
Lake Berryessa News, October 31, 2022

Scary Halloween

Today is Halloween which is supposed to be a scary day of fun. However, the scariest day coming up is Tuesday, November 8, Election Day. The rich have trained the middle class to hate the poor. The important question for this country to answer is, "With whom or what are you so angry that truth and facts become irrelevant to you?" Is your motto, "Any end justifies any means"? Can you spell "Herschel Walker"?



Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday at 2AM. Set your clocks back one hour.

Lake Berryessa Revitalization Progress

Sun Outdoors continues to make progress in the permitting process for Steele Canyon Recreation Area and Spanish Flat Recreation Area. Hopefully, they'll begin construction at Steele Canyon soon. One decision they'll face is whether to keep the resort open during the massive construction that will take place or try to phase-in the project elements while keeping the resort open to the public.

Since the lake water level is so low and dropping, there probably won't be much demand for boat launching until the level rises again. This gives Sun the option of closing the resort and dedicating all their resources to constructing the new facilities. The originally scheduled Steele Canyon Resort reopening date is Summer, 2024. I personally wish to see development occur as rapidly as possible.

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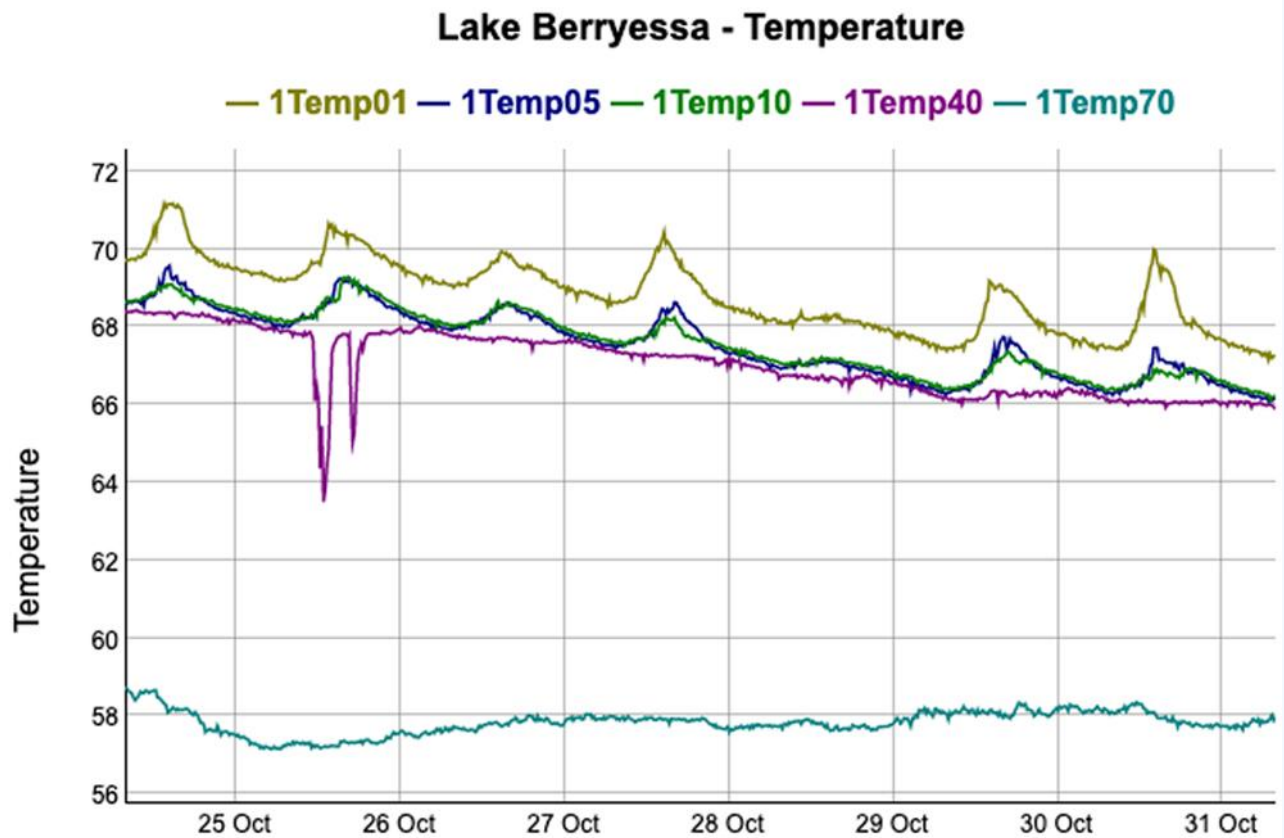
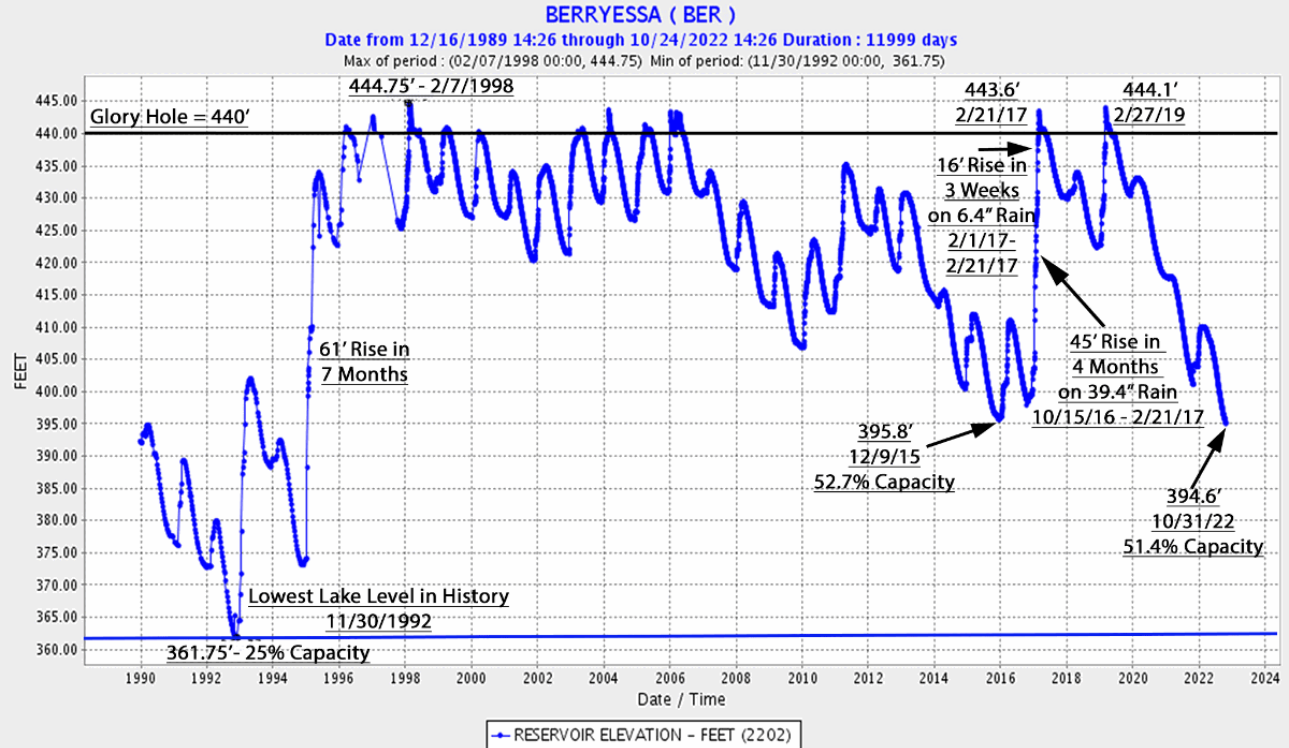


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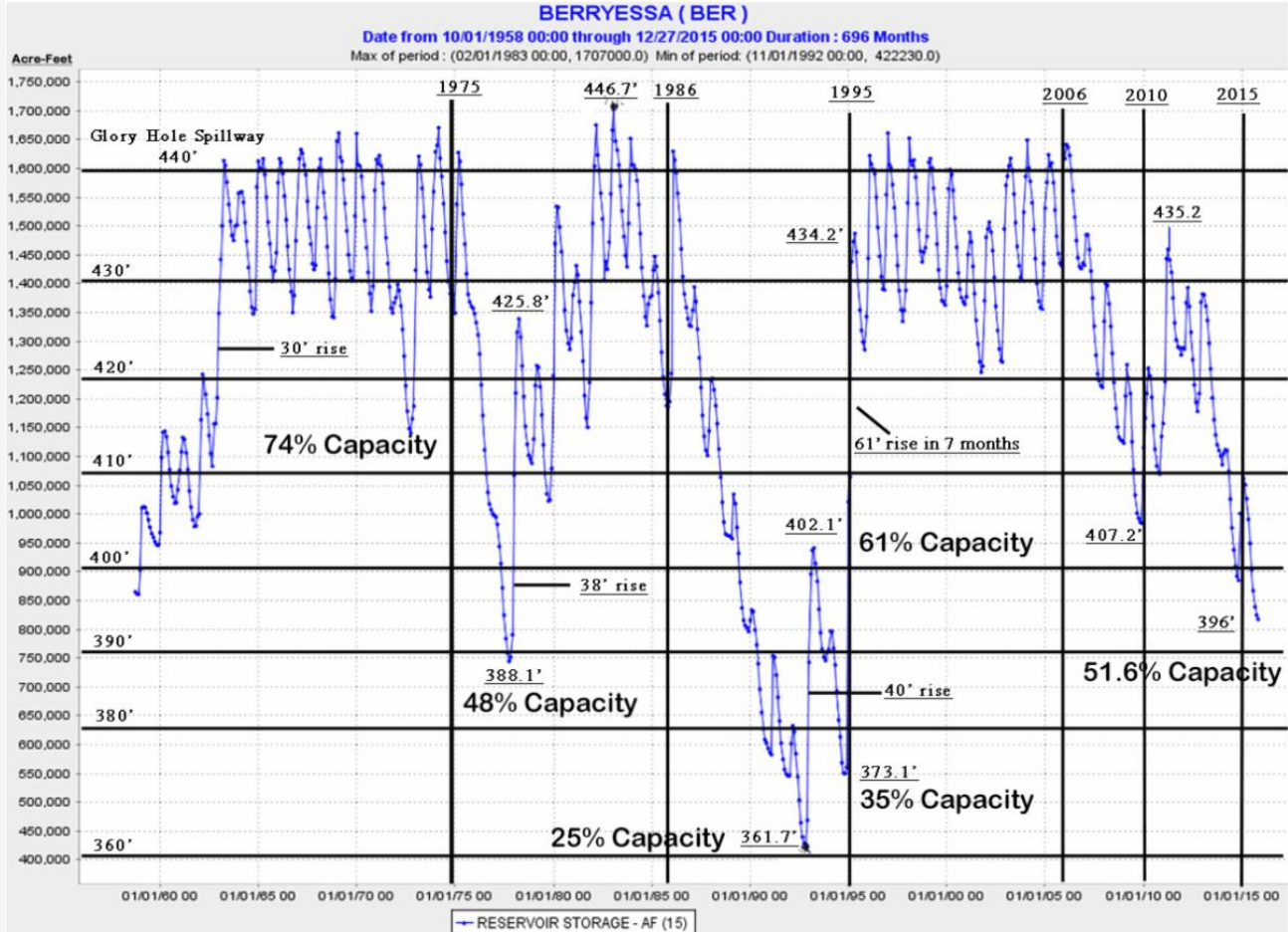
Lake Berryessa Statistics (10/31/22)

The lake is now down to 396.4 feet - 45.4 feet below Glory Hole. The level is now 14 inches below the lowest level reached during our last drought, 395.8' on December 9, 2015. Rainfall at Monticello Dam remains at 1.15 inches. The Gamble Gauge is at 51.4% capacity.

Surface water temperature has dropped to 67 degrees from the surface to 40 feet down. Temperature is around 58 degrees at 70 feet and below.



The weather is unpredictable, but Lake Berreyssa has recovered from three serious droughts in its history.



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There were two short articles about the Berryessa Point bid process - but nothing about the results or the accepted proposal itself. There was a puff piece about people who came to the lake to escape the heat wave in September. There were a few regular fishing aticles by Brent Randol which mentioned Lake Berryessa. Typically drownings or boating accidents were featured along with vehicle accidents, even if the vehicle accidents were actually far from the lake.

But only the Lake Berryessa News provided almost daily reports of lake issues, water levels, lake revitalization process reports, and other items of interest to Lake Berryessa supporters on its social media sites and in its print version.

If you like the Lake Berryessa News in all its forms please send a donation check of \$20 (or more if you feel so inclined) made out to Peter Kilkus (not the Lake Berryessa News) and mail it to Peter Kilkus, 1515 Headlands Drive, Napa, CA 94558. If you trust the US Postal Service, you can stick a crinkly old \$20 bill in an envelope with your information and send it to the same address. You can also use Venmo or Paypal if you wish. My account is under the name Peter Kilkus. You can contact me directly call 415-307-6906 or email me at pkilkus@gmail.com.

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Your decision to support the Lake Berryessa News will show your vote of confidence in the future of the Lake Berryessa community. I'll continue to do my best to keep you informed about every detail affecting the lake community.

Thanks, Peter

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Another Lake Berryessa Facebook Page

Some people who follow the Lake Berryessa News Facebook page may not be aware that there is another Facebook Group page dedicated to Lake Berryessa:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/231107393758315>

That page is more conversational and people post photos and ask & answer questions. It also has some of the latest information about the condition of launch ramps. Check it out.

Lake Berryessa Launch Ramps

Most of them are still open in some state of "launch at your own risk".

The Steele Canyon Launch Ramp is closed, but Spanish Flat is open and honoring Steele Canyon annual passes. Check with the resorts for the latest status:

Markley Cove, 707-966-2134, www.markleycoveresort.com

Pleasure Cove Marina, 707-966-9600, www.goberryessa.com

Steele Canyon Recreation Area, 707-966-9410, www.sunoutdoors.com/california/steelecanyon

Spanish Flat Recreation Area, 707-966-0200, www.sunoutdoors.com/california/spanish-flat

The Capell Launch ramp is closed for obvious reasons. (See photo below.)



The Silliness of the Recall Effort Against Napa County Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza.

"Any end justifies any means"?

Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza can legitimately be called a strong proponent of the revitalization of Lake Berryessa and the Lake Berryessa community. He has been an enthusiastic supporter of the future of Lake Berryessa since I first met him and gave him a tour of the area when he was appointed supervisor by Governor Brown.

Proponents of the Pedroza recall point to his involvement with his in-laws' purchase of potential vineyard land near the controversial Walt Ranch vineyard project. Pedroza denied having a conflict but agreed to recuse himself from votes involving Walt Ranch after citizens brought the matter up. The Board of Supervisors redid the December vote without him and the Walt Ranch project was approved.

The group that wants Napa County Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza ousted from office before his term ends must gather 3,232 signatures by Feb. 9 to qualify a recall ballot measure. Registrar of Voters John Tuteur estimates the cost to the Napa County of a recall election would be \$175,000 to \$250,000.

U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson, State Sen. Bill Dodd, and Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, wrote, "Don't sign the recall petition" in a September letter to the Napa Valley Register.

Those who follow Napa County politics understand that Napa is one of the most anti-development and "well-protected" counties in the state, if not the country. Groups and individuals use about any excuse to try to stop any proposed development such as large homes, and especially wineries. This was clear from the attempt to pass the Stream Setback Ordinance many years ago and the original Oak Woodlands Initiative, as well as the follow-up

Napa Water Quality And Tree Protection Ordinance - all of which were defeated.

The Pedroza recall attempt is just another anti-development move (this one aimed at a winery - Walt Ranch) cloaked under an "anti-corruption" banner.

Seasonal Closures at Lake Berryessa

The Bureau of Reclamation has announced recreation area closures and new operating hours at Lake Berryessa beginning Sept. 25. These seasonal closures allow natural resource recovery as Reclamation performs necessary maintenance.

Reclamation-operated locations at Berryessa remain open year-round with the exceptions and hours listed below:

The north side of Oak Shores Day Use Area and the two restrooms along the Smittle Creek Trail are closed until March 31.

The south side of Oak Shores Day Use Area will continue to offer restroom facilities, picnic tables, water access and a kayak/canoe hand launch.

Gates will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. to reflect daylight hours' changes at Oak Shores, Smittle Creek and Eticuera.

Capell Cove Boat Launch **area** will remain open from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. The **launch ramp** remains closed to motorized boats until water levels rise again.

The Smittle Creek Trail and Lake Berryessa administrative offices are closed until further notice.

The Dufer Point Visitor Center and gates to day use areas will be closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Dufer Point Visitor Center at 5520 Knoxville Road is open Saturdays, Sundays, and most holidays (exceptions above), from noon to 3 p.m. beginning Oct. 1 through March 31.

Maps, information, and America the Beautiful and Lake Berryessa annual passes are available during operating hours.

For information on activities, fees, directions, pet restrictions or other questions, call the visitor center at 707-966-2111, ext. 113, the Lake Berryessa Administration Office at 707-966-2111 (TTY 800-877-8339) or visit www.usbr.gov.

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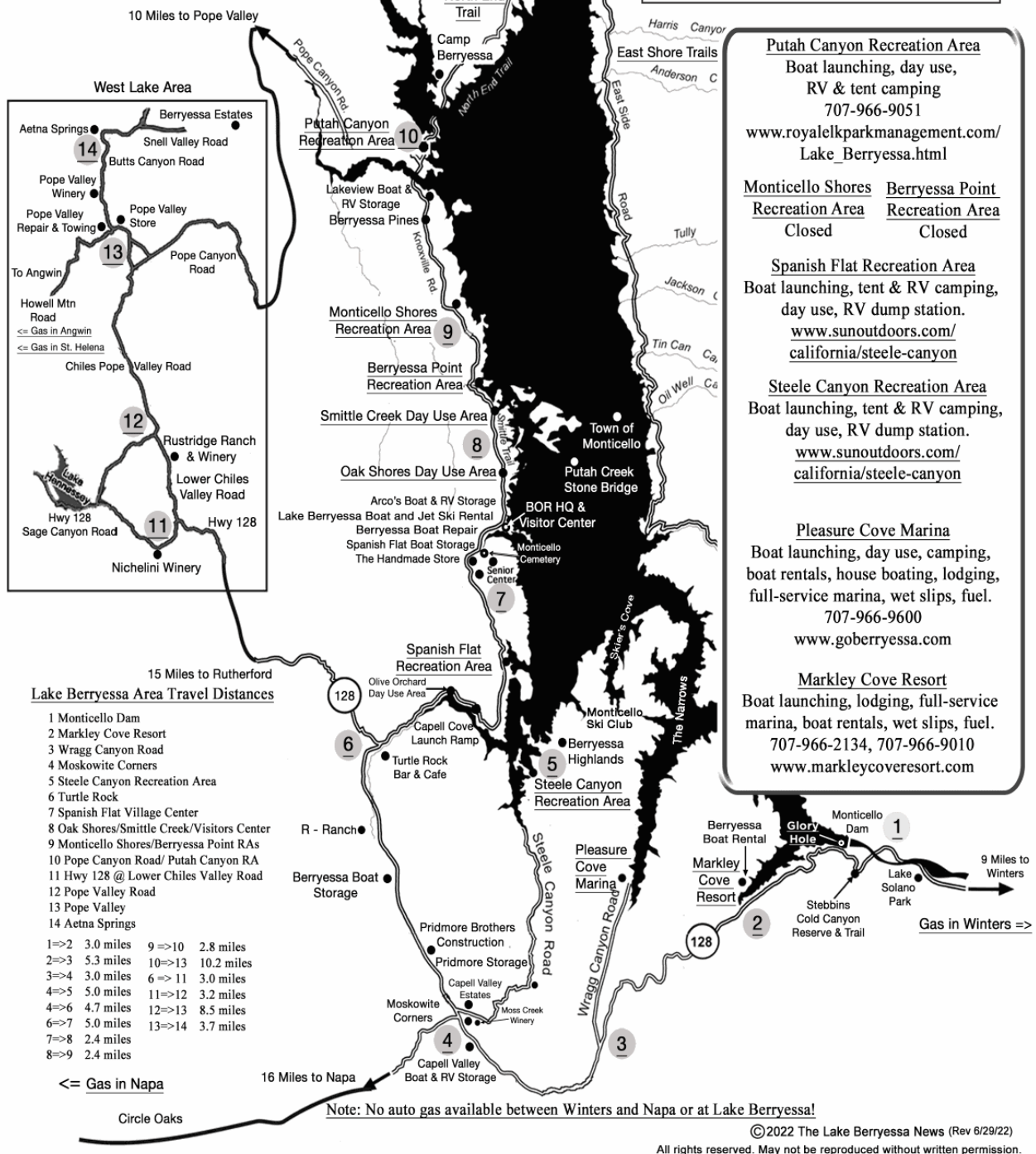
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