bad and they fished in 35 to 45 feet down.

My friend Jory was fishing the shoreline in my favorite cove and told me he was using a watermelon colored senko with brass and glass and caught a huge largemouth bass weighing in at 10+ pounds.







I'm looking forward to this coming weekend the weather should be a lot warmer and the fish will be more active. 'til next week.....good fishing!!!!

[www.fishingconnection.net](http://www.fishingconnection.net) If you have any questions or stories you would like to share please email me at [bestguide@hotmail.com](mailto:bestguide@hotmail.com), 650-583-3333.

**Big Barn Dance Event at the Berryessa Senior Center at Spanish Flat**

**FUN - FOOD - FRIENDS**

**BBQ & BARN DANCE**

Kick-Off the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday !!!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2013**

**5:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

**BBQ 5 – 8pm - DANCING TIL 10PM  
BERRYESSA SENIOR CENTER  
SPANISH FLAT LOOP RD.**

**No-Host Cocktails, Beer & Wine  
Music, Dancing, Raffles & Door Prizes**

Come have fun and be part of helping to support our community. All proceeds benefit the "Berryessa Senior Center".

**\$25 Adult (BBQ & Dancing)**

**\$8 Children**

**(Children 10 and under (hot dog meal)**

**Tickets may be purchased at  
Spanish Flat Country Store, Turtle Rock, or  
Call CeCe at 707-337-0224**



**Annual DAMFAST Swim Meet Saturday, June 1, at**

## **Oak Shores**

31st Annual Davis Aquatic Masters Lake Berryessa Open  
Water Swim ([www.damfast.org/](http://www.damfast.org/))

DAM's Annual Lake Berryessa Swim is one of the longest running open water swim events in America. Begun in 1981 as a friendly lake swim, this event now attracts over 500 swimmers each year to the Oak Shores Day Use Area on the shores of Lake Berryessa.

Registration closes May 30:

[https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet\\_information.cfm?  
c=1741&smid=4709](https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=1741&smid=4709)

### **Celebrate World Environment Day at Lake Berryessa On June 2nd with a Cleanup and Picnic**

On Sunday, June 2, 2013, Lake Berryessa will host its third annual celebration of World Environment Day with a cleanup of the lakeshore followed by a delicious picnic lunch. The event begins at 9:30 am, with cleanup activities running from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Post-cleanup festivities will take place at Markley Cove Resort.

For more information about World Environment Day Lake Berryessa Cleanup, and ways you or your organization can participate, please contact [Marianne.Butler@Solanorcd.org](mailto:Marianne.Butler@Solanorcd.org) or 707.301.5778.



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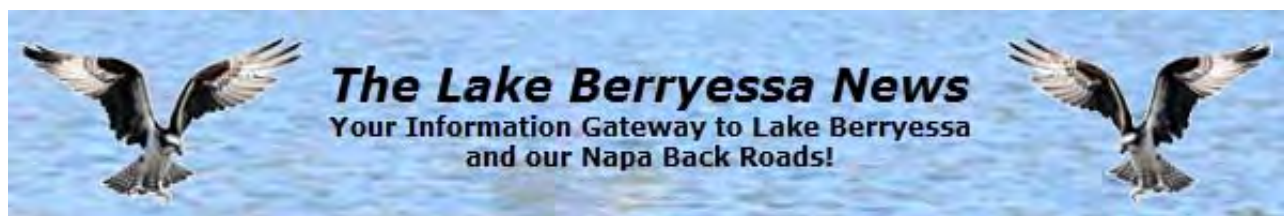
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## **The Lake Berryessa News Report: June 11, 2013**

### **Lake Berryessa Progress**

With five of the seven resorts open for some level of summer recreation - from full service at Markley Cove Resort and Pleasure Cove Marina to basic RV and tent camping and launching at Putah Canyon, Steele Canyon, and Spanish Flat Recreation Areas - summer has eased its way into a quiet Lake Berryessa. The three main visitor serving businesses not on the lake shore - Cucina Italiana, Spanish Flat Country Store, and Turtle Rock - depend on your patronage for their success. Please drop in during your Lake Berryessa summer trip.

The next big milestone for the Bureau of Reclamation is the development of the bid prospectus for new resort contracts. Their schedule shows this to be complete by the end of 2013. This goal is critical to the long term survival of the Lake Berryessa community. Reclamation has promised to hold public scoping meetings for this process. The next Public Forum meeting has not yet been scheduled. Stay tuned.

### **Lake Berryessa Water Level as of 6/10/13**

The water level dropped a bit faster last week, more than 7 inches to 425.23 feet msl or 14.77 feet below the Glory Hole spillway. A .06 inch lightning and thunder storm on Monday morning, June 10, should bring the official season rain total to 20.45 inches since July 1, 2012 at Monticello Dam.

### **Pope Valley School Math Competition Winners!**

Pope Valley School 5th through 8th grade students have participated in three on-line "Sumdog" math competitions that were open to all students in Napa County. Pope Valley won all three competitions. Twenty-four students from this tiny district have been in the top fifty out of almost seven hundred students. Six of those students got into the top fifty twice and two more got into the top fifty three times.

Four of our students were in the top ten out of almost seven hundred students throughout the county. They are Randall Mosley, Jimmy Davis, Stefhany Rios and Gabriela Vega-Zepeda. Pope Valley is so proud of you.



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### **New Vocabulary**

**Bacon Tetris:** The act of arranging bacon strips on a frying pan in the most efficient way possible given the dimensions of your pan. The goal is to maximize the number of bacon strips on the heating surface without leaving any part of any strip uncooked.

**Smilezoned:** When you approach a member of the opposite sex to ask them out and they respond with a pitying smile.


**Vurp:** A burp laced with a little vomit, usually occurs when you've had one too many and it has become difficult to distinguish between the two

**Red Bull Without a Cause:** The act of drinking Red Bull when you are already wide awake, simply because you like the taste.

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### **Horoscope**

**Aries (3/21-4/19):**  
**Your belief that  
nothing can stop you  
will be tested this week  
by depression.**



### **World Environment Day Lake Berryessa Clean-Up, Another GREAT success!**

On Sunday June 2, nearly 80 volunteers and organizers took to Lake Berryessa shorelines to clean up trash. For the third consecutive year, volunteers scoured the shoreline and the pullouts near Markley Cove Resort. Estimates indicate that volunteers collected 150 pounds of trash and 50 pounds of recyclables.

Among the volunteers were employees from Anheuser Busch, Travis Air Force Base and Boy Scout Troop 265 of Vacaville. Anheuser-Busch provided funding and support for the event. Markley Cove Resort hosted the after-cleanup picnic with raffle. Lead organizers were the US Bureau of Reclamation and Solano Resource Conservation District. Marty Rodden, owner of Lake Berryessa Jet Ski and Rentals, provided a boat to haul the trash along with Evan, Jake, and Koda the Wonder Dog as helpers. Editor's Note: As usual, the Lake Berryessa News tries to be as accurate as possible, although one of the photos in this story may have been digitally manipulated.



### **SPANISH FLAT MOBILE VILLA**

**A Privately-Owned Park Within Walking Distance of Beautiful Lake Berryessa**

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by depression,  
procrastination,  
concrete barriers,  
dysentery, armed  
gunmen, and the  
unanimous passage of  
several laws targeted  
specifically at stopping  
you.

**Taurus (4/20 - 5/20):**  
You firmly believe that  
prayer is a beneficial  
practice for ordering  
your thoughts and  
sorting out your feelings,  
but only if enough  
people see you doing it.



**Gemini (5/21 - 6/20):**  
You will come closer to  
your own elemental  
nature this week when a  
sudden lance of white-  
hot plasma reduces you  
to your component  
atoms.

**Cancer (6/21-7/22):**  
You'll revolutionize the  
dating industry when  
you combine advanced  
physics, chemistry and  
genetics to ensure that  
you are in fact the last  
man on Earth.

**Leo (7/23-8/22):**  
In outer space there is in  
fact no such thing as  
"up" or "down," so it's  
not clear if you'll be  
falling forever or rising  
forever through the  
universe.

**Virgo (8/23-9/22):**  
You're a firm believer  
that travel broadens the  
mind, which is one  
reason why you haven't  
left Lake Berryessa in  
more than 15 years.

**Libra (9/23-10/22):**  
As it turns out, it's far  
less fun than you might

	Buy this home for <b>\$29,500</b> Like New 1 bdrm, 1 bath 48' x 14' - \$550/mo space rent or Rent this home for <b>\$700 per month</b> plus utilities	
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## **Notice of June 25th Garbage Service Rate Hearing for Lake Berryessa**

### NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NAPA COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADJUSTING RATES FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE IN GARBAGE ZONE TWO WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Napa County Board of Supervisors that on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 9:45 a.m., or at such time thereafter as reasonably possible, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider adoption of a resolution adjusting rates for the collection and disposal of garbage in Garbage Zone Two within the County of Napa.

The fees initiated or revised by this resolution do not exceed the estimated amount required to provide the service for which the fee is levied and are mandated by State law.

The Public Hearing will be held at 9:45 a.m. on June 25, 2013 in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, Suite 305, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Napa, California. Interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

A copy of the proposed fees and data regarding the amount of cost or estimated cost required to provide the service for which the fee or service charge is levied and the revenue sources anticipated to provide the service, including General Fund revenues, is available for review at the office of the Clerk of the Board, County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Napa, California, 94559.

DATED: June 5, 2013

ATTEST: Karita Prescott  
Deputy Clerk of the Board



less fun than you might think when all the simplistic philosophy espoused by your favorite novelty T-shirts becomes relevant this week.

**Scorpio (10/23-11/21):**

The stars aren't sure if you've lost weight or done something to your hair or what, but whatever it is, you're looking good. Also, do you happen to have 50 bucks they could borrow until Friday?

**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21):**

It's rare that people can live a happy, healthy life without friends, so the crushing depression you're feeling is perfectly normal.

**Capricorn (12/22-1/19):**

Not only will romance, adventure, and thrills refuse to come to you, they will also refuse to come to theaters near you.

**Aquarius (1/20-2/18):**

Everyone must eventually choose between what they really must do and what they merely want to do. In your case, this will mean choosing between eating pancakes and eating the World's Largest Pancake.

**Pisces (2/19-3/20):**

The universe, in its unknowable ancient wisdom, has a plan for everyone. For now, however, it's probably best that you just keep sitting there eating things.

**Fishing With Sid at Lake Berryessa- June 8, 2013**

The weather this past weekend was very strange. On Saturday the temperature was as high as 113 degrees and the water temperature was 82 degrees. By Sunday it had cooled down a great deal and the water temperature had dropped to 69 degrees.

The fishing was excellent with top water bites in the early morning and crank baits on the points from the dam to the main lake. I did very well with a clear with black flakes senko wacky style off points in about 15 to 20 feet. Photo show Chris and his son Collin with their catch. My daughter-in-law, Sarah, also caught a four-pound bass. Hoping this coming weekend will be as productive.



**Vital Medical Information**

Do you have feelings of inadequacy? Do you suffer from shyness? Do you sometimes wish you were more assertive?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist about Cabernet Sauvignon.

Cabernet Sauvignon is the safe, natural way to feel better and more confident about yourself and your actions. It can help ease you out of your shyness and let you tell the world that you're ready and willing to do just about anything.

You will notice the benefits of Cabernet Sauvignon almost immediately and, with a regimen of regular doses, you can overcome any obstacles that prevent you from living the life you want to live. Shyness and awkwardness will be a thing of the past and you will discover many talents you never knew

you had. Stop hiding and start living.

Cabernet Sauvignon may not be right for everyone. Women who are pregnant or nursing should not use it.

However, women who wouldn't mind nursing or becoming pregnant are encouraged to try it.

Side effects may include: dizziness, nausea, vomiting, incarceration, loss of motor control, loss of clothing, loss of money, loss of virginity, delusions of grandeur, table dancing, headache, dehydration, dry mouth, and a desire to sing Karaoke and play all-night rounds of Strip Poker, Truth Or Dare, and Naked Twister.

Warnings:

\* The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may make you think you are whispering when you are not.

\* The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may cause you to tell your friends over and over again that you love them.

\* The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may cause you to think you can sing.

\*The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.

Please feel free to share this important information with as many as you feel may benefit!

Now, just imagine what you could achieve with a good Shiraz...

## **Allied Propane Service Chevron Pro-Gas**

### **Saturday, June 15: WINE & CHEESE TASTING**

The Lake Berryessa Senior Center will be having a WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT on Saturday, June 15th, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, featuring a variety of wine from local NAPA Valley wineries. Snack foods and cheese.

The WHEEL WHEEL will be there for a chance to win a bottle as well as a SILENT AUCTION.

Call the center at 966-0206 or Paul at 966-0357.

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### **BBQ & BARN DANCE**

Kick-Off the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday !!!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2013**

**5:00 pm - 10:00 pm**

**BBQ 5 - 8pm - DANCING TIL 10PM**  
BERRYESSA SENIOR CENTER

SPANISH FLAT LOOP RD.

No-Host Cocktails, Beer & Wine  
Music, Dancing, Raffles & Door Prizes

Come have fun and be part of helping to support our community. All  
proceeds benefit the "Berryessa Senior Center".

**\$25 Adult (BBQ & Dancing)**

**\$8 Children**

**(Children 10 and under (hot dog meal)**

**Tickets may be purchased at  
Spanish Flat Country Store, Turtle Rock, or  
Call CeCe at 707-337-0224**



## **Big Barn Dance Event at the Berryessa Senior Center at Spanish Flat**



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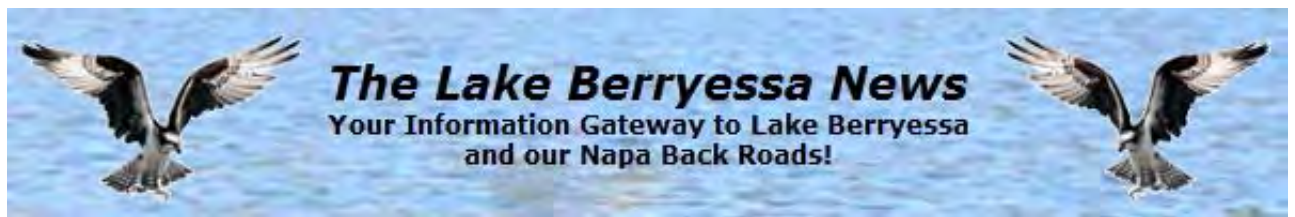


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## The Lake Berryessa News Report: July 9, 2013

It's been a quiet but hot couple of weeks at Lake Berryessa. The details regarding facilities is always available at:

<http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/facilities2.html>

The Bureau of Reclamation released a summary of the last Public Forum meeting in May. It's a bit dated but provides the latest accurate information about the situation at the lake. I've reproduced it below but it's also available at the following link:

[www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/updates/22\\_May\\_2013\\_Meeting\\_Summary](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/updates/22_May_2013_Meeting_Summary)

The Next Bureau of Reclamation Lake Berryessa Public Forum will be held on  
Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013, 6 to 8 p.m.  
Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue

## Lake Berryessa Water Level as of 7/9/13

The water level dropped another 7 inches to 422.86 feet msl or 17.24 feet below the  
Glory Hole spillway. The level has dropped by 12.4 feet since its high of 434.26 feet on  
April 18, 2012. The last two weeks were the hottest in many years with temperatures  
above 100 degrees for seven consecutive days. The high temperature at  
Monticello Dam was 109 degrees on July 5.

The surface water temperature is above 82 degrees. With the recent high temperatures, the water is evaporating at more than a quarter inch per day. During the summer, Lake Berryessa loses more total water to evaporation than is released from the dam during the whole winter. The 2012-2013 rain season reached a total of 20.65 inches on July 1, 2012 at Monticello Dam. The new rain season began last week on July 9.

## Summary of May 22nd Lake Berryessa Community Forum Meeting

### Current Status of Recreation Services:

Lake Berryessa Park Manager Jeff Laird provided updates on recreation services currently available at the lake. An interim contract for Markley Cove Recreation Area was signed May 27, 2013, and will continue through December 31, 2014, with two 1-year option periods. Markley Cove offers cabins, day use, boat launching, boat rentals, fuel and a general store. Pleasure Cove Marina remains under a long-term contract until 2040 and offers tent and RV camping, cabins, day use, boat launching, houseboat rentals, slip rentals, fuel and a general store.

Steele Canyon Recreation Area 707-966-9179 and Spanish Flat Recreation Area 966-9192 are now operating under an interim contract with Pleasure Cove Marina until December 31, 2013, with two 1-year option periods. Both areas offer tent and RV camping, cabins, day use, boat launching, houseboat rentals, slip rentals, fuel and a general store.

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### **New Vocabulary**

**Driving While Gray:** A rude and age-ist accusation made by young drivers against older drivers whose speed does not exceed the legal limit.

**"and then I found five dollars":** a phrase used at the end of a story that had really no point to be told to someone; used at the end of boring stories to make them seem more interesting and worthwhile. "yesterday I went to the fridge and took out a yogurt but put it back and got an apple instead...and then I found 5 dollars."

**umop apisdn:** It's upside down, upside down.

**Z-List Celebrity:** An annoying ex-reality tv star that managed to get everywhere on TV Afterclap: That last person/people who keep(s) clapping after everyone else has stopped; normally parents, but it could be die-hard fans.

**Sloth-Cloth:** An old tee-shirt you wear while hanging around the house. The word is hard to say many times quickly.

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camping with a boat launch available at Steele Canyon. Berryessa Point and Shores Recreation Areas will remain closed until a long-term contract is awarded. Canyon Recreation Area will very soon be under an interim contract with Park Management to offer tent and RV camping and a boat launch.

All of Oak Shores Day Use Area is now open for day use as of May. Reclamation facilities, including Capell Cove Launch and day use area Orchard, Eticuera, and Smittle Creek, are open. The Visitor Center is open 1 p.m. on weekends and noon to 3 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Laird stated that the rates used by the interim contract have been approved by Reclamation and were evaluated using the Fee Comparability method. A launch and day use passes under the interim contracts will be site specific and sold on a calendar year basis, i.e. a boat launch pass sold anytime in 2013 will expire on 31, 2013. There will not be a pro-rated price for these passes if they are sold in a calendar year.

### **Recreation Services Contracts:**

A contract for six double-vault toilets has been awarded, no date of installation has been determined. Two each of the double-vault toilets will be installed at Putah Canyon and Spanish Flat Recreation Areas. A well-drilling proposal is forthcoming for Putah Canyon and Monticello Shores Recreation Areas. A water distribution improvement contract (including RV dump station, limited water distribution system at Putah Canyon and Monticello Shores, and slope stabilization at Spanish Flat) is forthcoming. A contract for tables, grills and fire rings to replace those currently rented from the Forest Service has been awarded. A contract for launch docks at Putah Canyon and Steele Canyon has been prepared for bids. A contract for security at Putah Canyon, Monticello Shores, and Berryessa Point has been awarded to Comprehensive Security Systems as of Friday, May 24, 2013, through September 30, 2013.


A project agreement has been signed with Tuleyome for rehabilitation of the Steele Canyon Trail. Reclamation is working with Napa County and the Lake Berryessa Commerce Center to develop a sign plan to direct visitors to recreation areas. The Forum Coordinating Team members stressed that the existing launch docks at Putah Canyon and Steele Canyon are too short and in poor shape and urged that the contract be moved forward with haste.

### **Process to Move Forward with Request for Proposals and Long-term Contracts:**

Acting Central California Area Office Area Manager Drew Lessard provided information on the process of awarding long-term contracts for concession operations at Lake Berryessa. As identified at previous meetings, Reclamation will pursue a process stressing preplanning and conceptual design prior to issuing a prospectus. Reclamation is identifying a schedule and will provide additional detail at the next Forum meeting. Reclamation is tentatively planning for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping process for the conceptual design to begin in approximately December. Reclamation intends to hold this scoping meeting in lieu of a standard Forum meeting. Reclamation would use consultants to conduct the NEPA environmental evaluation, the Archaeology and Engineering study and the financial feasibility study.

Drew Lessard indicated that the 2006 Visitor Services Plan/Record of Decision (ROD) Environmental Impact Statement under NEPA but that it did not contain sufficient information that needs to be addressed in another environmental document, which would include scoping sessions and public comment. Community Forum Coordinating Team members expressed concern that additional review may still be needed for additional construction starting or that additional review would be needed for additional

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## **Horoscopes**

### **Aries (3/21-4/19):**

**You will be caught utterly and completely off-guard by next week's events, causing you to wish once again that you had some sort of way to tell the future.**

### **Taurus (4/20 - 5/20):**

**You've tried everything you can think of to stop yourself from gaining weight. Unfortunately, you have your best ideas while eating entire coconut-cream pies.**

### **Gemini (5/21 - 6/20):**

**Despite your efforts to be a modern-day hero, you will slowly develop into a postmodern-era Internet meme.**

### **Cancer (6/21-7/22):**

**Although you've tried to be a decent person, that will eventually wind up making everything that much funnier to observers.**

### **Leo (7/23-8/22):**

**Patience will see you through life's most harrowing times. Plus you can fake patience by just sleeping constantly.**

### **Virgo (8/23-9/22):**

**Remember, the slow cycle of sun, wind, and rain can sunder even the hardest stone, so whatever you do, don't**

construction starting or that additional review would be needed for additional not required in the long-term concession contract.

Drew Lessard explained that for those items required in the contract, the env review will be conducted in two parts. The current plan involves F conducting the environmental evaluation for the initial site plans up to the design level for services and possibly a higher level of design for infrastr successful concession contractors will conduct the environmental evaluation specific designs for visitor services at the 95/100 percent design level.

## **Reclamation's Activities for Fire Management for the 2013 Season:**

Jeff Laird described fire prevention activities that Reclamation has Reclamation staff prepared concession areas for interim operators in accor instructions received from CalFire and Napa County. Reclamation n weedeated 25 feet around fire rings including clearing 5 feet of bare mineral each fire ring. Trees were trimmed to 10 feet above fire rings. Spanish Flat Area was inspected, and CalFire representatives were satisfied. CalFire requir at each fire ring or a mobile 150-gallon water tank and a pump for minor fire Cove LLC will have a 500-gallon tank and fire extinguishers at Steele C Spanish Flat. Putah Canyon will have a 150-gallon tank with fire extinguisher

Reclamation is requesting that CalFire offer training to concessionaires about Reclamation has mowed and weedeated grass to less than 4 inches around BE that Reclamation directly manages. CalFire crews have been working on the the lake with hand-lines and will bring in a dozer for other work in connecti second year of a controlled burn invasive plant management project on the the lake. Dependent upon weather and fire crew availability, that burn anticipated to take place June 18-20. Community Forum Coordinating Team expressed concern that Reclamation staff should be equipped with some prevention equipment.

## **Management Issues for the East Side:**

Community Forum Coordinating Team members provided the following issue Lake Berryessa's east side for future discussion at the Community Forum: (1 allowing grazing permits on Reclamation lands on the east side, (2) monitor status of compliance of the management agreement with the California Dep Fish and Wildlife, (3) visitor access and use of the road on the east side, (4) t from extensive fuels buildup in the wildlife area, (5) controlled burn projects side, and (6) active management of the resources on the east side. Recla contacted the California Department of Fish and Wildlife who has agreed future Community Forum meeting to address concerns with their manager wildlife area.

## **Future Meeting/Potential Topics:**

East side management concerns and issues and the Trail Management Plan mentioned as potential future topics, along with the progress on the long-term contracts. Members of the Community Forum Coordinating Team ind meetings do not necessarily have to be monthly, and that the upcoming recrea will keep Reclamation staff busy. The consensus was to hold the next meetin in July or August.

## **Public Comments:**

Public comments at the meeting raised concerns with the status of the ag secure either ownership or use of the roads and boat ramp at Steele Ca



go outside.

**Libra (9/23-10/22):**

The stars will give you fifty bucks if you go over to that guy in the next cubicle who's always talking loudly into his hands-free device and pour scalding hot coffee into his lap.

**Scorpio (10/23-11/21):**

While it's true you're not the brightest person around, take solace in the fact that you're not going to win any beauty contests, either.

**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21):**

Don't sink to the level of those who would drag you down with their judicious criticism. Instead, listen to those who praise you indiscriminately no matter what.

**Capricorn (12/22-1/19):**

No one can argue effectively without the correct set of tools, so make sure you have a hammer in each hand.

**Aquarius (1/20-2/18):**

Just take things one day at a time this week, even though you're up against a race of impossibly advanced aliens who can move through time at will.

**Pisces (2/19-3/20):**

Fire and water magicks are strong in your sign this week, so maybe it's time to consider quitting your job on that offshore oil rig.

reservations and camping options in the concession areas under interim con additional concerns about management, grazing and access on the east sid mowing of dispersed access areas; with the process for soliciting long-term contractors; and with the need to address future recreational opportunities and the concession areas.

**Supervisors approve Berryessa garbage rate hike making rates there n County's most expensive.**

by Peter Jensen, Napa Register, 7/7/13

Residents of Lake Berryessa and the surrounding areas will see a slight up rates they pay for garbage service starting Monday, after the Napa Count Supervisors approved a 5.73 percent increase in rates last week. For most customers with 20- to 45-gallon bins, the rate increase pencils out to be a d more than they currently pay. A 90-gallon bin will see a rate increase of abo a commercial 2-yard bin will see an increase of \$22.

Berryessa Garbage Service provides waste removal for about 800 cu communities in the unincorporated areas surrounding Lake Berryessa in ea County. The company made the rate increase request to the county in April, without it, revenue would come in 25 percent below what's needed to cover it company has been struggling following a slowdown in activity at resorts which once accounted for half the company's gross income.

Berryessa Garbage Service received a phased-in rate increase in 2012, which 7 percent July 1, 2012, and another 7 percent in January. The company rece revenue from contracts it had with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation over t years for cleanup and debris removal at the lake's resorts. It won't receive an 2013 because the contracts are complete, according to a county staff report.

Berryessa Highlands resident Stu Williams told the supervisors that the justified, based on the service the company provides. "They provide a service," Williams said. "We think a modest increase of this nature i warranted."

The rates are some of the most expensive among the county's garbage se Berryessa Garbage Service rate effective Monday for a 32- or 35-gallon car which is topped only by Pope Valley's \$43.96. Upvalley Napa County ha \$33.84; Calistoga's is \$25.48; Yountville's is \$25.46; Napa's is \$24.64; and t is \$24.61. The south county pays \$17.16.

**Fishing With Sid at Lake Berryessa**

Berryessa bass active despite heat wave

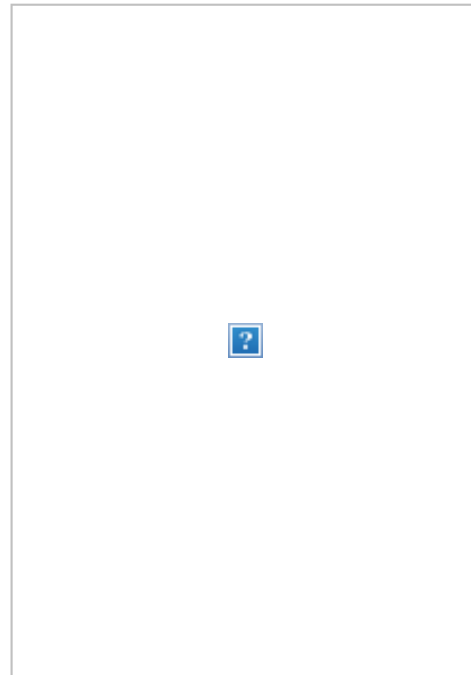
I hope everyone had a great July 4th!! My family and I enjoyed the holiday d our favorite things: Fishing! It was extremely hot on the 4th with temperature up to 113 degrees on the lake so I decided to wait till Friday morning before h but my son and his wife were out on Wednesday and Thursday (they love the weather), and scored good size bass up to 4 pounds each day.

Friday, early morning, Albert and I headed out to the Narrows. We fc shoreline into the Narrows and at each point we hooked up fish most of whi

keepers but still run to catch and release. we trilled from there to the vineyard up more fish along the way. I was surprised that the bass were so active considering the heat and the surface water temperature which was at 82 degrees. We had a great

The next morning I started out in the same location in the Narrows with Steve and wife Amy, who were visiting from Florida. This was the first time they had caught bass. Amy caught three bass one after the other right off the boat. Steve wondered why he wasn't getting any bites. Amy said she saw a fish jumping ahead of the boat so Steve to cast beyond the fish and bring it in slowly, and sure enough, that's how he got the bait with a wallop and Steve landed a 6-pound largemouth bass (see photo).

He cast out again with no luck. Not willing to give up on that spot he cast out again and it paid off; he hooked a 10+ pound bass which gave him a good fight all the way to the boat where the line snapped just before we could net him. We changed from plastic worms with brass and glass and a Senko watermelon with red flake and he hooked up another good size bass but never made it to the boat. He had been fishing all day long and really enjoyed himself. "Til next weekend, good fishing! If you have any questions or stories you would like to share please email me at [bestguide@hotmail.com](mailto:bestguide@hotmail.com).



### **Vital Psychological Information (As reported on Onion.com)**

#### **Scientists Find Link Between How Pathetic You Are And How Fast You Respond To Email**

CHICAGO-According to a study published this week in the Journal Of Communication, scientists at the University of Chicago have established a direct link between how promptly an individual responds to emails and how pathetic they are as a human being.

"Our research shows that, without exception, only the saddest and most pathetic individuals will reply to a new message in their inbox within moments of it arriving, whereas those who respond after an extended period-oftentimes up to multiple days-are invariably more socially adept, confident people," said sociologist Dan

confirming that the length of time that passed between receiving a given personal email and sending a reply was directly correlated to the level of diversity, and fulfillment in that person's life.

"By simply noting how quickly it takes an acquaintance or colleague to respond to online correspondence, email users can accurately assess what kind of person they are dealing with. And it goes without saying that those people who respond immediately to emails can safely be written off as miserable losers who are sadly hanging on to a message that gets sent their way."

Moran also added that the frequency with which one checked or refreshed their email account corresponded precisely to how empty that person felt inside.

## **POPE VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER BBQ & DANCE**

Saturday -- July 13, 2013

POPE VALLEY FARM CENTER - Chiles-Pope Valley Road  
Live Country & Western Music by "FBR" (Former Bull Riders)

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Dinner 5 - 8 pm / Dance 8 - 12 pm

Dinner & Dance combo - adults \$ 25 / 6 - 12 years \$ 15 / under 6 years \$ 10  
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For further information contact Chris Thompson  
(707) 965 -1531 truebrit@napanet.net

## **20TH ANNUAL POW WOW August 3rd- 4th, 2013**

Yountville Veterans Home Picnic Grounds, 11 am - dusk both days 100 California

Welcome! For last ten years, people of all ages and cultures have met each other at Yountville Veterans' home Picnic Grounds to enjoy singing, drumming, and dancing while broadening their understanding of Native American individuals, tribes, and nations. The previous ten years this county-wide event was held at Napa Valley. Our mission is to provide a cultural event that embodies the traditional and contemporary ways of Native Americans and recognizes the current accomplishments of Native Americans. We hope that you will join us for this year's Powwow.

Pow-Wows, Gatherings or sometimes referred to as Big Times traditionally were as seasonal celebrations, harvest gatherings to visit amongst families, to trade goods, and for young folks to meet marriageable partners from other tribal groups. In the colonial period it was a time to come together to see who had survived the "warring campaigns" and to find ways to go on as well as the traditional reasons for gathering together. Currently it is much the same. It is a time to share with all people the beauty and richness of Native American culture!

So please bring family, friends and co-workers. The event is free to come and go throughout the day as you wish. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. There will be crafts for sale. It is asked you come in a respectful way, no drugs or alcohol at the event. The master of ceremonies will be explaining things throughout the weekend. You can help support this annual event and the scholarship fund by donating money, goods, or services. For information about donations, vendor applications, and other details, please contact the Yountville Veterans' Home at (707) 965-1531 or visit our website at [www.yvhome.org](http://www.yvhome.org).



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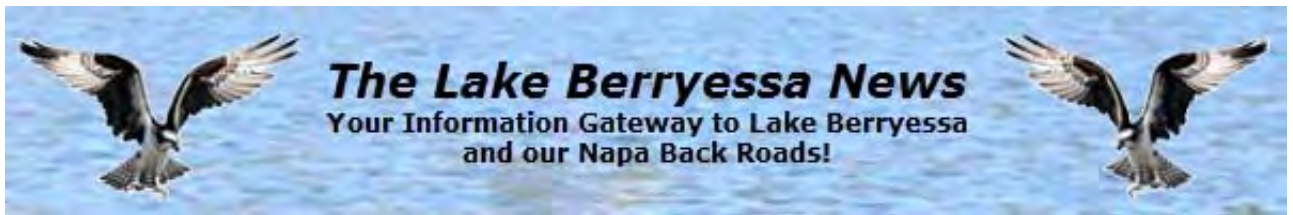
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## The Lake Berryessa News Report: July 16, 2013

The Lake Berryessa News is going on vacation! Back July 26th.

The weather continues to be warm and sunny at Lake Berryessa. The details open facilities are always available at:

<http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/facilities2.html>

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Steele Canyon Recreation Area and Spanish Flat Recreation Area  
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### Newsletter Editor Wanted

The Berryessa Senior Center is actively looking for someone to be its newsletter editor.  
If you are interested please send an email to [berryessasenior@aol.com](mailto:berryessasenior@aol.com) or call Center Secretary (Marcia) at the Spanish Flat Store at 707- 966-1600

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The Next Bureau of Reclamation Lake Berryessa Public Forum will be  
Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013, 6 to 8 p.m.  
Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue

### Lake Berryessa Water Level as of 7/15/13

The water level dropped almost 10 inches last week, more than any week so far this summer, to 422.06 feet msl or 17.94 feet below the Glory Hole spillway. The 2013 rain season reached a total of 20.65 inches since July 1, 2012 at Monticello. The new rain season began on July 1.

Thanks to Sandra Bunton Cox for the "Love the Lake" title and to Eric Stoneman for the design of this sticker. Download it here for your own use. Actual stickers will be printed soon for distribution around Lake Berryessa. You can add it to your own photographs of the lake. Send any good Lake Berryessa photos you have to [Pkilkus@gmail.com](mailto:Pkilkus@gmail.com).

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### **New Vocabulary**


**Nocializing:** The act of being out in a social public setting (i.e. Restaurant, Cocktail Bar, Coffee shop) and only spending time on your mobile device; not the people with or around you.

**Gloatgram:** an instagram post that features the user boasting about their life, usually in the form of food or leisure/travel.

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### **Horoscopes**

#### **Aries (3/21-4/19):**

Next week will see you at the front of a ragtag band of orphans, but that shouldn't surprise you, as you've been running the world's shabbiest orphanage for years now.

#### **Taurus (4/20 - 5/20):**

You've always wanted to become a local legend,



### **Lake Berryessa Eagles and Osprey**

By Cheryl Bean (7/14/13)

We have found two Eagle nests. One has two babies; the other has one. Last weekend we were lucky to see the adult bring a fish and feed the two young ones. They were sitting on branches outside the nest and jumped in the nest screeching for a meal. Yesterday when we went to check on the nest we saw the adult near the nest. The two young ones were flying! We then went to where we found another nest last year and saw an adult with one baby sitting on a branch outside the nest.

Next we went to Goat Island off of Oak Shores where there is the large Osprey nest. We call it the apartment because it is so big small birds make nests in the lower levels of the big nest. At the apartment we saw two adults and two babies. If you look at the adult (second from right) you can see the tail of a fish it has in its talons.



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so please enjoy your  
fame as The Guy Who  
Smoked at the Gas  
Station and Everyone in  
the Next Town Thought  
Was a Meteor.

**Gemini (5/21 - 6/20):**

We can't control who  
we fall in love with, but  
you're set to change all  
that with your new  
invention, the Love  
Controller 2.0.

**Cancer (6/21-7/22):**

This is a good week for  
romance in the  
workplace, which is  
troubling for you and  
everyone else at the  
monastery.

**Leo (7/23-8/22):**

A shocking revelation  
will shake you to the  
core of your being this  
week, which is odd,  
because it's merely the  
fact that the Doobie  
Brothers aren't actual  
brothers.

**Virgo (8/23-9/22):**

Betrayal, treason, and  
vile calumny will be the  
order of things next  
week, which you must  
admit, sounds a lot  
cooler than the light  
office work you're used  
to.

**Libra (9/23-10/22):**

You've always described  
yourself as someone who  
hates long goodbyes, but  
you've been standing on  
the edge of that bridge  
for three days now.

**Scorpio (10/23-11/21):**

While it's true only God  
can judge you, you're  
making it pretty easy for  
Him to decide you're a  
jackass.



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**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21):**  
You'll learn a valuable lesson about sharing this week, proving the effectiveness of hiring a top-rated sharing instructor.

**Capricorn (12/22-1/19):**  
Trying to eat healthier and exercise more is admirable, but only when combined with not running blindly into traffic out of sheer depression.

**Aquarius (1/20-2/18):**  
You may not be an expert on which snakes are poisonous and which aren't, but damn it, you know a cuddly one when you see it.

**Pisces (2/19-3/20):**  
Your deep-seated belief that there is meaning and purpose to the universe will be sorely tested this week, but only by the usual crap that always happens.



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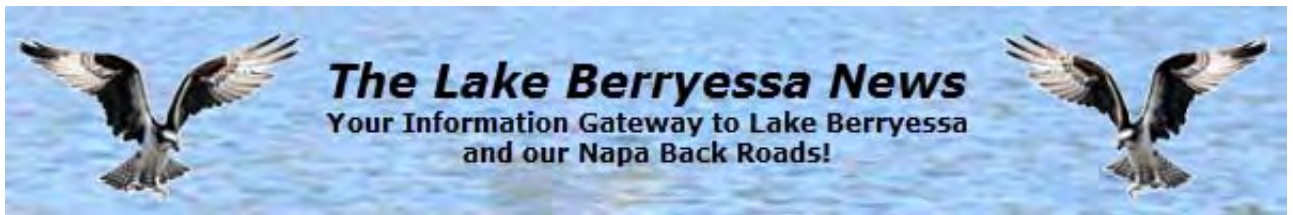


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## The Lake Berryessa News Report: August 6, 2013

### Lake Berryessa Jet Ski Safari

By Peter Kilkus

Summer is more than half over, but the weather is great and the water is war Berryessa. Unfortunately most people have to work during the week and can't take of the quiet beauty of the lake Monday through Friday.

Thanks to Marty Rodden of [Lake Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rentals](#) I was able to a jet ski safari of Lake Berryessa on Thursday, August 1, 2013 in search of tl species - the mid-week recreationist.

The air temperature was a sunny 85 degrees with a breeze and the water was 82 perfect for boating and swimming. The lake is about 20 feet below the Glory Hol but there's plenty of water surface and shoreline to enjoy.

Fishing has always been one of the main attractions at Lake Berryessa and there afternoon anglers about. There were several families having fun tubing, housebo generally relaxing in the sun. The north end of the lake was covered with hundre Berryessa grebes. I always enjoy floating among them and watching them swim Their flushing distance (when they notice you and dive) is usually about 20 feet. B get to experience seeing them up close if you're quiet.

[Read full story with photos here...](#)

Although we don't get many kayakers at the lake, I usually find some, and they al to be enjoying themselves (including their dog in this case).





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**August Birthdays**

1st Cheri Reghette

3rd Carol Metcalf

12th Paul Roussopoulos

& Gary Wagner

14th Jim Del Bondio

16th Maxine Eddings

19th Michele Quecke

22nd George Parrish

25th Shirley Schwartz

30th Lynn Bell

**New Vocabulary**

**Illegal Gymagrant:** A person who refuses to pay dues for a gym membership or sneaks into a gym for a workout without paying. An illegal gymagrant often convinces gym managers that they are going to "test out the gym" prior to signing up for an official membership where they have to pay.


**Emotionap:** Being too emotional, that eventually as a result, you fall asleep.

**Textretary:** A person's sidekick who texts for the driver.

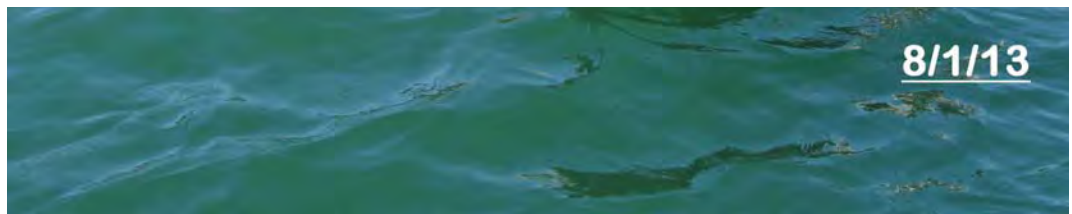
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**Cucina Italiana at Lake Berryessa**



**Lake Level as of Monday 8/5/13**

Lake Berryessa water level continues its 7 inch per week decline.  
The weather has been and continues to be remarkably beautiful.  
The elevation of the spillway (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440  
The water is now 19.81 feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evaporation	High	Low	Precip
7/29/13	420.67	0.29	94	53	0.

## **Horoscopes**

### **Aries (3/21-4/19):**

Your favorite T-shirt brings about your downfall when a literal-minded mob follows its instructions and fills you to the indicated line with margaritas.

### **Taurus (4/20 - 5/20):**

Once again, the specter of war will dominate international news, preventing people the world over from learning how you made the world's largest apple pie.

### **Gemini (5/21 - 6/20):**

Your problem is that you have no sense of proportion, which is why you paid surgeons to enlarge your head and hands.

### **Cancer (6/21-7/22):**

Some people believe your house in Heaven is filled with all the things you lost while on earth, which explains the dead pets lying everywhere.

### **Leo (7/23-8/22):**

The story of the universe has always fascinated you, but the ending will leave you with a lot of unanswered questions.

### **Virgo (8/23-9/22):**

Nightingales are known for their sweet, often melodious song. However, the one outside your window seems way more interested in Dancehall Reggae.

7/30/13	420.59	0.31	83	51	0.
7/31/13	420.51	0.18	92	52	0.
8/1/13	420.45	0.26	92	52	0.
8/2/13	420.36	0.32	88	56	0.
8/3/13	420.28	0.24	93	55	0.
8/4/13	420.19	0.31	90	53	0.

## **Reclamation to Hold Lake Berryessa Community Forum Meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 14, in Winters**

The Bureau of Reclamation will hold the next meeting of the Lake Berryessa Community Forum on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the Winters Community Center in Winters, Ca. The meetings are designed to promote public input regarding future recreation opportunities and services at Lake Berryessa. The public is invited to attend the Forum meeting which will be held: Wednesday, Aug. 14, 6-8 p.m. Winters Community Center 201 Railroad Ave.

At the May 22 meeting held at the Capell Valley Fire Station at the southern end of Lake Berryessa, Reclamation staff and members of the Community Forum's Coordinating Committee discussed the current status of recreation services, the status of interim concession contracts, the process to move forward with the request for proposals and long-term contracts, Reclamation's activities for fire management for the 2013 season and management issues for the lake's east side.

At the Aug. 14 meeting, Reclamation will provide additional updates on the status of recreation services, the progress being made on the request for proposals for concession contracts, and management issues on the east side of Lake Berryessa identified at the previous Forum meeting.

## **Visit Napa Valley Business Newsletter, July 2013**

Someday the results of this good news may be translated to Lake Berryessa.

With the close of June, our fiscal year 2013 was completed, and Smith Traveler's (STR) lodging data ending June 2013 shows healthy growth in all of the key lodging

**Libra (9/23-10/22):**

The doctors will soon treat you for an acute case of tuberculosis, but don't be alarmed: They're mostly just bored.

**Scorpio (10/23-11/21):**

While it's true only God can judge you, you're making it pretty easy for Him to decide you're a jackass.

**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21):**

Sometimes you wish your kids had come with an instruction manual, but then, that's the price you pay for getting them second-hand.

**Capricorn (12/22-1/19):**

You'll be showered with dozens upon dozens of beautiful bouquets this Valentine's Day, all carefully and lovingly arranged, around your tombstone.

**Aquarius (1/20-2/18):**

It will end with a big musical number, which is unfortunate, as it will also start with a big musical number, and contain a series of rather large musical numbers.

**Pisces (2/19-3/20):**

All that sugar will finally kill you this week when it falls from the top shelf and cracks the back of your head straight open.

(STR) lodging data ending June 2013 shows healthy growth in all of the key lodging for the preceding 12 months (85% of rooms reporting): Occupancy +2.7% to 66.1% Daily Rate +5.5% to \$247.77; Revenue Per Available Room +8.4% to \$163.82 Napa County Lodging Revenue +11.4% to \$276 million.

Additional data sets purchased from STR to help us get visibility into key segments: we are also tracking well on our strategy to build occupancy during need periods two results below are based on revenue per available room (RevPAR), a metric that incorporates both occupancy and rate, and the last one is revenue only because RevPAR was not available for that segment:

Weekend vs. Weekday, shows CYTD June growth of 12.9% for Weekdays and 10.1% for Weekends, indicating that our focus on mid-week business is tracking well.

Group vs. Transient, shows Group CYTD June growth of 14.4% and Transient growth of 10.1%, indicating we have begun to get better traction on group business, and Transient continues to be strong.

High Season versus Low Season, shows Low Season growth +10%, outpacing High Season growth +6.4% for the first time in at least three years, indicating our Cabernet programs are delivering desired results.

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Full or Part-time Apply in person anytime at the front gate of Steele Canyon Recreation Area, 1605 Steele Canyon Road.

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**Celebrate Summer on August 10th!**

On Saturday August 10th from noon until 4 pm the Community Church of Lake Berryessa and Valley Christian Church will again be hosting our "Celebrate Summer" event a free community event with a water slide, bounce house and dunk tank. There will be food and fun for all ages so come and join us.

They will also have "giveaways" and games throughout the day such as a water balloon toss and a watermelon eating contest. Come on down and dunk Pastor Bob and enjoy the afternoon. Event at Moskowitz Corners in the Church parking lot, call 252-2525 for information.

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Cocktails from 5 P.M. Dinner from 6:30 P.M.

For tickets and information call The Turtle Rock at 707-966-2246 or Jim Tschida at 707-966-1413.

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**Berryessa Senior Center**  
**BRING YOUR OWN MEAT BBQ**



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Saturday August 24 at 5:30pm  
Meat will be cooked by Chef Paul

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### **CAST for Kids - September 14, 2013**

The Bureau of Reclamation, Central California Area Office, in partnership with the (Catch a Special Thrill) for Kids Foundation and Pleasure Cove Marina, will host for Kids fishing event at Lake Berryessa on Saturday, Sept. 14.

The C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation is a national, non-profit organization whose provide disabled or disadvantaged children with the opportunity to enjoy a quality recreational experience through the sport of fishing.

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lake Berryessa's Pleasure Cove Marina. Each child will receive a fishing pole, tackle box, T-shirt and other prizes and spend time fishing with local anglers and volunteers. A free barbeque lunch will be provided for participants, parents and volunteers in the afternoon. Pre-registration is required for the event as availability is currently limited to 35 children.

The Bureau of Reclamation is seeking anglers and boaters who wish to volunteer their time and use their boat. To register as a volunteer angler or boater or for more information, please contact Jordan, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at 707-966-2111 ext. 143 or [jjordan@usbr.gov](mailto:jgjordan@usbr.gov)

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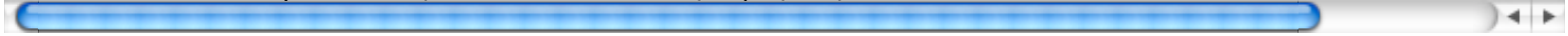
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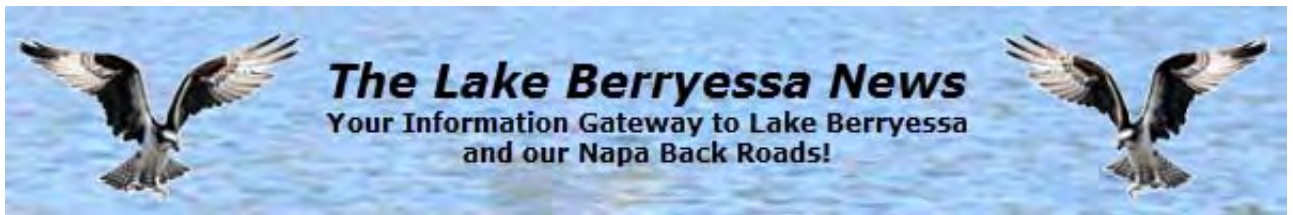
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## The Lake Berryessa News Report: September 12, 2013

Greetings to all the Friends of Lake Berryessa,

You may have noticed that I haven't sent out a newsletter for a couple of weeks but I have been relatively quiet at the lake. Summer is over, although the weather has continued to be, fantastic.

Remember to check the Lake Berryessa News web site ([www.LakeBerryessaNews.com](http://www.LakeBerryessaNews.com)) LIKE the Lake Berryessa Facebook page ([https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lake-Berryessa-News/114810958535085?bookmark\\_t=page](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lake-Berryessa-News/114810958535085?bookmark_t=page)) for any real-time news about the lake

The Labor Day rain showers produced some beautiful double rainbows and sunsets in the photo album link below. The tragic beating of Berryessa Highlands resident Powell, was a sad event in August, but he is now home and recovering. Our recreational businesses are still suffering economic hardships. Based on the Bureau of Reclamation proposed schedule of bids and contract awards, there will be no significant change in the present situation until at least the summer of 2015.

The Bureau of Reclamation estimated that the lake had seen only about 303,000 visitors per year. That figure is based on traffic counters, the number of full campsites and an average of 2 people per vehicle.

In 2012, the lake had 547,899 visitors, and in 2011 it had 456,648 visitors, according to Laird, the Reclamation Bureau's park manager at Lake Berryessa. The lake had been closed last year under a contract that the Reclamation had with Arizona-based Peninsula Reclamation terminated that contract in December for nonperformance.

After a second Freedom of Information Act request, Reclamation finally sent Berryessa News all the documentation relating to the Pensus contract termination. The termination letter is available on the Lake Berryessa News web site and makes for a fascinating reading.

### [Pensus Contract Termination Decision Letter \(PDF - 1.2 MB\)](#)

It should stand as a cautionary document and part of a training program for concession bidders.

The Lake Berryessa News is a member of the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership. We just completed its summer water quality education program with impressive results. The Bilge Pad and the summer interns distributed hundreds of bilge pads to boaters. We completed hundreds of surveys of both boater and day users. A full report will be in the Berryessa News soon. Until then check out these informative videos about the LBP.



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### New Vocabulary

**Bold Font Method**: This is a form of studying where one skims through a text and simply memorizes or learns everything in bold or italicized.


**Malware Reunion**: When a computer virus or other malware sends junk mail to recipients on your contact list, and a correspondence results between you and someone on your contact list with whom you have not communicated in a long time.

**Pizza Regret**: The feeling after spending a lot of money on a lot of takeout food and realising afterwards that it wasn't a good idea.

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### Horoscopes

What is the LBWP and who are its members:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biMT2FoDbZQ>

What the Water Quality Outreach Interns do.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFCZID9D8gs>

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Reclamation continues to meet its proposed schedule for Recreation Area improvement for the next bid prospectus due out in December 2013.

Fresh water systems are being connected to Steele Canyon and Spanish Flat Areas. The NBRID rainwater overflow holding ponds across from the Steele Canyon are nearing completion. A water hook-up there is imminent. Spanish Flat Recreation water meter installed but needs some further environmental clearance. A contract for a water well at Putah Canyon will be awarded soon.

Six vault toilets are on order for installation by next summer for Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat and Putah Canyon Recreation Areas. New picnic tables and fire pits are on order to replace the present ones still owned by Pensus. No one is sure of the status of Pensus or if they will take back their remaining property. Courtesy docks are on order to be installed at Steele Canyon and Putah Canyon this winter.

Planning is progressing with a market study to be done by early October. The market study will be used to develop site plans. Project schedules are also being developed. The schedules include about 100 development paths. National Environmental Protection Agency scoping will be done in December with full public participation.

Next Bureau of Reclamation Lake Berryessa Public Forum Meeting will include detailed project schedules and updates.

Lake Berryessa Public Forum Meeting  
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013

1 - 3 p.m.  
Napa Elks Lodge #832  
2840 Soscol Ave.  
Napa, CA 94558

## Roy Powell is Recovering and Back Home!

Roy was a victim of a violent crime on 8/13/13 at his home in the Berryessa Highlands at the south end of Lake Berryessa in Napa, CA. He was hit violently in the head with a baseball bat by a rowdy drunk at a party in an illegal rental house next to his own home. He induced coma for several days, and remained in the hospital until Wednesday, 9/11.

Friends who have visited him say that he looks great physically, and is recovering significantly after suffering from severe brain trauma. Hopefully he will make a full recovery over time.

Out of respect for the family's privacy, this will be the only update. The family thanks the Lake Berryessa neighbors and those friends from beyond the lake community who have expressed their sympathy and support.



**Aries (3/21-4/19):**

Your life will soon be divided into Pre-Angering-Of-The-Ants and Post-Angering-Of-The-Ants eras. (For Carl Scholer)

**Taurus (4/20 - 5/20):**

Sometimes in life you just have to march right in there, introduce yourself, fight off a couple of rather large security guards, and demand a raise.

**Gemini (5/21 - 6/20):**

You'll continue playing dress-up this week, despite being almost 30, and feeling kind of silly every time you put on that professional-looking suit.

**Cancer (6/21-7/22):**

**Remember:** God means something different to everyone, but only you, and those who agree with you, are right.

**Leo (7/23-8/22):**

The presence of Saturn in your sign this week indicates strength, determination, and you getting repeatedly struck by a Model SL1 Series.

**Virgo (8/23-9/22):**

The human mind is a thing of startling beauty. Unfortunately yours is mostly filled with old phone numbers and minor celebrity trivia.

**Libra (9/23-10/22):**

More and more, you're beginning to suspect your nickname might be pejorative.

**Scorpio (10/23-11/21):**



Messages left here for Roy and his family will be forwarded, and for those who contribute to the Powell family's medical costs you can do so at:

[www.wepay.com/donations/1551750558](http://www.wepay.com/donations/1551750558)

## **Road Work in Berryessa Highlands Starts Sept. 16**

Residents of the Berryessa Highlands will see some road resurfacing work in starting next Monday, Sept. 16. You can see the list of road segments and the project schedule on our website.

Residents and drivers in the Berryessa Highlands subdivision will see improvement on several segments of area roads beginning Sept. 16. Traffic may be affected by work during the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. The affected road segments and projected construction are:

Headlands Drive: Steele Canyon to End, 9/16 to 9/20

Eastridge Drive: Headlands Drive to Headlands Drive, 9/16 to 9/18

Westridge Drive: Headlands Drive to Headlands Drive, 9/16-9/17 to 9/19

Arroyo Grande Drive: Steele Canyon to End, 9/17 to 9/23

Rimrock Drive: Steele Canyon to End, 9/17-9/18 to 9/24-9/27

The work will begin with the grinding of roadway curbs, gutters and concrete, and will conclude with paving. Signs will be posted to notify motorists and pedestrians. Pavement edges will be uneven and parking on the affected roads will not be allowed.

The roads will be open to travel at all times during construction. However, there will be periods of time where traffic is limited to one-way travel with a flagperson at either end of the work area. The County acknowledges that construction may pose a minor inconvenience to motorists for a short period of time and appreciates the patience of the subdivision community. It is recommended that motorists seek out alternate routes during construction or simply allow for more travel time between destinations.

## **When a [Venn Diagram](#) is More Than a Mathematical Concept**

Sometimes when I feel that we are all just bubbles of cynicism floating in a sea of ignorance, I find a simple cartoon or a bit of satire that makes me feel a little all better. This cartoon is from one of my favorite magazines of positive thinking, *Yes Magazine* ([www.yesmagazine.org/](http://www.yesmagazine.org/)). The use of a simple **Venn diagram**

Any hope you once had of aging with grace and dignity will be dashed this week, when you turn 25.

**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21):**  
Financial reward is most definitely in your future. Keep scooping out those "take-a-penny" trays at the truckstops along I-80.

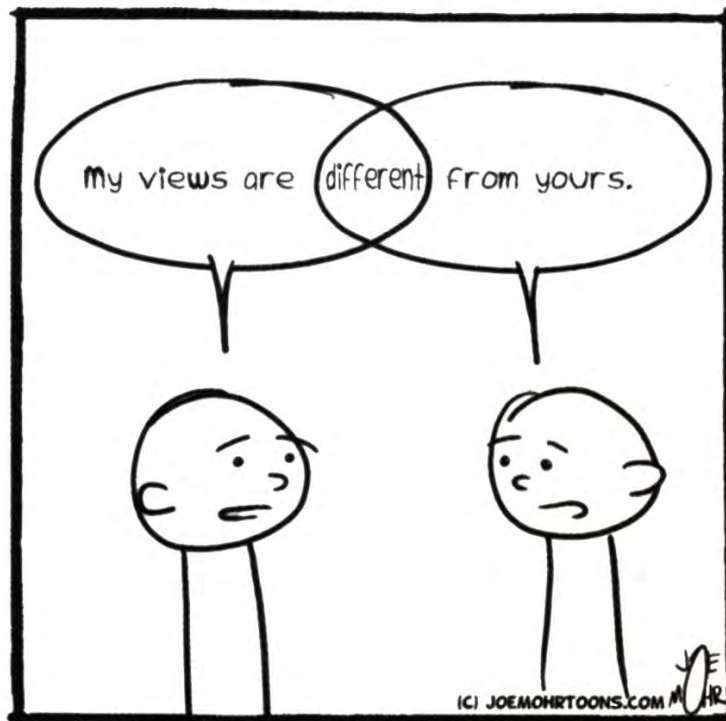
**Capricorn (12/22-1/19):**  
Fear and Jealousy will soon tear you apart, which is rather unfortunate, as Fear and Jealousy are the two pitbulls that live next door.

**Aquarius (1/20-2/18):**  
You claim that nobody understand you, but then, the strange white men in lab coats are doing the best they can.

**Pisces (2/19-3/20):**  
Advances in science will soon allow man to travel to the most distant corners of the universe. Still no word, however, on it being able to get you off that couch.

perspective that, despite cultural and personal backgrounds, we (all Earth-based humans) are more alike than we are different.

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Dear Lake Berryessa News reader,

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I hope this information helps. If you have any additional questions please let me know at [pkilkus@gmail.com](mailto:pkilkus@gmail.com).

### [Labor Day Light Shows at Lake Berryessa](#)

The light showers we had at the south end of the lake on Sunday, 9/1, produced amazing double rainbows and glorious sunsets. Here's a photo album.



### [The Worlds of Wine Tasting at Lake Berryessa](#)

By Peter Kilkus

I was fortunate enough to sit in at a blind wine tasting at one of my favorite wineries, [Rustridge Ranch and Winery](#), in Chiles Valley up the road from Lake Berryessa. I have no sense of taste, in more ways than one, I did not participate. Five wine professionals were developing a strategy for the potential introduction of a new wine blend by Rustridge.

The first step was to do a blind taste test of several types of wine that fell into a specific category. Two of the wines, The Prisoner (\$39) and Abstract (\$29), are very popular at the present time. The others were lower-priced, but good examples of the type of wine that I may like to emulate.







After tasting, commenting on, and rating the covered wines, the results for each were combined in a final ranking. The covers were taken off the bottles and the spirited discussion of vintages, prices, and marketing began. As a novice, I was impressed with the knowledge displayed of the industry and of the competitive marketing strategies in

One surprise was that the top choice of the group was Old Vine Red by Marietta Geyserville. Coincidentally, this wine is the house wine of our local restaurant, [Cucina Italiana at Lake Berryessa](#), where it's been a favorite for many years.



Abstract (\$29) and The Prisoner (\$39) were the next choices. Why do three good wines have such a disparity in pricing, with the cheapest actually being chosen in a blind taste test? Good strategic marketing and targeted distribution which develops following among people with the money to spare is the likely answer.

#### Rustridge Ranch & Winery Tasting Results

1. Old Vine Red - Marietta Cellars, Geyserville (\$11)
2. Abstract - Orin Swift Cellars, Napa (\$29)
3. The Prisoner - The Prisoner Wine Company, Napa (\$39)

3. Red Wine - Sean Minor, Napa Valley (\$15)
4. Rustridge Experimental Blend - Napa Valley (unpriced)
5. Old Patch Red - Trentadue Winery, Geyserville (\$9.50)

Thanks to Susan Meyer of Rustridge, I was able to duplicate the taste test with some sophisticated wine lovers at Kilkus Estates above Lake Berryessa the next day.

The results were comparable showing that a less sophisticated palate can still choose wine. Of course the results may have been influenced by the beauty of the location at an altitude of 1,400 feet above sea level, which gave the wines the ability to 'breathe' in the air.



### **Fishing With Sid at Lake Berryessa**

by Sid Silberberg

Labor Day weekend was just perfect at the lake this year. The weather was great and fishing was super!!! I took out Justin whom I had not seen since last year. He wanted to target bass and boy did he. See photo of him holding two bass just over five pounds each. He had a great day.

The following day I took Bob out again and taught him to drop shot, wacky worm & glass with a worm and use a senko weightless. We went to the vineyards and the west side by the Bureau. Saw balls of bait all over the lake. We fished the area around the Bureau heavily with no luck so I decided to go by the west wall going south toward the Flats with no success. I changed to deeper diving lures and instantly we started catching. Bob caught four bass up to four pounds in less than twenty minutes. We had a great day.

The icing on the cake for this weekend was when my wife and kids just passed



son's boat and my wife had a hit. As she was reeling it in the bass jumped twice as big and bigger each time. She brought in a ten pound two ounce very large male bass, her biggest bass to date. 'til next week.....good fishing!!!



### **Future Pro Tour Anglers Headed to Lake Berryessa, September 28th**

**By Vince Harris**

The fifth event of the Future Pro Tour season dubbed "The Grapes of Wrath," will be held September 28th on Lake Berryessa, one of the most beautiful lakes on the Sonoma Coast located right in the heart of the world famous wine growing region of California.

The beginning of fall is just as special to serious bass anglers, as many look for the turning leaves, and the cooling water - brought on by shorter days, for largemouth bass begin to "feed up" on the huge schools of bait fish that should be everywhere, kicking off a feeding frenzy not unlike the springtime pre-spawn bite.

And if you want to get in on all of the fun...it's not too late! Come on out and join the fun and excitement as you learn to build your bass fishing skills - which is the mission of the Future Pro Tour from its inception. And if you missed out on the tour and/or just want to fish this event to "try us out", limited membership fees of just \$100 for anglers are always available. For as we say...we can't guarantee that you will catch a big one, but we will guarantee that you will have a whole lot of fun trying!

[Read full story at MyOutdoorBuddy.com...](http://MyOutdoorBuddy.com...)

## **The Berryessa Valley History Exhibit Now Has A Web Site**

Carol Fitzpatrick has developed a great new web site for the Berryessa Valley History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village Center with some interesting photos and personal stories about the Berryessa Valley and Town of Monticello before the Monticello Dam was built in 1958.



## **FOUR RETIREES VISIT A BAR**

Four old retired men are walking down a street in Yuma , Arizona. They turn a corner and see a sign that says, "Old Timers Bar - ALL drinks 10 cents." They look at each other and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true.

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on in and let me serve one for you! What'll it be, gentlemen?"

There's a fully stocked bar, so each of the men orders a martini. In no time the bartender serves up four iced martinis shaken, not stirred and says, "That'll be 10 cents each,



The four guys stare at the bartender for a moment, then at each other. They can't be good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round. As excellent martinis are produced, with the bartender again saying, "That's 40 cents, 1

They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity gets the better of them. They've each had martinis and haven't even spent a dollar yet. Finally one of them says, "How can yo to serve martinis as good as these for a dime apiece?"

"I'm a retired tailor from Phoenix," the bartender says, "and I always wanted to ow Last year I hit the Lottery Jackpot for \$125 million and decided to open this place. drink costs a dime. Wine, liquor, beer it's all the same." "Wow! That's some story!" the men says.

As the four of them sip at their martinis, they can't help noticing seven other people of the bar who don't have any drinks in front of them and haven't ordered anything time they've been there. Nodding at the seven at the end of the bar, one of the men bartender, "What's with them?"

The bartender says, "They're retired people from Florida. They're waiting for Happ when drinks are half-price, plus they all have coupons..."

### **Reclamation Announces Late-Summer/Fall 2013 Park Even Ranger Interpretive Programs at Lake Berryessa**

All activities will be held rain or shine and are free of charge. Some programs h size limitations, so please contact the Park Ranger office or Recreation Planner availability. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate for t and bring water and sunscreen for daytime activities. Children are welcome, but t age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

California Coastal Clean Up Day Saturday, September 21, 9 a.m. to noon Loca Creek Bridge Parking Lot & Markley Cove Area Join Reclamation, the Solanc Conservation District and partners for this annual lake and shoreline clean Volunteers will clean up the shoreline of Lake Berryessa as part of the state-wid event. Since the program began in 1985, over 800,000 Californians have removed 15 million pounds of debris from our state's shorelines and coast. To volunt contact Jason Jordan at 707-966-2111 ext. 143 or [jgjordan@usbr.gov](mailto:jgjordan@usbr.gov).

Nature Hike - Fall Foray Saturday, October 5 and Saturday November 16, 10 a.n p.m. Meet at the Smittle Creek Day Use Parking Lot Join a ranger for a leisurely l Smittle Creek Trail along the western shoreline of the lake. Enjoy an autumn day California's unique Blue Oak woodland and the tranquility of Lake Berryessa. N south end of the Smittle Creek Day Use Area parking lot, off of Knoxville-Berry Vehicles can be shuttled to the trail end point at Coyote Knolls within the Oak S Use Area. Hikers can stay with the ranger for the entire 2.6 mile, 4-hour hike or lea they choose. Bring a lunch to enjoy on the hike. For details/directions, please co McGraw at 707-966-2111 ext. 112 or [mmcgraw@usbr.gov](mailto:mmcgraw@usbr.gov).

National Public Lands Day Saturday, October 19, 9 a.m. to noon Location: P Bridge Parking Lot Help restore Lake Berryessa's native landscape at this restora Volunteers will plant native plants and trees as part of an ongoing restoration volunteer, please contact Jason Jordan at 707-966-2111 ext. 143 or [jgjordan@usbr.gov](mailto:jgjordan@usbr.gov).

Night Walk - Halloween at Berryessa Saturday, October 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. N Smittle Creek Day Use Parking Lot Join a ranger for an evening walk and disci goes bump in the night." Learn about bats, owls and other nocturnal critters that

goes bump in the night. Learn about bats, owls and other nocturnal critters that visit Berryessa home, and experience the night time world using all your senses. Meet at the end of the Smittle Creek Day Use Area parking lot, off of Knoxville-Berryessa Road. Bring a snack to enjoy on the hike. For details/directions, please contact Mike McGraw at 707-966-2111 ext. 112 or [mmcgraw@usbr.gov](mailto:mmcgraw@usbr.gov).

**Lake Berryessa Water Education Program Available by Appointment Oak Shore Area** The Lake Berryessa Water Education Program is an interdisciplinary experience for students in grades 4-6. The program integrates the natural resources of Lake Berryessa with California State curriculum standards. Classes join a Park Ranger to learn about the importance of water in their lives. In addition to the on-site experience, a teacher packet is available with logistical information and pre- and post-visit activities. Berryessa Rangers may be available to conduct pre-site classroom presentations. For details on this free program, please contact Mike McGraw at 707-966-2111, ext. 112 or [mmcgraw@usbr.gov](mailto:mmcgraw@usbr.gov).

**Paddle with a Park Ranger (paddling tours are listed below)** Experience Lake Berryessa from a unique perspective during these ranger-led paddling tours. Each tour offers a different experience as they launch from various areas around the lake. Events occur rain or shine, but high winds could cause an event to be cancelled. Paddling outings are open to experienced swimmers with a kayak, canoe or other non-motorized boat. Coast Guard-approved life jackets will be available, but boats will not typically be available for rent. Participants must bring their boat, life jacket, paddle, sunscreen, hat, water, clothing layers dependent on weather, and a lunch/snack. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited.

**Water and Wildlife Saturday, September 7, 9 a.m. to noon** Meet at Pope Creek Park. Enjoy paddling the Pope Creek arm of the lake, learning about local history and observing birds and other wildlife. Boats must be carried down a short, somewhat steep, rocky shoreline. Note: parking may be limited. For details/directions, please contact Todd Eggert at 707-966-2111 ext. 111 or [reggert@usbr.gov](mailto:reggert@usbr.gov).

**Full Moon Friday Friday, October 18, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Meet at Capell Cove Launch. Explore Capell Creek and enjoy the full moon on this nighttime paddle. Learn about bat adaptations to navigate in the dark. Note: bring flashlights and extra warm clothing. For details/directions, please contact Todd Eggert at 707-966-2111 ext. 111 or [reggert@usbr.gov](mailto:reggert@usbr.gov).

**Water and Wildlife Saturday, November 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Meet at Foxtail Flat. Enjoy the last guided paddle for the year. Weather will be a factor, allowing for wildlife sightings along Big and Small Islands. For details/directions, please contact Todd Eggert at 707-966-2111 ext. 111 or [reggert@usbr.gov](mailto:reggert@usbr.gov).

## 2013 Coastal Cleanup at Lake Berryessa on September 21, 2013

We're looking for Volunteers to clean up Lake Berryessa during the 29th Coastal Cleanup, a statewide & international effort to clean trash from coasts, bays, creeks and lakes. Lake Berryessa provides drinking water for nearly half a million people in Solano County including Anheuser-Busch and the Jelly Belly factory.

### TO VOLUNTEER:

**Ground crew near Markley Cove**  
**Contact Marianne Butler**  
[MarianneButler@SolanoRed.org](mailto:MarianneButler@SolanoRed.org)



707.301.5778

**Dive, canoe & kayak crew @ Pope Creek Bridge**

**Contact Robin Metoxen**

[iguanabobsdivecenter@gmail.com](mailto:iguanabobsdivecenter@gmail.com)

707.252.1219

Details will be provided when you register.

We're asking volunteers to help reduce the environmental footprint of Coastal Cleanup I

**\*Bring a bucket or reusable bag, a pair of gardening gloves and a reusable water b**  
*If these BYO's are not possible for you, we'll have supplies for everyone.*

**Coastal Cleanup Day ONLY works with the support o**  
**volunteers like you. THANK YOU.**



Department of Resource Management



## Free Flu Vaccination Clinics

| CITY            | DATE              | TIME         | LOCATION                                                 |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Yountville      | Saturday, Sept 14 | 9 AM - 12 PM | Yountville Community Center<br>6516 Washington St.       |
| Lake Berryessa  | Monday, Sept 30   | 11 AM - 1 PM | Berryessa Senior Center<br>4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd.    |
| St. Helena      | Wednesday, Oct 2  | 3 PM - 6 PM  | St. Helena Elementary School<br>1325 Adams St.           |
| Napa            | Monday, Oct 7     | 10 AM - 1 PM | Napa Senior Center<br>1500 Jefferson St.                 |
| Angwin          | Wednesday, Oct 16 | 10 AM - 1 PM | Angwin Fire Department<br>275 College Ave.               |
| Napa            | Monday, Oct 21    | 3 PM - 6 PM  | Napa Elks Lodge<br>2840 Soscol Ave.                      |
| American Canyon | Wednesday, Oct 30 | 3 PM - 6 PM  | Multi-Use Center<br>2185 Elliot Dr.                      |
| Calistoga       | Monday, Nov 4     | 3 PM - 6 PM  | Calistoga Fairgrounds<br>Butler Pavilion, 1435 N Oak St. |
| Napa            | Wednesday, Nov 13 | 3 PM - 6 PM  | McPherson Elementary<br>2670 Yajome St.                  |



## CAST for Kids - September 14, 2013

The Bureau of Reclamation, Central California Area Office, in partnership with the (Catch a Special Thrill) for Kids Foundation and Pleasure Cove Marina, will host for Kids fishing event at Lake Berryessa on Saturday, Sept. 14.

The C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation is a national, non-profit organization whose provide disabled or disadvantaged children with the opportunity to enjoy a quality recreational experience through the sport of fishing.

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lake Berryessa's Pleasure Cove Marina. Each child will receive a fishing pole, tackle box, T-shirt and other prizes and spend time fishing with local anglers and volunteers. A free barbeque lunch will be provided for participants, parents and volunteers in the afternoon. Pre-registration is required for the event as availability is currently limited to 35 children.

Reclamation is seeking anglers and boaters who wish to volunteer their time and use their boat. To register as a volunteer angler or boater or for more information, please contact Jordan, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at 707-966-2111 ext. 143 or [jgjordan@usbr.gov](mailto:jgjordan@usbr.gov)



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## **The Lake Berryessa e-News, Oct - Dec. 2013**

### **The New Lake Berryessa News News Report Creates Nearly Uncontrollable Excitement**

Early morning enthusiasm once again gripped residents of the small rural Lake Berryessa community as they flocked in droves to see local Spanish Flat Country Sore and Deli's weekly bulletin-board posting of upcoming events and area news from the New Lake Berryessa News News Report.

"Here it comes, everybody!" said owner Marcia Ritz, who stood near the front of the large, clamoring crowd that had gathered in and around the small café, spilling out into the parking lot and beyond. "I can't wait a second longer to find out this week's community happenings and other items of interest."

As Ritz spoke, a Spanish Flat Country Store employee was seen to emerge from behind the counter carrying what appeared to be a computer printout in one hand, a stapler in the other.

According to witnesses, the buzz among the assembled locals reached fever pitch as the employee elbowed her way through the throng, making her way to the corkboard affixed to a wall near the coffee shop's entrance.

The New Lake Berryessa News News Report Weekly Neighborhood News & Events Listing—known simply as "The Board" by area readers—has reportedly enjoyed massive popularity since its first posting a few weeks ago, with residents piling into the eight-seat-capacity establishment to get the latest leads on complimentary wine-tastings, open-mic nights, and gluten-free recipe seminars.

Though the Spanish Flat Country Store opens at 7 a.m., this Thursday there was already a line around the block by 6:30, filled with people who admitted they just couldn't wait to find out what valuable information this week's edition of the 8-and-a-half-by-11-inch sheet of paper might hold.

Some folks are worried, though, that once reliable internet service is available in this rural area and they can get the New Lake Berryessa News News Report on their home computers and smart phones, another fun rural tradition will vanish into history as so many others have.

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### **Are Mountain Lions Back in the Berryessa Highlands?**

I had never seen more than a muddy print of a mountain lion before December, 2006. Plenty of coyotes, turkeys, deer, and rabbits around my house. A few bobcats, hawks, rattlesnakes, lizards, and frogs. A skunk eating a lizard on my steps as I came around the corner one night. A three foot long rattlesnake in Evan's kitchen one summer.

I'd heard stories about mountain lions from neighbors here in the Berryessa Highlands. There was a lion that Garth and Victoria saw around their water tank. Dennis on Rimrock had his goats killed by a mountain lion and Fish and Game shot it. Mike's dog dragged a mountain lion carcass down from the hill. Justin came around a curve on our road on his dirtbike, saw a mountain lion on the side stalking a deer, and gunned his bike past it trying not to look back!

So when one loped across our road in front of me (I was in my car), I finally got to join the sighting club. It was amazing! Big feline head, muscles rippling across its flanks, and the long thick tail curving up behind it. I watched it run down the hill for about ten seconds before it disappeared in the bushes. A few months later I came upon two cubs playing in the middle of my road at night. They looked right into my headlights and then kept walking up the road for another minute before jumping into the woods. My neighbor, Tony, later emailed that he had just seen a mother lion and two cubs padding down our road at the end of Rimrock in the Berryessa Highlands. Some of our Rimrock neighbors also saw the trio walking down Rimrock.

But none of us had seen a mountain lion for several years until last week when my neighbor Rose Ann sent me this note:



"I was driving home late last night (November 7, 2013) and suddenly two small furry creatures began darting across the road between our properties (from yours to ours). They were darling! What was amazing to me was that they were different colors. One was light and the other was light with black and brown fur. They had long tails. They looked kinda playful because they were so darn cute, but then they were gone. Regardless, I would not have gotten out of my car. Their protector was no doubt close by.

A Steele Canyon Road resident said that one of the neighbors a while back had a mountain lion in her tree that came back every night for months. Nothing happened in particular, but it does say "look up!"

Rose Ann added that our friend Ismael was outside his trailer up by Turtle Rock and saw a small bobcat darting. He witnessed it and the nearby dog witnessed it at the same time. The bob cat jumped up the tree! Then it jumped to the other tree. The dog didn't see the second jump and kept barking at the first tree nonstop. Ismael was stunned that they could jump like that.

Country living at Lake Berryessa! If you have any Lake Berryessa wild animal stories send them to me at Pkilkus@gmail.com.

### **The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area (NCA) – Why Bother?**

Every now and then an editorial in a regional newspaper is published in support of the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA proposal. The editors' reasoning is usually quite superficial and doesn't address the substantive issues involved.

Although it is unlikely that this NCA bill will ever be passed by Congress (according to GovTrack), opponents should be alert for any activity. The status of the bill is available online (see link below).

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H.R. 1025: Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area Act

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/hr1025>

10% chance of getting past committee.

4% chance of being enacted.

Only 11% of bills made it past committee and only about 3% were enacted in 2011–2013.

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Although I support the concept of legitimate National Conservation Areas, my basic arguments against the creation of this NCA are:

As specified in the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7202) the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS), which includes National Conservation Areas and National Monuments, was established in order to "conserve, protect, and restore "nationally significant landscapes" that have "outstanding cultural, ecological, and scientific values for the benefit of current and future generations."

This NCA does not meet the basic standard of "nationally significant" as defined in the Act, especially with the inclusion of Lake Berryessa.

It is geographically and ecologically incoherent, unlike many of the legitimate existing NCAs. It consists of two separate regions – Lake Berryessa to the south and the Mendocino National Forest to the north – but only half of the Mendocino National Forest because of strong opposition from the Glenn and Colusa County Boards of Supervisors.

Lake Berryessa is not a nationally significant landscape, nor is it ecologically significant. It is a man-made lake serving as an agricultural, drinking water, and recreational resource – in that order of priority. Even many fish species are not indigenous. Natural trout are not allowed to be planted in the lake, for example, only genetically manipulated triploid trout.

The land around Lake Berryessa has been significantly disturbed for decades by human use, construction, and grazing. It is typically unremarkable oak woodlands and grasslands, as exist throughout California. Ecologically, the land is interesting but not critical to the existence of any species. And it contains no significant cultural resources (Native American).

An NCA designation, which has some ill-defined language and despite protests to the contrary, would potentially allow the Bureau of Land Management to supercede the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Services Plan and Record of Decision with a new land use plan that can eliminate launch ramps, marinas, and much motorized recreation and other recreational uses of the lake.

The economic benefit arguments do not stand up to scrutiny. There are dozens of so-called "gateway communities" surrounding this NCA. Modest increases in certain types of recreation will not make up for the hundreds of thousands of visitors who have already been eliminated as Lake Berryessa visitors by the disastrous actions of the Bureau of Reclamation. The recreation economics statistics being misused by the proponents are general summaries only. They include activities like snow-skiing and other recreation activities that do not occur at Lake Berryessa or elsewhere within the NCA boundaries.

The NCA will not add any facilities at Lake Berryessa. There are already hundreds of new campsites, RV sites, and lodging units in the plans that were approved by Reclamation for the redevelopment of the lake. The critical issue is the timeliness of Reclamation's process to select a new companies to implement that redevelopment, something an NCA will not impact.

The majority of the residents, private property owners, and ranchers in the Lake Berryessa region with whom I have spoken oppose this NCA. Even with statements that private property is exempt from the NCA, property owners are suspicious of the basic motives behind the NCA's creation.

If most of the land in the proposed NCA is already owned and protected by public agencies, why is an NCA necessary at all?

Founded in 1997, the Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area BRBNA Conservation Partnership provides a forum for public and private land managers to meet and discuss their activities. The group has nearly 75 members, including federal and state agencies, counties and other public entities, local businesses, non-profit organizations and conservation-minded landowners – all with the common goal of promoting collaborative conservation of the natural and working landscape of the BRBNA.

The only minor benefit of an NCA designation put forward by proponents is that it may allow better coordination among government agencies within the NCA and could possibly bring additional management funds to these agencies. But this "benefit" is not one of the decision criteria in the law itself (Omnibus Act).

The Bureau of Land Management already has a Resource Advisory Council, which coordinates various public agencies and private interests regarding planning for this whole region. At present, and into the near future at least, there are no additional funds available – even if the NCA legislation were passed.

Based on the lack of compelling evidence for its need, the Berryessa Snow Mountain region should not become an NCA, especially if it includes Lake Berryessa, because it does not meet basic NCA criteria and will have no significant benefit of any kind for this region.

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### Berryessa water, sewer districts closer to state compliance

Almost two decades after first running afoul of state water quality regulators, two water and sewer districts at Lake Berryessa are getting closer to finally reaching regulatory compliance. Accomplishing this feat — now several years in the works — would end the threat of fines, building moratoriums, cease and desist orders, and other punishments the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has handed down to the districts.

Each district has been discharging treated wastewater through spray fields, which is prohibited under a 1995 state environmental law because Lake Berryessa is the main source of drinking water for Solano County.

The discharges follow periods of heavy rain because district wastewater ponds weren't designed to hold enough current volumes, forcing the district to activate the spray fields. State regulators first attempted to bring the districts into compliance in 1995 and 1996.

Residents of each district at the northern and southern end of the lake have had to stomach steep increases in their water and sewer rates, as well as property tax assessments, in trying to fund needed infrastructure improvements to their water and wastewater systems.

On Tuesday, residents of both districts received the good news they have been waiting for. For the Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District, which covers the Berryessa Estates subdivision on Putah Creek, the district has struck a tentative deal with the regional board to wipe away hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines for discharges, attorney Janice Killion told the board of directors. The Board of Supervisors acts as the districts' directors.

Provided the district can keep to a dictated construction schedule for infrastructure improvements and wastewater pond expansions, the regional board has agreed to ignore punishment for a discharge that happened in 2012, and allow the district to discharge this year and in 2014, if needed, Killion said.

"In Vegas, they call this a jackpot," Supervisor Mark Luce said. The district is currently awaiting grant funding from a state government fund that would pay for the improvements. Residents doubled their water and sewer rates in the spring to qualify for the funding.

Last week, the Board of Supervisors also waived repayment of \$1.6 million in loans the county has issued the district, which was also needed to qualify for the grant funding.

Killion said the residents' decision to pay more in rates — a necessary step to balance the district's budget — was a key factor in persuading the regional board to be lenient on the Estates' district.

"Over the last few years, every time it rained you had so much stress," Estates resident John Hallman said. "This is such incredible news I can hardly take it all in."



For the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District, serving the Berryessa Highlands subdivision on the lake's southern shores, the regional board is getting close to removing a moratorium on building on properties in the community, Killion reported.

The Highlands passed a property tax assessment last year that's funding its infrastructure projects, including a massive expansion of its wastewater ponds. Finishing the ponds allows the regional board to lift the moratorium, which bars property owners from making improvements to their properties.

The moratorium has been in place for six years, and has stunted property value growth along with owners' ability to sell properties, Highlands resident Stu Williams said. Killion said it could be lifted in January.

"We're almost at the end," Highlands resident Larry Finkel said. "Getting this cease and desist order canceled will be a huge boon. It's a huge step to the revitalization of the Berryessa Highlands."

Feds to commit funds for Berryessa redevelopment, Peter Jensen, Jan. 21, 2013, Napa Register

Lake Berryessa residents got more good news at a community meeting with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation last week — the federal agency is prepared to commit money for redeveloping some resorts at the lake, and is working to revert the resorts to their old titles.

The agency is also forming a group to plan for the future of recreation at the lake, is looking to line up interim concessionaires to operate the resorts for two to four years, and is negotiating to avoid tearing out a boat launch and road at the Steele Park resort, which was slated to happen in February.

Reclamation officials delivered this news to about 80 residents at the Berryessa Senior Center last Thursday night, said Stu Williams, a resident and member of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce who attended the meeting.

“It is good news,” Williams said. “I’m encouraged.”

Williams said the new group will include members from 10 groups, local homeowners, ranchers, business owners, land-based recreation, water-based recreation, conservationists, the city of Winters, the Solano County Water Agency, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and public safety organizations with Napa County.

Anyone interested in applying to be a part of that group should submit a resume to Park Manager Jeff Laird at the Lake Berryessa field office by Feb. 7, Williams said.

After the group is formed, Reclamation intends to hold monthly public meetings beginning in February, he said.

Reclamation is currently operating three daytime resorts at the lake — Spanish Flat, Steele Park and Putah Creek — seven days a week, with free boat launching at Steele Park and Putah Creek. Two others, Berryessa Marina and Rancho Monticello, remained closed.

The agency is working with the operators of Markley Cove and Pleasure Cove to possibly have them take over operation of the other resorts, but if that fails to happen it will open the interim concession contracts up to bidders with the goal of finding them as quickly as possible.

Reclamation’s former contractor, the Pensus Group, has appealed the agency’s decision to terminate its contract, and the appeal is currently being processed, Williams said.

The investment of funds this year to pay for infrastructure and improvements at the resorts with the intent of providing an incentive to bidders on the long-term concession contracts, he said.

The agency is negotiating with the former operator of the Steele Park resort, Sean Buckley, to keep a boat launch and roads at the resort, which would be a benefit to tourists and boaters at the lake, officials said. A clean-up contract that Buckley and Reclamation signed in 2010 stipulated that the road and launch ramp needed to be removed by Feb. 5. It’s also working with the operators of Markley Cove to extend their contract, which is set to end in May.

“People are banding together up here to try to have something get up and going,” Williams said. “We have a lot of diverse interests. What we want to do is see that all of these diverse interests are represented.”

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Danger, Lake Berryessa, Danger! by Peter Kilkus

For those of you old enough to remember Robby the Robot's call, "Danger, Will Robinson, Danger!" on Lost in Space, we are not facing a meteor storm or alien invasion. What is coming towards Lake Berryessa is more mundane, but still highly negative.

The usual radical pseudo-environmental exclusionist suspects have begun floating the idea that some of the resorts should not be reopened at all, reopened with limited amenities, or reopened for day use only.

These are the same gnomes now trolling door-to-door in Napa County and on the internet trying to drum up support to turn Lake Berryessa into a National Monument. They are doing so because they finally realize that Congressman Thompson's wildly unpopular bill to create a Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area will never pass Congress.

Tuleyome, the Sierra Club, and other proponents of the NCA, knowing that they will never get that bill passed, have begun an anti-democratic strategy to bypass Congress and have the President declare Lake Berryessa a National Monument under the Antiquities Act - simply by a stroke of his pen!

In the statement below, I voice my opposition to a bill by Congressman Thompson to shift the management of Lake Berryessa from the Bureau of Reclamation to the Bureau of Land Management. The bill needs significant changes to its language to guarantee that the redevelopment of Lake Berryessa, delayed as it has been, will not be delayed further, nor will the renewal of the lake be limited by the typical Napa County anti-growth goblins. Both of these Thompson bills are linked.

As I've documented, Lake Berryessa, as beautiful as it is, does not meet the basic standards of an NCA. And it especially doesn't meet any criteria to become a National Monument.

The Bureau of Reclamation developed a Water and Land Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Users' Handbook (WALROS), September 2011, which attempts to define various forms of recreational settings and management goals. WALROS defines six recreation settings: Urban setting; Suburban setting; Rural developed setting; Rural natural setting; Semi-primitive setting; Primitive setting.

Lake Berryessa clearly falls into the Rural Developed Setting:

"A rural developed area is beyond a metropolitan area and the suburban ring of development. Rural developed areas may serve as "bedroom" communities for urban areas and may contain working farms, ranches, and towns. In this setting, primary road networks are common. Although development will be prevalent and common, the setting has a pastoral sense because of an interspersing of forests, water resources, hills, valleys, canyons, wetlands, open spaces, and agricultural lands. Naturally appearing shoreline edges are common, although various water controls or other structures are also common. Recreation management is prevalent and common but not as extensive as in an urban setting (e.g., personnel, rules, facilities, signs, services, conveniences, security).

Recreation use, diversity, socialization, concentration, sense of security, and conveniences are less common than in a developed suburban or urban setting. The sights, sounds, and smells of recreation and non-recreation use are common, yet interspersed with locations and times when the urbanized visitor may experience a sense of tranquility and escape from everyday challenges. Examples of rural developed areas include areas with country estates, second homes and cabins, dams, power stations, primary and secondary roads, communication lines, resorts, marinas, small communities, full service campgrounds, county and State parks, farms, ranches, and small commercial and industrial establishments."

These are not fictional or hypothetical dangers Lake Berryessa faces - they are very real. How would a National Monument designation affect residents, property owners, and ranchers in the boundaries? How would the designation affect the NBRID, the Berryessa Highlands, and the potential Community Services District being planned for the lake?



All friends of Lake Berryessa need to pay attention and take action against this National Monument strategy. Write to your local newspaper. Write to Congressman Thompson. Send your protests to the House Subcommittee on Water and Power (kiel.weaver@mail.house.gov) which is working on both of Thompson's bills.

The Sierra Club has already set up an automated letter-writing site to support a National Monument designation for Lake Berryessa:

You can fill out the form on that site, but change (personalize) the actual letter and title to oppose the proposed National Monument action. Then hit the Send Message button to let President Obama and Secretary Jewell know how people who care about Lake Berryessa really feel.

Danger, Lake Berryessa, Danger!

Maybe we really are facing an alien invasion.

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#### Feds lay out recreation plans for Lake Berryessa, Peter Jensen, Mar. 13, 2013

Recreational opportunities at Lake Berryessa this summer are likely to be scaled down, with day-use, boat launching and camping offered at four sites along the lake's western shore, as the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and a local panel of residents and public officials look to establish more long-term solutions for the lake's resort sites.

Two resorts on the southeast side of the lake, Pleasure Cove and Markley Cove, will offer overnight stays in cabins and vacation rentals, as well as marinas. Reclamation is in discussions with the contractors in charge of those resorts to get them to take over more sites at Lake Berryessa this summer, Deputy Area Manager Drew Lessard said Wednesday.

Failing that, Lessard said Reclamation would put out a quick request for proposal to line up interim contractors.

Reclamation, like all federal agencies, is preparing to enact budget cuts tied to sequestration in Congress, but Lessard said he doesn't believe the cutbacks will spoil its plans for this summer.

The cuts will have a long-term effect if sequestration is fully implemented, but Lessard said Reclamation is still determining how to take account for that in its budgets.

"We intend to have adequate funding," Lessard said of summer recreation at the lake. "I don't think we have a concern right now. What I've been told from above me is that (Berryessa) is important and a priority."

The new plans follow Reclamation's decision last year to oust the Pensus Group, its old contractor for six of the seven resorts at the lake. The federal agency has been holding a series of public meetings at the lake to get input on what kinds of development and services Reclamation should look for in finding a new long-term contractor or contractors.

The bureau also created a new committee of residents and public officials from Reclamation and local and state governments that will assist in this process, Park Manager Jeff Laird said.

Laird said that's been beneficial is smoothing over the frayed tensions between Lake Berryessa residents and Reclamation, and helped bring a shared focus on how to plan for the future.

"I've been at Lake Berryessa for about a year now," Laird said. "In that time I've seen the public support grow, I think, significantly. Reclamation and the public both need to communicate."

Reclamation is planning to get short-term contractors signed up for this summer and the next year to offer camping and day-use at Putah Creek, Steele Park, and Spanish Flat resorts, as well as the Oak Shores site, which is currently for day-use but has offered camping in the past.

Reclamation is offering boat launching at Putah Creek and Steele Park, although it needs to negotiate with Steele Park's former contractor to continue doing so this summer. The agency had plans to tear out the boat ramp and roads at Steele Park, but Lessard said it needs to strike a deal to prevent that.

Laird said he's noticed that many people from Davis and Winters go to Pleasure Cove and Markley Cove, while Fairfield, Vacaville, and Napa County residents tend to go to the west sides of the lake. He said the camping sites hope to draw longer stays from tourists, which would offer more of a boost to the local economy than people who only come for a day.

Laird acknowledged that getting tourists to return to the lake as they once did will require more investment in developing facilities and services.

"People both in Napa County and in other places have been disillusioned," Laird said. "Things have changed so dramatically."

Lessard said that drawing people this year will require moving quickly.

"I think we need to get interims in place," Lessard said. "We want to move as quickly as possible. We're excited about all of this. It's now kind of within our control to move forward and develop this."

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#### Inching forward at Lake Berryessa, Napa Valley Register Editorial Board, Mar. 16, 2013

You can understand why the battered and bruised Lake Berryessa community might be skeptical.

The recent history of government management at Lake Berryessa is not unlike Lucy's track record of holding the football for Charlie Brown.

Convincing residents that this time will indeed be different won't be easy.

Perhaps that's why the Bureau of Reclamation isn't promising much. The immediate goal is to keep attendance at Napa County's top summer boating and camping destination stable. Federal officials in charge of recreation planning at Lake Berryessa said last week they want to maintain the numbers from last year while working with the community to build a plan to improve them in the future.

The lake's economy has suffered from declining attendance figures throughout the last decade.

Hope arrived when a new concessionaire was selected in 2010 to operate five of the seven resort sites on the lake. But the Pensus Group failed to meet its contractual obligations and the government terminated its contract with the beleaguered contractor in December 2012.

That did not leave a lot of time to rebuild for this summer.

Reclamation officials said last week that they are negotiating with the lake's two remaining resort operators at Markley Cove and Pleasure Cove to operate some additional sites on the west side of the lake.

If those negotiations do not bear fruit, the government said it will open a "quick" request-for-proposals process to bring in interim concessionaires for the next year or two.

The hope is to keep the Putah Creek, Oak Shores, Steele Park and Spanish Flat sites open and operating as they did last summer.

More importantly, Reclamation said its top priority is to foster better relations with the Lake Berryessa community with the help of a volunteer group made up of stakeholders and residents who will meet monthly to devise a longer-term plan for recreational services at the lake.

That panel met for the first time in February. It is expected to report its progress publicly on a monthly basis.

Ahead of any conclusions drawn from that group, Reclamation is moving slowly forward with lessons learned from the Pensus experience still front of mind.

It is why the department isn't going in search of a long-term concessionaire contract — or contracts — now. Deputy Area Manager Drew Lessard said that perhaps a more prudent solution may be to have multiple operators at the lake, so that all of the government's eggs aren't in one basket as they were with Pensus. Input from the stakeholder panel may also inform those decisions.

Lessard was also quick to allay concerns that federal "sequestration" cuts may be the next shoe to drop at Berryessa. Department hiring could be impacted, he said, but sequestration should not affect any of the immediate resort objectives, adding that the resurrection of vibrant economic and recreational activity is a priority for the department.

Residents at Berryessa have certainly heard that before. For whatever its worth, it is a different group of people — Lessard and new Park Manager Jeff Laird — saying it this time around. At the very least, local Reclamation officials appear to be doing a better job communicating with residents through the newly formed committee and recent public forums.

And unlike the past, the feds are not promising the moon. They are setting reasonable goals and engaging the public throughout the planning process — listening first, acting second. After the turmoil of the last decade which has seen bitterness toward the government fester through torn-up trailer sites and failed resort contracts, a more conservative, steady approach is certainly in order.

Disclosure: Editorial board member Michael Haley represents the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District on the new Lake Berryessa committee formed by the Bureau of Reclamation.

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#### Berryessa resort names to be changed, Apr. 6, 2013

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has changed the names of five of the seven resorts at Lake Berryessa.

The changes follow the termination of Reclamation's former contractor at the lake, the Pensus Group, and coincides with its ongoing efforts to line up new short-term contractors for this summer for these five resorts.

- Putah Creek Resort — called Chaparral Cove under Pensus — will now be called Putah Canyon Recreation Area.
- Rancho Monticello — called Manzanita Canyon under Pensus — is now Monticello Shores Recreation Area.
- Lake Berryessa Marina — called Blue Oaks under Pensus — has become Berryessa Point Recreation Area.
- Spanish Flat Resort — called Foothill Pines under Pensus — is now Spanish Flat Recreation Area.
- Steele Park Resort — Lupine Shores under Pensus — is now Steele Canyon Recreation Area.

The last two resorts, Pleasure Cove Marina and Markley Cove Resort, will keep their current titles, Reclamation said in a news release Friday.

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Bureau reports drop in tourism at Lake Berryessa: Fewer resorts, amenities offered this summer, by Peter Jensen, Aug. 24, 2013

With a week left until Labor Day weekend, tourism at Lake Berryessa has been down compared with last year, and that has meant a mixed bag for businesses that rely on tourists visiting the lake.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation estimated last week that the lake had seen about 303,000 visitors this year. That figure is based on traffic counters, the number of full campsites and an estimate of people per vehicle, Reclamation Bureau spokesman Louis Moore wrote in an email.

In 2012, the lake had 547,899 visitors, and in 2011 it had 456,648 visitors, according to Jeff Laird, the Reclamation Bureau's park manager at Lake Berryessa.

The lake had more resorts open last year under a contract that the Reclamation Bureau had with Arizona-based Pensus Group. The bureau terminated that contract in December for nonperformance, and had five of its seven resorts at the lake operating this summer.

The bureau signed an interim contract with Forever Resorts to offer day use and camping at the Spanish Flat and Steele Canyon recreation areas, as well as boat launching at Steele Canyon. Forever Resorts also operates the Pleasure Cove resort under a long-term contract.

The bureau also signed an interim contract with John and Linda Frazier to operate the Markley Cove resort, and an interim deal with Hollister-based Royal Elk Park Management for the Putah Canyon recreation area. Putah Canyon offered camping, day use and boat launching this summer.

Laird said he's heard good things from the concessionaires that the Reclamation Bureau currently has, but he noted that visitor numbers stayed down this year.

"All the concessionaires have reported positive," Laird said. "The lake as a whole, visitation has been down a little."

Forever Resorts has seen a 7 percent increase in sales this summer, said George Cuprak, who handles the company's resorts, marketing and special projects.

He said that cabin bookings at Pleasure Cove have been up 8 percent and that houseboat rentals were up 13 percent. He said that many visitors have come from Napa County, and that he hasn't seen large numbers of visitors from elsewhere making the drive to Lake Berryessa.

"It's good news," Cuprak said. "It's been a good season. We'd love (sales figures) to be up a lot more."

But Kym Gilson, manager of the Cucina Italiana restaurant in Spanish Flat, said the overall drop in tourism has made for an extremely slow summer for her business.

She said she was hoping to do 30 to 50 meals a day, but some days this year have only seen a half-dozen meals.

She said the restaurant gets patronage from residents who live at the lake, and it has geared a marketing campaign toward attracting motorcycle riders to Lake Berryessa.

This summer was a far cry from past summers, when all the resorts were open and offering more amenities than tent and RV camping, Gilson said.



“This restaurant used to thrive,” Gilson said. “There used be lines waiting for a table.”

Another slow summer in 2014 could prove disastrous, Gilson acknowledged. “It could put all of us out of business,” she said.

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