



Ooops! I forgot it's Super Bowl Sunday.

The Lake Berryessa News on the First Sunday in February

Here we are at the first Sunday in February, 2021. Still not much breaking news - except that the weather is outstanding, although that's not good for our rain deficit. The Napa County RFP project moves on. Very few, if any, bidders requested site visits last week. The next milestone is Round 2 Questions due by tomorrow.

New Schedule as of 2/7/21:

February 8, 2021 Round 2 Questions Due by 5:00 pm PST

February 15, 2021 Responses to Round 2 Questions will be published

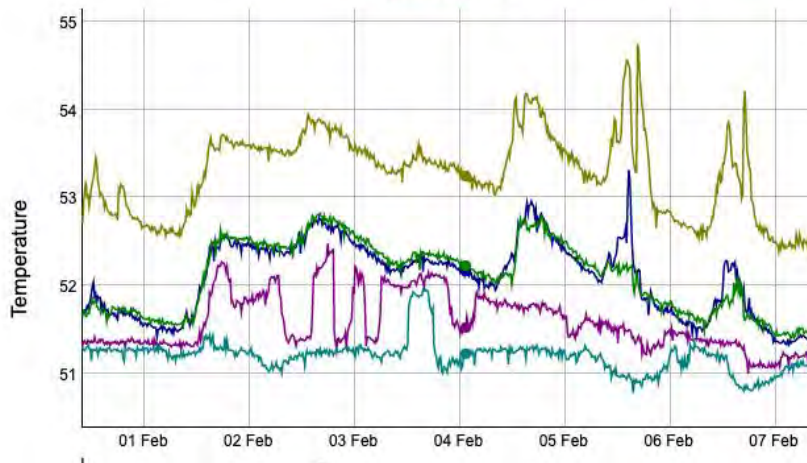
March 2, 2021 RFP Submittals Due by 12:00 pm PST
March/April, 2021 Concessionaire Selection and Negotiations
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Lake Berryessa - Temperature

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A Tale of Two Books

With apologies to both Charles Dickens and Barry Eberling

Dickens' famous opening sentence to "A Tale of Two Cities" introduces this classic book about the French Revolution, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way—in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only." Although written in 1859 something sounds familiar.

Barry Eberling's article today starts out with a similar description. "Two very different books spotlight Lake Berryessa's human and physical turbulence: Lake Berryessa's resort battles and nature's geological upheavals. Peter Kilkus has lived the recent, human history upheavals at Lake Berryessa. A group of experts from Davis knows about the area's geological upheavals.

The result is two very different, recently-published books. Berryessa buffs can read Kilkus' "Policy and Politics Betray the People" and the Davis group's "Exploring the Berryessa Region: A Geology, Nature and History Tour." One focuses on perceived Berryessa resort war blunders, the other on the landscape across geological time. Both portray Berryessa as more than an afterthought to world-famous Napa Valley wine country, but as something special in itself."



Peter Kilkus (above) in his backyard at his Lake Berryessa home.

A fight for Berryessa's future

Kilkus tackles a topic he has been immersed in for more than two decades. He criticizes how the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has handled the seven privately run resorts on the federally owned shoreline of the massive east Napa County reservoir.

Some will likely agree with Kilkus' conclusions and others disagree, given the controversies surrounding the resort redevelopment push. Still, Kilkus sees his book as being more than his perspective.

"It's a point of view based on fact, based on research and based on public documents," Kilkus said.

Lake Berryessa used to have about 1,300 mobile homes and trailers at the resorts where owners could stay part-time. San Anselmo resident Kilkus went to the lake to jet ski and in the mid-1990s bought a mobile home at Steele Park resort so he could spend part of the year there. "That was the genesis of my love affair with Lake Berryessa," he said.

But the federal government had long chafed at having people own mobile homes on the public shoreline. In the early 2000s, Bureau of Reclamation officials talked of getting rid of what one called "private trailer villages" and redeveloping the resorts. Agency officials took journalists out in a boat for a view of the shoreline and delivered their message — those mom-and-pop resorts with all of the trailers and mobile homes could be transformed into something much better.

The Battle for Berryessa was on and Kilkus was in the thick of things. He and others banded together under the name Task Force 7 and took on the federal government, circulating a petition that the group at one point said had 10,000 signatures.

Task Force 7 argued the private concessionaires who ran the resorts needed the dependable, year-round revenue stream from mobile homes to succeed. It saw the resorts as a place where retirees and working people could recreate.

"It's clear (mobile homes) are the financial backbone of the lake," Kilkus said at the time.

At the heart of the Bureau of Reclamation's argument — a view shared by many local environmentalists — was this sentence from a 2003 report: "The project is needed to correct over four decades of resort operations under which prime recreation areas have been reserved for long-term trailer site permittees, to the exclusion of the majority of visitors to Lake Berryessa."

Kilkus calls this reasoning "The Big Lie." He writes that "The Big Lie" led to "The Big Betrayal." By the late 2000s, the Bureau of Reclamation had evicted the 1,300 mobile homes and trailers. It razed five of the seven resorts of infrastructure — marinas, roads and other features — so new concessionaires could step in and build new resorts from scratch.

One facet of this long-running saga that no one disputes is that resort redevelopment didn't go as planned. A decade later, the Bureau of Reclamation has yet to successfully find concessionaires. It has estimated that annual visitation at Lake Berryessa fell from more than a million guests in the heyday of the resorts to about 400,000.

As for Kilkus, he moved to a house at Lake Berryessa in 2005 and publishes The Lake Berryessa News. He lives on 60 acres at the small community of Berryessa Highlands.

"I love it up here," he said recently by phone. "I'm looking right now at a beautiful lake with blue sky and sun."

Kilkus doesn't end his book on a downer. Napa County has stepped up to help the Bureau of Reclamation find concessionaires to redevelop the five razed resorts. Kilkus said he's optimistic that the county can succeed. "I know there are some good companies looking into it," Kilkus said.

He self-published "Policy and Politics Betray the People." Go to Amazon.com to order it. "I don't think I'll have an impact on the world," Kilkus said. "I just don't want (the story) to be forgotten."

https://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/two-very-different-books-spotlight-lake-berryessas-human-and-geological-turbulence/article_446d5d65-1e68-53f6-ae01-07ece538ecd5.html#tracking-source=home-top-story

(Editor's Note: I, of course, recommend my book as the definitive political history of what happened at Lake Berryessa. However, I highly recommend the other book reviewed below in this article. It's simply beautiful and adds more visual layers to your appreciation of the lake.)

A little treasure hunt

Bob Schneider, Eldridge and Judy Moores, Marc Hoshovksy and Peter Schiffman tell a story of their own in "Exploring the Berryessa Region." This group from Davis want people to get out and appreciate the Berryessa area.

"It just adds to people's lives to have a little understanding of where they live," Schneider said. Schneider came to UC Davis as a student in 1966 and studied geology. Eldridge Moores at the same time arrived as a professor of geology. Moores went on to teach geology for 47 years and gained fame for his work on plate tectonics. Noted author John McPhee made Moores a subject of his 1993 book "Assembling California."

As for Schneider, he co-founded the environmental group Tuleyome in 2002 and worked to establish the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. President Barack Obama created the 350,000-acre monument in 2015.

Moores for years gave geology tours of the Berryessa area. Schneider and others decided to do a pamphlet of the tour. Then Moores died in 2018 and they wanted to dedicate the project to him.

"How do you dedicate a pamphlet?" Schneider said. "We made it a book."

The book gives the basics of the area's geologic history. It also has a tour that can be started in either Napa or Winters. "It's like a little treasure hunt, in some regards," Schneider said.

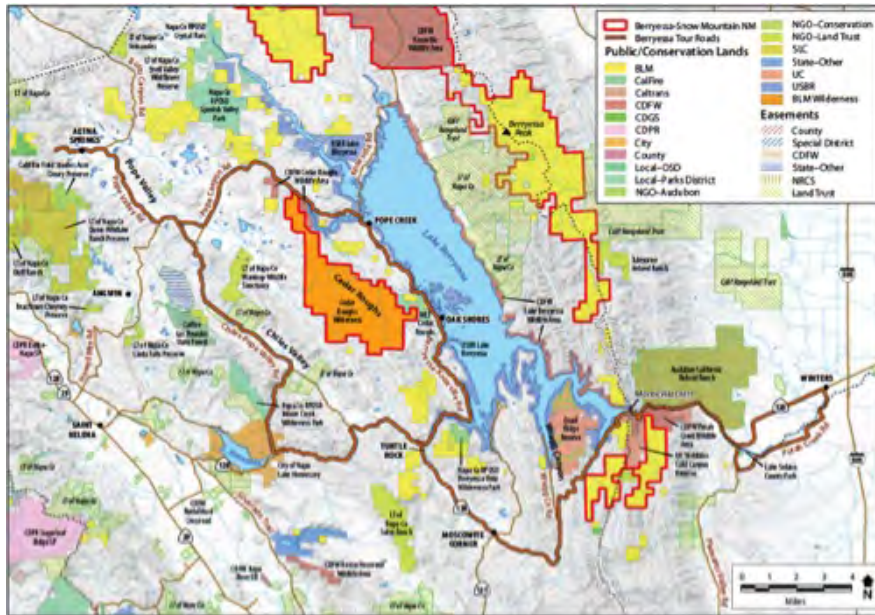
One of his favorite treasures is an outcrop of eclogite on Highway 128 between Lake Hennessey and Nichelini Family Winery. Eclogite is a metamorphic rock created as a tectonic plate is subducted deeper and deeper beneath the earth's crust. Somehow, this rock along Highway 128 uplifted to the surface.

The book also has cultural and historic notes about the region. Schneider said the geology, natural history, biology, Native American history, and the mining and ranching history make the Berryessa area an "incredibly rich place."

Of course, the Berryessa landscape looks different than when the authors wrote the book. The Hennessey and Glass fires in August and September 2020 blackened most of the area. Some areas have more severe burns than others, Schneider said. Vegetation needs fire occasionally, though he wondered how climate change will affect the revegetation.

"The landscape will come back," Schneider said.

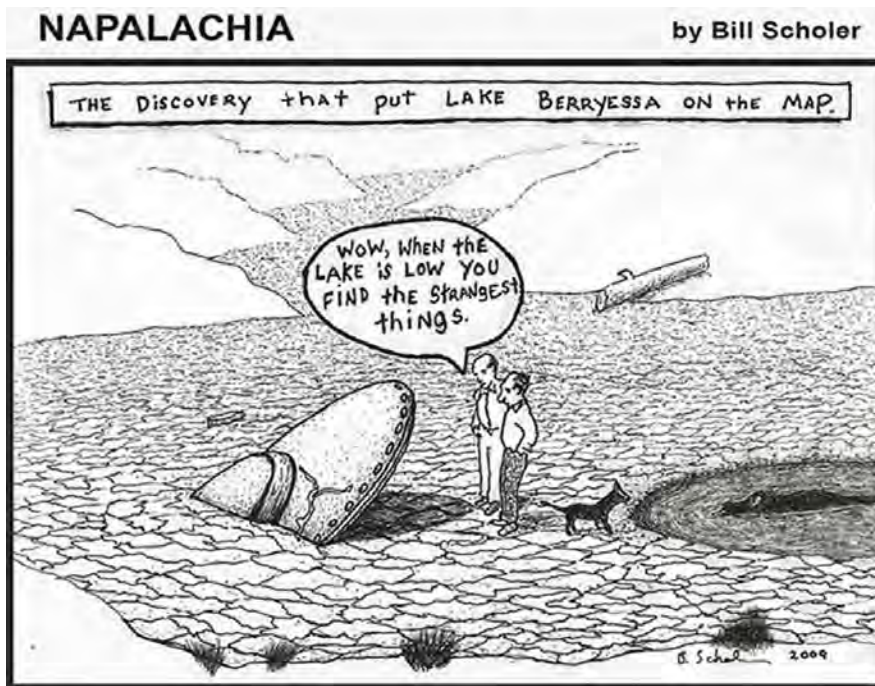
"Exploring the Berryessa Region: A Geology, Nature and History Tour" is published by Backcountry Press. Go to backcountrypress.com for more information.



Some Sunday Funnies

Here are a few vintage cartoons by my musician and artist friend, Bill Scholer. Bill illustrated the ongoing battle over Lake Berryessa in the Lake Berryessa News. Several of his cartoons are included in my book.

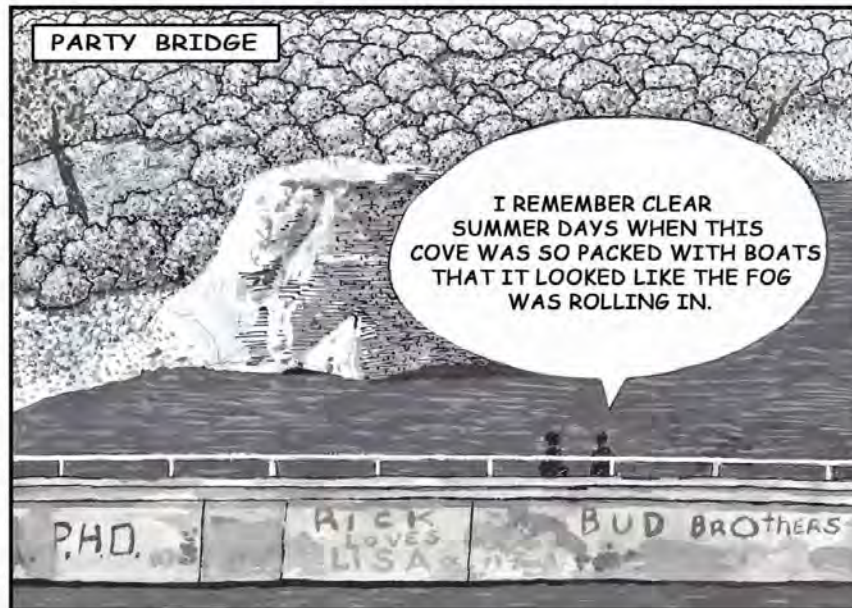
The first one is dedicated to my friend Marty Rodden of Lake Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rentals who continues to educate me about the alien spacecraft we have in our possession and the alien creatures that live among us!



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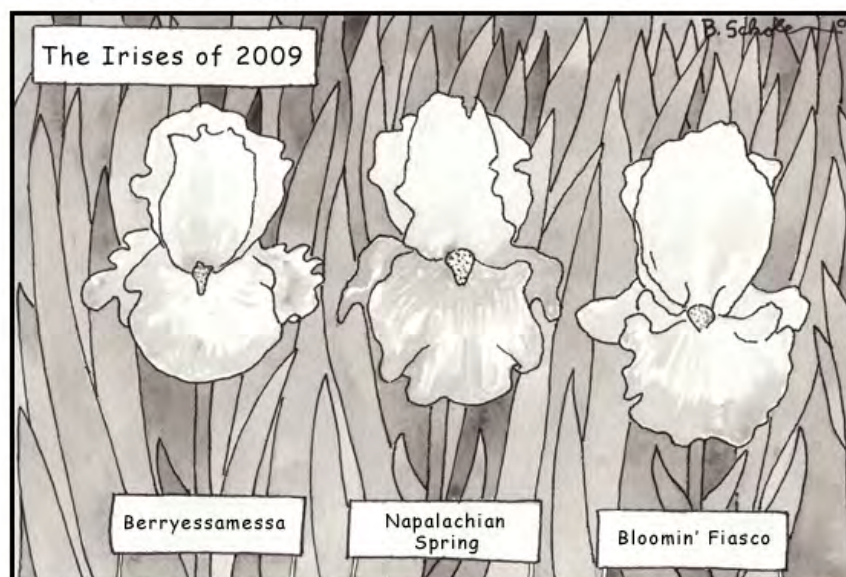


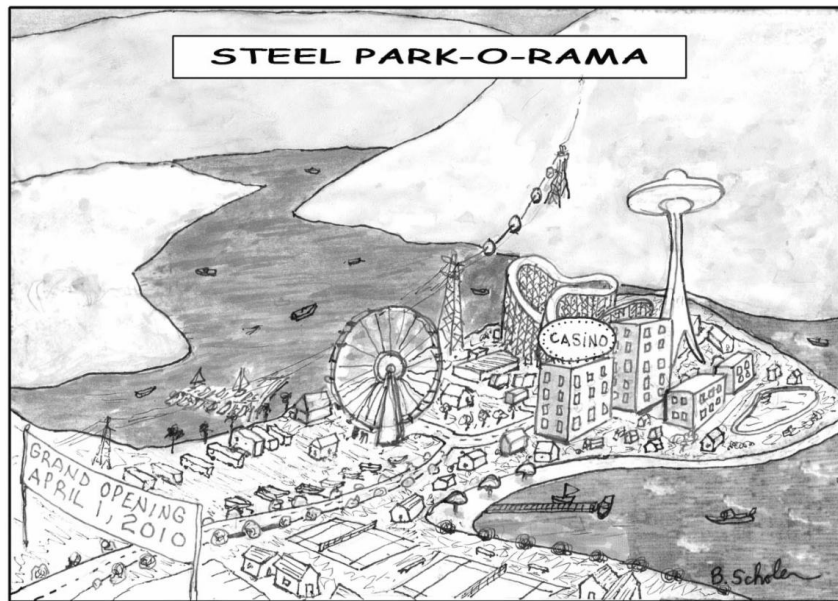
...and even the Sheriffs on jet skis started getting the munchies!



NAPALACHIA

by Bill Scholer





Go to these websites to see details and photos of the Circle Oaks home

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and details and photos of all the available lots in the Berryessa Highlands at:

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1272 Steele Canyon, \$45K, .194 acre
909 Cape Cod, \$40K, .266 acre
1050 Westridge Dr., \$44.9K, .23 acre
1140 & 1144 Steele Canyon, \$94K, 2 lot pkg., .73 acres
1065 Westridge Dr., \$89K, .28 acre
1122 Rimrock, \$59.9K, .261 acre
253 & 259 Sugarloaf, \$175K, 2 lot pkg., .9 acre total.
1227 Steele Canyon, \$19K
1069 Headlands, \$57K, .223 acre
1013 Arroyo Lindo, \$99K, .224 acre mostly flat
1113 Rimrock, \$99K, .25 acre ~ lake view
1052 Eastridge, \$125K, .329 acre, lake view,
1053 Arroyo Grande, \$49K, .262 acre
131, 133, 135 Poppy Ln., 3 lot pkg., .868 acre total



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A person who is unable to do this is no better than an animal, an absolute savage who can only be made to do what is right by threatening them with a law and the force that stands behind it.

The Shopping Cart is what determines whether a person is a good or bad member of society.



[Policy and Politics Betray the People](#)
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The book is available on Amazon as a Kindle version and a paperback version.

https://www.amazon.com/Policy-Politics-Betray-People-Berryessa-ebook/dp/B08MFSQDBR/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=peter+kilkus&qid=1604774826&sr=8-1

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Here's an interview I did in 2010, just after Pensus had been given the contract for 5 resorts. As we all know Pensus was subsequently kicked out in 2012.

This book is a historical anthology, a raw, as-it-happened, unfiltered picture of what many of us lived through. The Bureau of Reclamation and their supporters destroyed family recreation at Lake



Berryessa for a generation of families, children, and friends. The goal is to provide the history and the context within which such an incredibly destructive course of action took place. It is dedicated to documenting this tragedy, this final betrayal of Lake Berryessa by the federal government - and, hopefully, the promised revitalization by Napa County.

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Ooops! It's Valentine's Day. I still need to get some candy.

The Lake Berryessa News on the Second Sunday in February
Valentine's Day.

Here we are at the second Sunday in February, 2021. It appears that the Lake Berryessa News has become a Sunday Paper in 2021 (minus the paper, of course).

Still not much breaking news EXCEPT for the very good news that Napa County now has a Lake Berryessa Concession Manager - Leigh Sears. Leigh will now take over the management of the Napa County RFP project. I met with her Friday and was impressed with her experience dealing with government agencies, recreation companies, and concession management issues for the last 15 years at Lake Tahoe. She is dedicated to the successful revitalization of the Lake Berryessa resorts. Leigh reports directly to the Napa County CEO - which is another sign of how seriously the county takes this process.

The Napa County Lake Berryessa RFP project is in its final days with March 2nd being the bid submittal date.

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In response to only a single question submitted last week by potential bidders (which means that all the bidders know what they need to know and are working diligently to complete their bids) the County had this response:

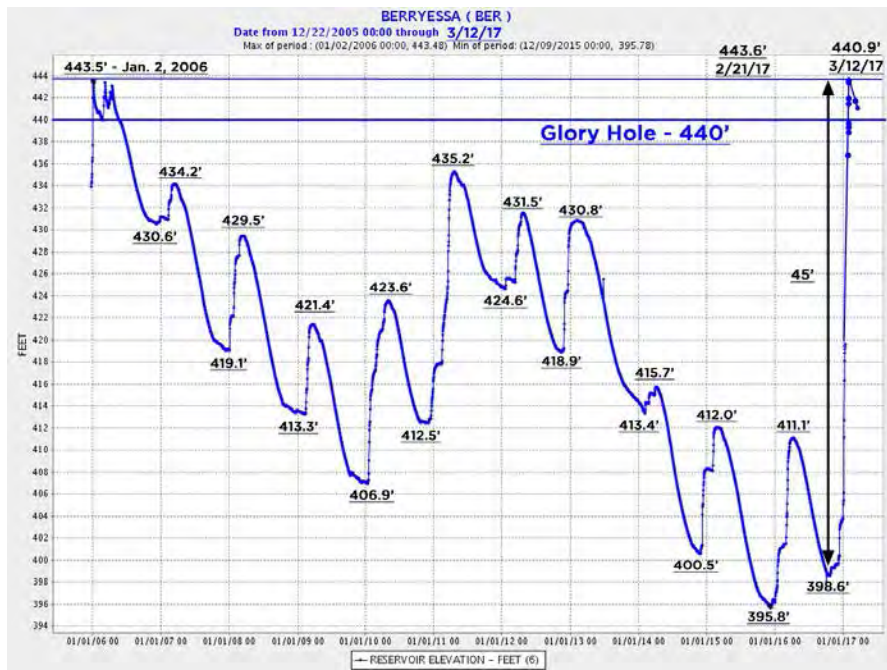
Q. Because of various uncertainties in the timing of improvements and implementation of capital investments, what will be the actual start date of any new contracts? July 2021? January 2022? Should the pro formas for the RFPs start with 2022 as Year 1?

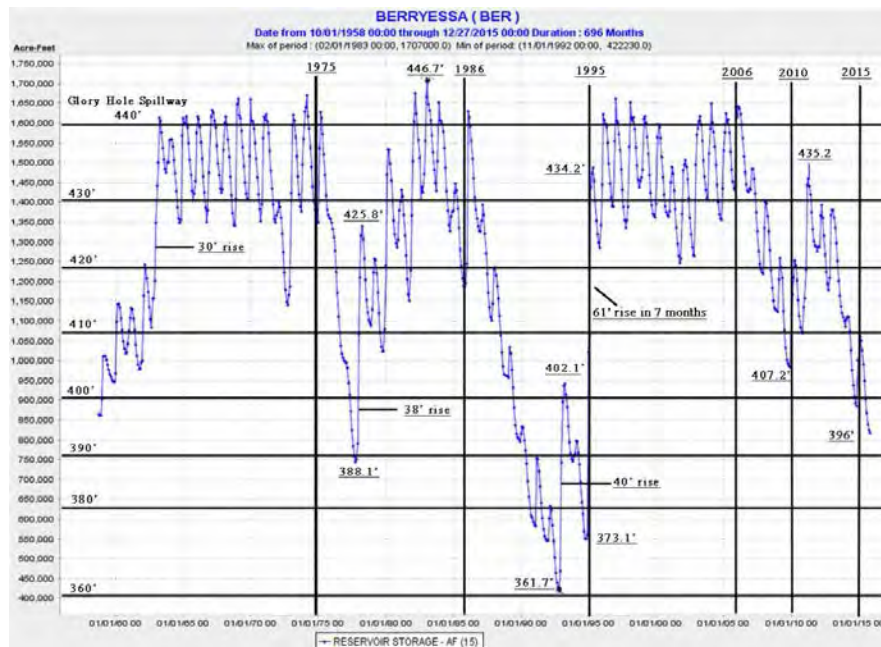
A. The current target date for contract approval (start date) is May 2021. It should be up to the individual proposing entity as to how the years are numbered. As noted in Addendum No. 2 in answer to Question 21; "The proforma should show projected financial results for the 'stabilized' year of operation and include an estimate of how many years it will take to achieve stabilization."

Remember how beautiful it can be!

Those of you who have been able to visit Lake Berryessa lately know how grim the fire damage looks and how low the lake is. But the lake has been going up and down for more than 50 years. We can still go boating even if it is 40 or more feet down. To give you a bit of Sunday cheer here are a couple of drone videos by Evan Kilkus from 2017 when the lake finally broke the 10 year drought.



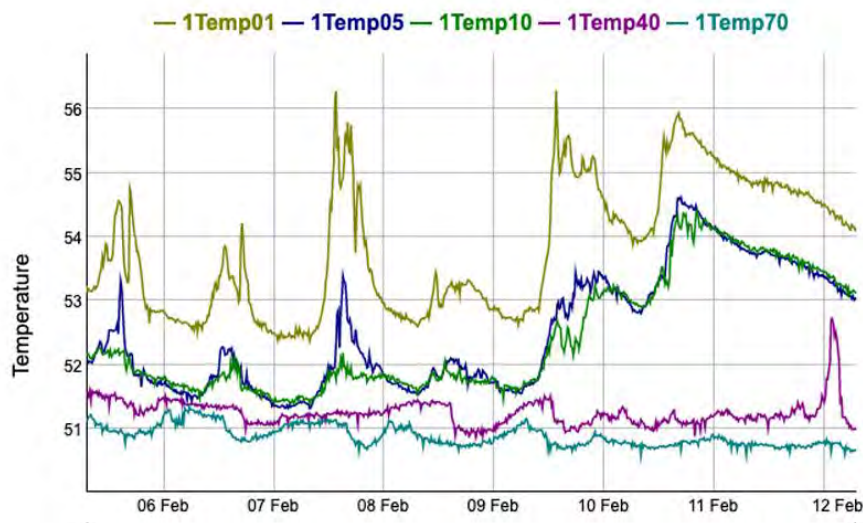




Lake Berryessa Level and Temperature as of 2/14/21

Lake level has stubbornly remained just below 418 feet, 22 feet below Glory Hole, since December, 2020. The light rain we've had so far has had no impact on lake levels. Rainfall has reached 6.92 inches at Monticello Dam and 6.15 inches in the Berryessa Highlands so far this season (July 1 to June 30). Lake temperatures are changing based on hours of sunlight but still remain quite low.

Lake Berryessa - Temperature



Never Forget! The Human Toll of the The Big Lie!

The Big Lie: "The Lake Berryessa resorts, especially the mobile homes in the resorts, discouraged the general public from accessing the lake, prevented the public from using the best parts of the shoreline, and also polluted the lake."

But there was also the pernicious, mean-spirited "Little Big Lie".

As you read my book you will notice the strong strain of enviro-elitism driving some of the negative comments and the mean-spirited attacks on the lake's mobile home owners. The opponents tried to paint the mobile homeowners as rich folks lording it over the teeming masses of normal people trying to get to the lake shore. Here's a quote from one of the most malicious advocates supporting the Bureau of Reclamation in its unfortunately successful campaign to destroy the lake recreation community.

"These sites are handed down in families from generation to generation. For a member of the general public to have access to one of these sites, they must buy the trailer, at a premium of course, for the location."

This "Little Big Lie" is strictly Nonsense! We were not rich. The average mobile home owner was just a normal family that decided to focus all their discretionary income on family water-based recreation. They were construction workers, contractors, small business owners, teachers, retired grandparents wishing to provide some fun for their children and grandchildren - a wide range of incomes and occupations. And the turnover was about 10-20% per year so anyone had the opportunity lease their little piece of paradise.

I received a letter from one of those normal folks after I sent out my last newsletter. This story is typical of the families who enjoyed Lake Berryessa for decades. If you had young children when the lake community was destroyed by the Bureau of Reclamation, with the collusion of Pensus in 2009, your children would now be more than ten years older and would never have had the chance to enjoy the lake as so many thousands of other families had.

I feel angry and I feel sad when I write about this issue. Imagine what it was like documenting 20 years of abuse by the Bureau of Reclamation. Read Luella's letter below and imagine being there yourself. How would you have felt?

From: Luella Garrett

Hi Peter,

This newsletter is probably the first I have read since the day we had been forced to give up our little get away at Lake Berryessa. I am 73 and honestly, have never felt as painful a loss as I have this one. In 1993, my husband passed away and left us a very small life insurance policy of \$25,000. Instead of frivolously wasting the money, I shared it with my sons.

During my marriage, my husband and I always said: "I wish we had a vacation place to enjoy with the children." Well we never did get the I wish until he passed. The Donati family had a place up at Rancho Monticello and invited us up for the weekend. Well, the children and I enjoyed it so very much that we would just go up and scout around to see what we could one day do.

Then, with luck, having this small amount of \$\$\$, we were so happy to find a little trailer at Rancho Monticello which the owners sold to us for \$10,000. With that, we closed the deal and went into the office at Rancho Monticello and spoke with the staff of our great luck. The lady there was so kind that she really did a great job helping us do the paperwork that came with the purchase of the trailer. (Her name slips my mind. I know she ended up living somewhere there at the Lake).

With the residual of the insurance, my kids and I decided to use the rest of the money towards rent. We were so happy to know we would be there for seven years. Quickly, my son and a couple of his friends, along with the Donati family, went up and cleaned up our property. As weekends passed, my son and friends used whatever money was left over and made the area and place where we called "The Garret's Hog Den".

No, it wasn't a mansion. It wasn't new. It was our Pride and Joy. We had years of weekends of joy, laughter, peace, and tranquility. It was a place we were proud of. Until the day we received our HORRIFIC Eviction Letter from the BOR! When we had been forced to walk away. I have yet to get over the pain. Today, it is still painful, but it is what it is. I agree with your newsletter. The BOR are liars. That's a Politician's attitude for sure.

My oldest has since passed. He leaves behind a wonderful 19 year young grandson. My youngest who did most of the work with help has graduated UCD, became a SFPD, lives in San Bruno. They now, the have their "Get Away Home" in Chester at Lake Almanor. It was a smart move. I only wish I had more money to buy a place of my own.

Yes, you may print this letter. My heart went to all those we had breakfast and coffee with at Rancho. Many of the folks were on a limited income. Rancho will always stay in my heart. Thinking about or reminiscing still shoots that pain in my heart. I know I need to move on, but how does one move on when losing your heart to unmerciful Politicians of the Country you respect and love???

Take care, Keep Healthy, Be Safe.



When I posted the story above on the Lake Berryessa Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Lake-Berryessa-News-114810958535085/> it received an overwhelming and emotional response. (18,500 people reached, 4,095 engagements, 333 likes, 120 comments, 64 shares) I've posted some of the comments below so you can get a feel for the damage done to real people by the Bureau of Reclamation and their enablers more than 10 years ago.

So well said. We bought our little place in 1988. Our kids and grandkids and we loved it. Good, good memories. So sad what happened.

We had a place at Rancho back in the day. I was an enlisted man in the Navy, so we were not "rich" by any means, & My wife was a waitress, so we weren't rolling in the dough... Our children were small, & just learning to water ski, my wife was a very good skier & loved being out on glassy water.... & I was able to pursue my love of fishing... Then as you said the big lie started, the big question I have is "Why"..... How could a handful of spiteful people take away the enjoyment of millions

It was a working mans paradise. We had a trailer at Spanish flat for 6 years, my son had the best time growing up there with awesome neighbors. How one evil selfish woman with a few friends could destroy the entire community and economy thousands of people loved is beyond me. I remember at one of "meetings". There were hundreds of people against her there. She stood up and read her opinion out loud "I can't wait for the day when no boat wakes will ever hit the side of my kayak again on Lake Berryessa". Then our government bought her lies, and ignored 10's of thousands signatures protesting the lie.

Best years of my life were spent in trailer that was built by my contractor grandfather. They took so much from all of us when they took our lake

Our family was not rich by any means either. My dad was a city employee for public works and my mom worked for a bank. We had our little trailer at pleasure cove in the outback. Not 1 person in our cove was rich. Everyone was blue collar workers for the most part.

Our place that my parents had at Rancho Monticello was the best childhood memories. We had a community of friends and we got to have so much fun. Now as an adult and my parents are retired it's so sad that we can't have this place to enjoy!

I searched for almost 20 years for a place at the Lake....When I found The One, no money....so I put it on a credit card AND NEVER REGRETTED THOSE 10 years of Happiness

At one point there were about 5 families of friends and when all our kids would get together they were called a gang, but we always knew where they were and what they were doing and I wish I would have been able to give the same experience to my grandkids and great grandchildren.

Literally grew up in Rancho during the summers. The White family ran the resort. The Bureau took it away from us and many, many families. We all miss it terribly

I grew up on that lake. Our families rarely had time to see each other during the year but when summers came we all camped. My uncle Kenny and aunt Lori had a place out there and made sure all of us kids were able to run in and out of it. My favorite memories as a kid were spending the summers with my cousins out there. It's so sad. It was a special time growing up and then having a spot we all would meet up at.

Love your post. Had a place at Spanish Flat Resort for years and being able to have a place for the family to get away every weekend and make the memories I still cherish to this day

My family and grandkids loved it. I was just a working guy who could barely afford it, but it was our place. My oldest son passed away 6 years ago from cancer and my wife passed 2 weeks ago from Covid. They both loved Rancho as well as the rest of the family.

We got married at South Shore Resort and years later, when we were ready to retire, we built a log home in the Highlands. That home overlooked the cove that we and other friends and family had our trailers in. It broke our hearts when the BOR closed down so that we could never return. The wonderful memories are endless.

We had a 1957 trailer with a sunroom and large deck at Rancho Monticello for many years. Our kids grew up there. So many FUN memories. It's a terrible shame that it was all taken away from so many...and for what?? Look at it now. Such a huge waste.

Our family was lucky enough to get a trailer at Berryessa Marina. Still miss the family times there. We were far from rich.

Our family wasn't rich. My father and three of his sibling's families went together on one mobile home. So glad for the time we did have spending our summer weekends there (when our kids didn't have weekend games.)

No words can express the feelings and memories I have of growing up going to Lake Berryessa. The circle of family friends I grew up with share many of these memories. I would give anything to have been able to give these types of memories to my children, sadly no other place or vacation would ever compare



February Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): While it's true your future holds a possibility of love and a chance of financial success, it also holds an absolute certainty of angry Russian kidnappers.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You're a self-made woman, which is a point of pride, but also means explaining a lot to the people working the X-ray machine at the airport.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Decent people everywhere will be shocked and appalled by the treatment you received and the conditions under which you were held, but it's not like their jobs are any better.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): It may be years before your coworkers treat you with respect again, but it will have been worth it for the brief time spent inside the panda suit.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You'll finally become one with nature this week, thanks to a simple process known only as disintegration.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Every marriage is like a little nation unto itself, and the

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failure of yours is a textbook example of how investment in education, the arts, and maybe a puppy are desirable goals for civilization.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Sometimes we find amazing things in places we least expect them, whether it's true love, peace of mind, or, in your case, a pack of furious marauding cannibals.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Enlightenment and confusion will both be yours this week, when a tree falls in the woods only to make the sound of one hand clapping.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Due to your optimism, your death next week with come as a big surprise; however, due to your devout Christianity, what comes after will be a terrible shock

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You've never considered yourself much of a music person, which means you'll have a lot of adjusting to do after a high-speed collision with a harpsichord leaves you tragically harmonious.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): 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."

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): People say you're too easygoing, unmotivated, and accepting of your own flaws, but you'll learn to live with that.

Tim Cook Unveils Rows Of Artificial Wombs After Announcing Apple Will Begin Manufacturing Own Employees In House

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What Science Is, and How and Why It Works

By Neil deGrasse Tyson

If you cherry-pick scientific truths to serve cultural, economic, religious or political objectives, you undermine the foundations of an informed democracy.

Science distinguishes itself from all other branches of human pursuit by its power to probe and understand the behavior of nature on a level that allows us to predict with accuracy, if not control, the outcomes of events in the natural world. Science especially enhances our health, wealth and security, which is greater today for more people on Earth than at any other time in human history.

The scientific method, which underpins these achievements, can be summarized in one sentence, which is all about objectivity: Do whatever it takes to avoid fooling yourself into thinking something is true that is not, or that something is not true that is.

This approach to knowing did not take root until early in the 17th century, shortly after the inventions of both the microscope and the telescope. The astronomer Galileo and philosopher Sir Francis Bacon agreed: conduct experiments to test your hypothesis and allocate your confidence in proportion to the strength of your evidence. Since then, we would further learn not to claim knowledge of a newly discovered truth until multiple researchers, and ultimately the majority of researchers, obtain results consistent with one another.

This code of conduct carries remarkable consequences. There's no law against publishing wrong or biased results. But the cost to you for doing so is high. If your research is rechecked by colleagues, and nobody can duplicate your findings, the integrity of your future research will be held suspect. If you commit outright fraud, such as knowingly faking data, and subsequent researchers on the subject uncover this, the revelation will end your career.

It's that simple.

This internal, self-regulating system within science may be unique among professions, and it does not require the public or the press or politicians to make it work. But watching the machinery operate may nonetheless fascinate you. Just observe the flow of research papers that grace the pages of peer reviewed scientific journals. This breeding ground of discovery is also, on occasion, a battlefield where scientific controversy is laid bare.

Science discovers objective truths. These are not established by any seated authority, nor by any single research paper. The press, in an effort to break a story, may mislead the public's awareness of how science works by headlining a just-published scientific paper as "the truth," perhaps also touting the academic pedigree of the authors. In fact, when drawn from the moving frontier, the truth has not yet been established, so research can land all over the place until experiments converge in one direction or another—or in no direction, itself usually indicating no phenomenon at all.

Once an objective truth is established by these methods, it is not later found to be false. We will not be revisiting the question of whether Earth is round; whether the sun is hot; whether humans and chimps share more than 98 percent identical DNA; or whether the air we breathe is 78 percent nitrogen.

The era of "modern physics," born with the quantum revolution of the early 20th century and the relativity revolution of around the same time, did not discard Newton's laws of motion and gravity. What it did was describe deeper realities of nature, made visible by ever-greater methods and tools of inquiry. Modern physics enclosed classical physics as a special case of these larger truths. So the only times science cannot assure objective truths is on the pre-consensus frontier of research, and the only time it couldn't was before the 17th century, when our senses—inadequate and biased—were the only tools at our disposal to inform us of what was and was not true in our world.

Objective truths exist outside of your perception of reality, such as the value of pi; $E = mc^2$; Earth's rate of rotation; and that carbon dioxide and methane are greenhouse gases. These statements can be verified by anybody, at any time, and at any place. And they are true, whether or not you believe in them.

Meanwhile, personal truths are what you may hold dear, but have no real way of convincing others who disagree, except by heated argument, coercion or by force. These are the foundations of most people's opinions. Is Jesus your savior? Is Mohammad God's last prophet on Earth? Should the government support poor people? Is Beyoncé a cultural queen? Kirk or Picard? Differences in opinion define the cultural diversity of a nation, and should be cherished in any free society. You don't have to like gay marriage. Nobody will ever force you to gay-marry. But to create a law preventing fellow citizens from doing so is to force your personal truths on others. Political attempts to require that others share your personal truths are, in their limit, dictatorships.

Note further that in science, conformity is anathema to success. The persistent accusations that we are all trying to agree with one another is laughable to scientists attempting to advance their careers. The best way to get famous in your own lifetime is to pose an idea that is counter to prevailing research and which ultimately earns a consistency of observations and experiment. This ensures healthy disagreement at all times while working on the bleeding edge of discovery.

In 1863, a year when he clearly had more pressing matters to attend to, Abraham Lincoln—the first Republican president—signed into existence the National Academy of Sciences, based on an Act of Congress. This august body would provide independent, objective advice to the nation on matters relating to science and technology.

Today, other government agencies with scientific missions serve similar purpose, including NASA, which explores space and aeronautics; NIST, which explores standards of scientific

measurement, on which all other measurements are based; DOE, which explores energy in all usable forms; and NOAA, which explores Earth's weather and climate.

These centers of research, as well as other trusted sources of published science, can empower politicians in ways that lead to enlightened and informed governance. But this won't happen until the people in charge, and the people who vote for them, come to understand how and why science works.



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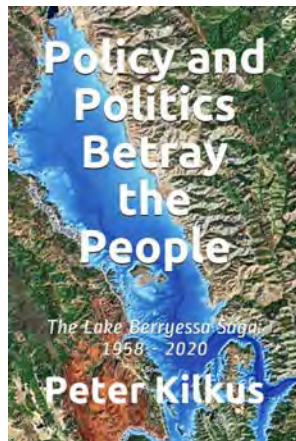
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1053 Arroyo Grande, \$49K, .262 acre

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Policy and Politics Betray the People

The Lake Berryessa Saga:

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Here's an interview I did in 2010, just after Pensus had been given the contract for 5 resorts. As we all know Pensus was subsequently kicked out in 2012.



This book is a historical anthology, a raw, as-it-happened, unfiltered picture of what many of us lived through. The Bureau of Reclamation and their supporters destroyed family recreation at Lake Berryessa for a generation of families, children, and friends. The goal is to provide the history and the context within which such an incredibly destructive course of action took place. It is dedicated to documenting this tragedy, this final betrayal of Lake Berryessa by the federal government - and, hopefully, the promised revitalization by Napa County.

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The Lake Berryessa News on the Third Sunday in February

Here we are at the third Sunday in February, 2021. It appears that the Lake Berryessa News has become a Sunday Paper in 2021 (minus the paper, of course).

Still not much breaking news EXCEPT for the very good news that Napa County now has a Lake Berryessa Concession Manager - Leigh Sears. As I mentioned last week Leigh will now take over the management of the Napa County RFP project. Here's a short bio which list some of her qualifications for this important position.

Leigh Sears, Lake Berryessa Concessions Manager

"For over 15 years Leigh has managed and developed lake resorts including beaches, marinas and restaurants in South Lake Tahoe while also managing and producing city wide events for the city of South Lake Tahoe, including the city's well known firework events for July 4th and Labor Day and the 2015 Iron Man Triathlon.

She has expertise in contract and concessions project development and water utility management and administration and has represented districts in the preparation of agreements, reports and budgets. She has negotiated complex contracts with other executive level government officials and private consultants that resulted in continued community involvement, revenue growth, and ROI.

Before moving to South Lake Tahoe, Leigh worked in the sound and event production industry for more than 8 years in Atlanta, GA., producing touring and show events for world renowned artists such as Brian Ferry, Moody Blues, Whitney Houston, Joan Jett, Kansas, and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra to name a few."

The secrecy surrounding the Napa County Lake Berryessa RFP process is expected. Bidders want to keep their bids confidential. The rest of us will have to wait until after March 2 to learn more. I expect we should at least learn who the bidders are - hopefully several financially-strong companies with imaginative plans for the revitalization of Lake Berryessa.

The Napa County Lake Berryessa RFP project is in its final days with March 2nd being the bid submittal date.

March 2, 2021 RFP Submittals Due by 12:00 pm PST
March/April, 2021 Concessionaire Selection and Negotiations
May, 2021 County and USBR Approval of Concession Award(s)



20 for 21

Many of you may have noticed that there has been no print edition of the Lake Berryessa News since October, 2020. I hope to restart the print edition of the paper in April. But I need your support to make it happen. I need to make a personal appeal for your financial support.

The collage features several elements: a newspaper front page titled "The Lake Berryessa News" dated October 2020, a "TOP 20 LARGEST CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES" pie chart showing 2020 as the largest, a "BIG SPECTACULAR" event poster, and a "RELAX, LADIES IT'S SUNDAY" meme.

As with all news organizations, including small ones like mine, costs are pushing higher and revenue is trending lower. Your financial support is vital so that the Lake Berryessa News can continue to publish. Sorry to say, we barely break even. Experience shows that without THE LAKE BERRYESSA NEWS, there would be no Lake Berryessa news!

The revitalization of Lake Berryessa will help the local community prosper. Your decision to support the Lake Berryessa News will show your vote of confidence in the future of the Lake Berryessa community.

The Lake Berryessa News print version is distributed widely throughout the Lake Berryessa region and reaches more than 1,000 readers per month. Website hits average hundreds per day - and up to a thousand per day during the summer season. Our Facebook page has more than 20,000 Likes. Our email newsletter reaches hundreds more readers per month. You can download searchable pdf files of the Lake Berryessa News since 2005 at: www.lakeberryessanews.com/archives/

The Napa Register charges \$9 per month for a digital subscription. I subscribed for several months. You get a nice color pdf version of the paper and access to several online features.

Unfortunately, I found little of direct interest to me and few articles about Lake Berryessa, except the regular fishing reports by long-time "Friend of Lake Berryessa" Bill Ryan. Last year there were a couple of short Lake Berryessa articles in the Fairfield Daily Republic and a very short blurb in the Winters Express. There is an excellent weekly digital newsletter about all things happening in the Napa Valley which charges \$50 per year (and mentions Lake Berryessa from time to time).

Any regular news about Lake Berryessa simply comes from my website (www.LakeBerryessaNews.com), my Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Lake-Berryessa-News-114810958535085/>), the print version of the paper, and the regular email newsletter you are now reading.

So what should I do to keep the Lake Berryessa News coming to you and everyone else who cares?

I thought about a GoFundMe campaign, but they charge a fee to donors - maybe later. I don't have the software ("Paywall") to limit digital access to paid subscribers only, and why would I do that when I want to increase readership, not limit it?

So I decided to try something simple - the 20 for 21 Donation Program.

If you like the Lake Berryessa News in all it's 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. If you wish to contact me directly call 415-307-6906 or email me at pkilkus@gmail.com. (Note: Your donation is NOT tax deductible)

A simple \$20 for 2021, a revitalization year for the lake if all goes well. I'll do my best to keep you informed about every detail affecting the lake community. Thanks. Peter

Lake Berryessa - The Map



The Lake Berryessa News print version is distributed widely throughout the Lake Berryessa region and reaches more than 1,000 readers per month. Web site hits average hundreds per day - and up to a thousand per day during the summer season. Our Facebook page has more than 20,000 Likes. Our email newsletter reaches hundreds more readers per month. Your ad will be displayed in all those social media.

I would like to offer you a continued advertising presence in the Lake Berryessa News for our Summer 2021 program. This 7 for the price of 6 program will run from April, 2021 through October, 2021. A single payment will guarantee your seven months of community support for the price of a standard six month ad.

I hope you'll be a Lake Berryessa News supporter as we continue our efforts to reinvigorate our community and this great recreational resource. To advertise during this period of revitalization and show your support for our community, please contact me at pkilkus@gmail.com. (See price list below.)

The Lake Berryessa News Advertising Rates (2021)

Full Page (10 in. wide by 10 in. high) - **\$400 per month**

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Eighth Page (5 in. wide by 2.5 in. high) - **\$60 per month**

Business Card (3.0 in. wide by 2 in. high) **\$40 per month**

The Napa County Fire Chipping Program 2021



The 2021 program starts this Monday Feb. 22nd. Please see the link below for the Napa County website for online sign-ups.

Chipping Program Request: <https://services.countyofnapa.org/chippingForm/>








ONLINE APPLICATIONS OPEN February 22nd 2021

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The Napa County Fire Department (NCFD), provides a free chipping service to all Napa residents who live in the unincorporated areas of Napa County. The intent of the program is to encourage residents to comply with defensible space requirements of both the State and County. The program is not intended for commercial activities or general land clearing.

- County of Napa
- Napa County Fire Department
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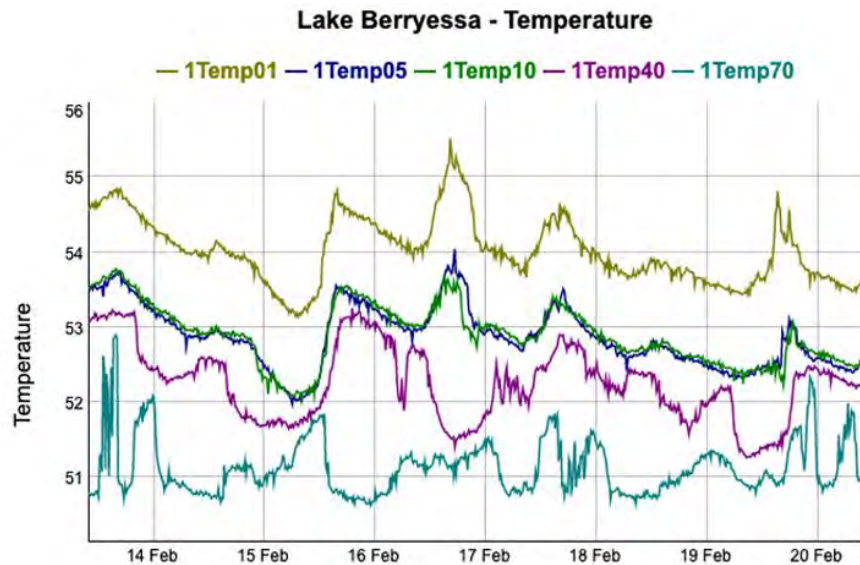
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Lake level has stubbornly remained just below 418 feet, 22 feet below Glory Hole, since December, 2020. Rainfall has reached 6.92 inches at Monticello Dam and 6.15 inches in the Berryessa Highlands so far this season (July 1 to June 30). Lake temperatures are changing based on hours of sunlight but still remain quite low.

Last year at this time the lake was at 433.2 feet, 6.8 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall stood at 8.4 inches at Monticello Dam. Glory Hole did not overflow last year.



Lake Berryessa Fishing: Catch Bass, Salmon and Trout

New Website Does Fishing Right

www.bestfishinginamerica.com/california-berryessa-lake-fishing.html

A bass angler's paradise that also harbors abundant populations of trout and salmon, Lake Berryessa ranks among California's finest fishing lakes. Nestled in the heart of Napa County, Lake Berryessa is a very large reservoir encompassing 20,700 acres at full pool, with a shoreline that stretches over 160 miles. Its waters harbor some of the most diverse and abundant fish populations in California. Yet, compared to many other lakes in the state, it receives relatively little fishing pressure at times.

With being this close to the Bay Area, you can bet that nice weekends will bring out hordes of pleasure boaters. Still, there are times all year long when you can find plenty of quiet water, especially when you strike out during the week and head off away from the major access points. Lake Berryessa's shoreline is home to a handful of resorts and marinas and several more modest boat access sites.

It may lack some of the grand facilities that would be conducive to major fishing tournaments but nonetheless holds dozens of regional tournaments spread across the year, especially in the cooler months. Whether you fish tournaments or not, make no mistake—there are big fish here, and lots of them.

Bass Fishing

There are lakes where you can catch a lot of bass, and there are lakes where you can catch big bass. At Lake Berryessa, you can do both. When the bass action is hot at Lake Berryessa, 50-fish days are not a rarity. There are plenty of 2- to 3-pound bass out there, but it's at least possible to catch a 10-pound kicker,

Lake Berryessa also belongs to a rarified class of California lakes where you can catch all three major black bass species in the state: largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and spotted bass. It's even possible to catch all three species on back-to-back casts when conditions are right. For anyone out after the three-species grand slam, the best time to hit the water is May or June.

Smallmouth Bass

Smallmouth bass may be the most sought-after species at Lake Berryessa, if only because they are so rare in California as a whole. There are only a handful of really good smallmouth fishing lakes in California, and Berryessa is one of them. (www.bestfishinginamerica.com/california-smallmouth-bass-best-fishing-spots.html) The two opposite ends of the lake tend to offer the best smallmouth fishing.

Up north the Putah Creek inlet offers an abundance of the rocky habitat that smallmouths love. Down at the south end, the area known as the Narrows is similarly productive. The Narrows tends to be the area where smallmouths first start to become active in spring, sometimes as early as February. By March, lots of smallmouths will be on their way to shallow areas to spawn, and by April, fishing for smallmouths is in full swing.

Crawfish-imitating jigs are top smallmouth lures on Lake Berryessa, but smallies also feed on shad and smelt, so minnow-imitating crankbaits and swimbaits can be effective too, especially early in the season. As smallmouths gradually start to make their way toward deeper habitat in May and June, try soft plastics on drop-shot rigs around rocky points and drop-offs.

Largemouth Bass

Largemouths are the heavyweights among Lake Berryessa's bass. With a lake record just over 17 pounds, there are some real giants out there, making this one of the best largemouth bass fishing lakes in Northern California. (www.bestfishinginamerica.com/california-largemouth-bass-best-fishing-northern-lakes.html) The best time to target double-digit largemouth bass at Lake Berryessa is late winter into spring.

Following patterns that are generally a few weeks behind smallmouth bass, largemouths usually spawn by early May. Overall, May is probably the best time to be on the water, as you can find bass in various stages of pre-spawn, spawn and post-spawn in different parts of the lake. Markley Cove is a perennial favorite spot to target big largemouths, but you can find them in areas all over the lake. Their location is most predictable around the spawn, when they head toward some of the shallowest available water in the far backs of coves, often three feet or less.

Look for big largemouths around weeds and especially fallen timber. Carolina-rigged creature baits often tempt strikes, and wacky worms are ever-reliable. Oftentimes, big largemouths at Lake Berryessa tend to fall for surprisingly dainty lures. Downsized finesse worms could net you the biggest catch of the day. After the spawn, as the water continues to warm and bass hunt more actively in increasingly deeper water, crankbaits become more and more effective, and bass may be triggered into a reaction strike. Topwater lures can work wonders on calm days around sundown.

Spotted Bass

Spotted bass were introduced to Lake Berryessa more recently than smallmouth or largemouth bass. Yet they have come to thrive here, and now proliferate in great numbers. Spots reach sizes similar to smallmouth bass, so you can expect to catch an occasional 5-pounder, but true giants are rare. A lot of the fish you'll catch are nearly-identical "cookie cutter" spots weighing 2 to 3 pounds.

But spotted bass bite readily, sometimes even during the winter, when other species are hard to catch. They also spawn a little colder and deeper than their brethren. Finesse soft plastics on drop-shot rigs are great for spotted bass. Jigs and wacky rigs will definitely draw strikes, and crankbaits are effective for covering a lot of water in a hurry. In summer, spotted bass are more likely to chase schools of shad and other baitfish in open water, and you can have great success casting jerkbaits, cranks and swimbaits that mimic the local forage.

Spotted bass inhabit areas all over the lake, and fishing around steep-sloping rocky points and drop-offs can almost always be effective. The Narrows is arguably the best area for spots though, with lots of the steep, rocky cover that they love, and easy routes of travel between deep and shallow water. Spotted bass frequently cohabitate with smallmouths in the Narrows, and a few largemouths are often in the vicinity too, making it probably the best place on the lake to catch all three in a single outing. If you get hooked on these fish, find more spotted bass lakes in California (www.bestfishinginamerica.com/california-spotted-bass-best-fishing-spots.html)

How to Catch Bass

You'll find additional ideas of how to catch all of these three species in our Bass Fishing: Simple Techniques and Tips: www.bestfishinginamerica.com/how-to-bass-fishing-simple-techniques-and-tips.html

Kokanee Salmon

Kokanee are a landlocked sockeye salmon that are widely stocked in California's large, deep man-made lakes. In some of those lakes, kokanee salmon don't amount to much. They tend to proliferate in large numbers, but end up stunted, seldom exceeding 10 or 12 inches in length. In some cases, they are even smaller and provide forage for big bass and trout, and little else.

But Lake Berryessa is one of the few lakes where "kokes" reach sizes up to 18 inches, or 2 pounds. And they do so in great numbers, making this arguably the best lake in the state for kokanee fishing.

Kokanee tend to inhabit open water throughout much of the year, and anglers for the most part seek them out by trolling in deep areas of the lake. Mid-lake near the deep side of the big island is a great spot, and areas near the dam are regularly productive. Markley Cove and Skier's Cove are also worth a few passes as you search for schools of kokanee.

Spring is prime time for kokanee fishing on Lake Berryessa, with the action starting in March and really kicking into high gear by May. By summer the numbers will be fewer, but size tends to increase throughout the season. Try trolling at various depths to locate schools of kokanee. They typically range from 10 to 30 feet below the surface. They especially tend to hold in deeper water as surface water conditions rise.

Trolling with small spoons and spinners behind flashing dodgers is the go-to presentation for most local kokanee enthusiasts. Almost any color can be effective, with bright and fluorescents leading the way. No matter what lure you choose, be sure to tip the hooks with a kernel of white sweet corn. Kokes can't seem to resist it. We have lots of how-to tips in Kokanee Fishing: Simple Techniques and Tips: www.bestfishinginamerica.com/how-to-kokanee-fishing-simple-tips-and-techniques.html.

Landlocked King Salmon

Lake Berryessa also harbors populations of landlocked king salmon. While not as common as kokanee, they reach much greater sizes. Kings in the 4- to 5-pound range are the norm at Lake Berryessa. And while they don't typically live long enough in inland lakes to pass the 10-pound mark, it's not unheard-of.

To catch kings, your approach won't be too much different from kokanee fishing. But it's best to think a little bit bigger, and sometimes a little bit deeper. Throughout most of the year, kings inhabit depths of 45 feet or more. The main lake is the domain of big kings. To find them, the best tactic is often you watch your electronics for schools of bait fish, and then start trolling for the salmon that follow them.

Choose big, fat spoons that imitate shad, or longer, slender spoons to mimic pond smelt. Lake Berryessa has populations of both, and the best lure depends on what the salmon are chasing on any given day. Another tactic is to troll with fresh or frozen shad in a bait harness rig.

In late fall, the lake experiences a turnover phase, and king salmon are much more likely to hunt near the surface. Drifting with live shad is a popular tactic when salmon hunt close to the surface in relatively shallow water. You may also be able to adapt some of the tips in our salmon fishing how-to article to your fishing at Lake Berryessa and similar fisheries. (www.bestfishinginamerica.com/how-to-salmon-fishing-simple-techniques-and-tips.html)

Rainbow Trout

Lake Berryessa has been stocked with trout for decades, and these fish offer incredible fishing opportunities. Rainbow trout are the more abundant species, but there's a good chance of catching the occasional big brown trout as well. In summer, you can expect to find trout in deep, open water, often in the 30- to 40-foot range. They tend to like the same general areas that kokanee do, but you may find trout at slightly different depths.

Trolling is the way to go throughout most of the year. Silvery spoons with a lot of flash are ideal, but spinners work as well. Squid-like plastic lures called hoochies are a favorite among many local trout fishermen and also will pick up kokanee. Downriggers are often the best way to get your lure down to the necessary depth, while trolling with a dodger can give your lure some extra flash to make it more attractive. A spoon behind a dodger looks a lot like a weak, injured bait fish lagging behind the school.

The time of year when Lake Berryessa's trout routinely inhabit shallow water is during the colder months. For many, this is the best time of year. From November through the winter, it's possible to find rainbow trout in 10 feet of water or less, and fishing from shore can be effective. If you don't have the advantage of a boat, the colder months are your time to shine at Lake Berryessa!

Casting spinners, spoons and small crankbaits from shore is a great way to nab winter trout. Bait under a bobber works too, with options ranging from live minnows and nightcrawlers to salmon eggs and marshmallows. The Putah and Pope Creek arms offer a great shallow water bite this time of year, and areas around the Narrows, Markley Cove and the dam are often productive as well.

Read our simple how-to article to learn more about trout fishing methods and some extra tips. (www.bestfishinginamerica.com/how-to-trout-fishing-basics-how-to-catch-techniques-tips.html)

More Fish Species

Lake Berryessa harbors a wealth of different fish species that provide excellent fishing opportunities, even though many of these fish are seldom pursued by anglers. Some, like bluegill and other sunfish, are abundant and easy to catch. They inhabit shallow weed beds and under docks all over the lake, and sunfish offer fun and easy fishing for kids and grown-ups alike. (Find bluegill and sunfish fishing tips here: www.bestfishinginamerica.com/how-to-bluegill-sunfish-fishing-techniques-and-tips.html)

Others, like the Sacramento pikeminnow—a giant member of the minnow family that some anglers might mistake for trout at a glance—are rarely targeted specifically by fishermen. But they put up a hard fight when hooked, often by mistake.

Catfish

While many pursue more “glamorous” game fish like bass and trout, the simple enjoyment of fishing for catfish is undeniable. Lake Berryessa harbors a thriving population of these hard-fighting and good-eating fish.

Channel catfish are the most prized catfish species in Lake Berryessa. The lake produces great numbers of 2- to 4-pound catfish, which are perfect for the table. There are giants out there too, including channel cats weighing 20 pounds or more in the lake's depths. The lake also supports bullhead and white catfish, though these species are smaller and less often targeted by fishermen.

Catfish are bottom feeders, and the tried-and-true method of catching them is to drop smelly, natural baits like chicken livers, nightcrawlers, cut shad and prepared stinkbait to the bottom of Lake Berryessa, and watch your line closely for a strike. The Putah Creek Inlet and Pope Creek Inlet are great for catfish. The best time to catch them is at night, when they are most active. As the sun sets, catfish in Lake Berryessa head towards relatively shallow water—often in 10 feet or less—to feed. During the day, they tend to hole up 25 feet deep or more.

Learn more catfish fishing tips in our easy guide. (www.bestfishinginamerica.com/how-to-catfish-fishing-simple-techniques-and-tips.html)

Crappie

Typically weighing about a pound, crappie are often abundant in Lake Berryessa if you know where and when to find them. Crappie are naturally cyclical, so some years are better than others. Spring is the best time for crappie fishing, as these fish head toward shallow water in droves to spawn. Look for them under docks, in weed beds and around brush piles and fallen timber in April and May.

By summer, crappie take up a more nomadic lifestyle, following schools of small minnows around the lake, often schooled in open water but usually not too far from the deep edge of a weed bed, point or drop-off. They can be hard to find, but once you find one, chances are you've found many. Drifting live minnows or casting small jigs are often the best methods of catching them. Portuguese Cove, Steel Canyon, the Putah Creek area and around Lake Berryessa's islands are some of the best parts of the lake for crappie. Learn more about how to catch crappie in this article (www.bestfishinginamerica.com/how-to-crappie-fishing-simple-techniques-and-tips.html)

Best Fishing in America is a project that started in 2010 as Best Fishing in Oregon but is preparing to expand to other states. The website is owned by Eric Apalategui, an award-winning journalist in the Pacific Northwest for more than 20 years — and crazy about fishing much longer. My goal is to provide a free, easy-to-use website where recreational anglers can learn where, when and how to get the most out of their precious fishing time, whether close to home or on the road. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding this website, please email me at eric@bestfishinginamerica.com

Best Fishing,
Eric Apalategui

New Sunday Feature: 10-Year Old Horoscopes - Are They Still Relevant?

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): While you're often disgusted by the shallowness and ignorance you see all around you, you have to admit it's made it easy for you to get dates.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Your combined proclivities toward paranoia and depression combine when you start to think a race of alien lizard people are controlling life's lowest echelons from behind the scenes.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll suddenly be torn away from your friends and cast out of the only home you've ever known by the authorities, who will insist your sentence is over and you're free to go.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Next week will be a time of magical romance and unending joy for you, thanks to your boundless talent for self-delusion.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): In a wacky horoscopic mix-up, you'll encounter a mysterious stranger who takes you on a journey over water just as you're trying to start new projects at work.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): There will be nothing you can do to avert the disaster of next week, although there will be plenty that a reasonably bright and competent person could do.

Leo (7/23-8/22): A messenger from the Lord will appear to you in glory this week and, in a voice that shakes mountains and shivers oceans, announce price hikes on all divine services.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You will be given the Legion of Honor by the French for crocheting an adorable pink, yellow and blue cover for the Eiffel Tower.

Libra (9/23-10/22): This week's revelations will be especially mortifying for you, seeing as how you've been insisting for years that life is not some sort of big pie-eating contest.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): While you're starting to think your problem is that you're too "in your head," it's actually a rare species of cranial tapeworm.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): The king's men part you can understand, but you've never really comprehended how all the king's horses were supposed to help.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You'll be trapped in a paralyzing dilemma that can only be solved if you learn something new, take the initiative, or have an original thought of your own.

Kafka and the Doll: The Pervasiveness of Loss

Franz Kafka was a German-speaking Bohemian novelist and short-story writer, widely regarded as one of the major figures of 20th-century literature. His work fuses elements of realism and the fantastic. Many of us have read some of Kafka's weird but compelling stories, especially "The Trial" and "The Metamorphosis". There is also a touching story about Kafka and a little girl who lost her doll which I thought appropriate for this period of loss we all feel due to the Covid crisis.

There are many versions of the story of Kafka and the doll. Whether this story actually ever happened it seems so real and true and provides a template for the impact of human grief.

Kafka, the Lost Doll and the Little Girl

At 40, Franz Kafka (1883-1924), who never married and had no children, walked through the park in Berlin when he met a girl who was crying because she had lost her favorite doll. She and Kafka searched for the doll unsuccessfully. Kafka told her to meet him there the next day and they would come back to look for her.

The next day, when they had not yet found the doll, Kafka gave the girl a letter "written" by the doll saying "please don't cry. I took a trip to see the world. I will write to you about my adventures."

Thus began a story which continued until the end of Kafka's life. During their meetings, Kafka read the letters of the doll carefully written with adventures and conversations that the girl found adorable.

Finally, Kafka brought back the doll (he bought one) that had returned to Berlin. "It doesn't look like my doll at all," said the girl. Kafka handed her another letter in which the doll wrote: "my travels have changed me." The little girl hugged the new doll and brought the doll with her to her happy home. A year later Kafka died.

Many years later, the now-adult girl found a letter inside the doll. In the tiny letter signed by Kafka it was written:

"Everything you love will probably be lost, but in the end, love will return in another way."



Covid Confusion:

Disposable Plastic Bags, Reusable Plastic Bags, Reusable Grocery Bags.

It's only been a few years since we all went through a major societal change in our shopping habits. Disposable plastic grocery bags were banned. We all learned to carry reusable grocery bags when we went shopping. If we didn't we were charged ten cents for a paper bag. This change went relatively smoothly. And then Covid hit and we were not allowed to bring our own bags into the store. Back to the old decision - paper or plastic - no outside bags allowed! When things calmed down a bit some store allowed you to bring in your own bags but you had to pack them yourself. I do this if my shopping run is only for a few items.

So plastic bags, most are of substantial strength and reusable, came back into our shopping lives - and we have to pay for them. And so, a year later, I have a lot of extra plastic bags. I've reused as many as I can. I won't throw them away. So what do I do?

You'll probably think, "Recycle them." But I'm still a bit gun shy. I helped start the first recycling programs in my town of San Anselmo in the 90s. It was a struggle. People didn't care. They mixed dirty items or items that could not be recycled into the same recycling can which simply contaminated the whole batch which had to be tossed into the garbage truck.

Even then plastic bags were a controversial and growing problem. Some grocery stores provided recycling bins for customers to return their plastic bags. But there was no real market for mixed plastics and plastic film at the time. My investigation showed that many stores simply took the full plastic bag recycling containers and tossed them in the dumpster behind the store with the garbage.

So it was natural for to wonder if it's still a gimmick or a feel-good tactic to justify the store using plastic bags.

Do grocery stores really recycle bags?

Yes. Grocery stores that place collection bins for plastic bags do recycle them. The plastic grocery bags collected by grocery stores are first cleaned to get rid of any food particles. These are then transported to a recycling center, where they mix plastic film together with wood pulp and heat the mixture up until it melds together. These plastics are recycled into decking and railing products. They, in turn, pass them on to recycling companies who turn those bags, and other plastic films, into outdoor decking and railing, park benches, and picnic tables. But not all grocery stores have those bins, and you can't put your plastic bags in with your regular recyclables on garbage pick-up day.

Why can't I put bags in my curbside recycling bin?

Unless you live in one of the few communities in the U.S. that accepts plastic bags, wraps, and films in curbside recycling, you must take your them to the store for recycling, no matter what the claims on the package may suggest. These bags, wraps, and films get tangled up in the recycling equipment in facilities that serve curbside recycling programs, causing problems for recyclers. As a result, workers have to stop the machines to cut out the bags. Then they go straight to the landfill.

Can bubble wrap or Saran wrap be recycled with plastic bags?

Yes. Bubble wrap or Saran wrap can be recycled with plastic bags. All plastic bags are considered plastic film. They are soft, flexible polyethylene packaging. As long as it's clean and dry, bubble wrap and plastic wrap can be dropped in the plastic bag bin.

Here are a few other things you can put in the plastic bag bins at the grocery store:

Bread bags

Case overwrap

Dry cleaning bags

Newspaper sleeves

Ice bags

Wood pellet bags

Ziploc and other resealable bags

You cannot, however, put these plastic film items in your curbside recycling.

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Details with multiple photos at: www.lakeberryessalots.com/

1312 Steele Canyon, \$58K, 13,000 sq.ft.

1272 Steele Canyon, \$45K, .194 acre

909 Cape Cod, \$40K, .266 acre

1050 Westridge Dr., \$44.9K, .23 acre

1140 & 1144 Steele Canyon, \$94K, 2 lot pkg., .73 acres

1065 Westridge Dr., \$89K, .28 acre

1122 Rimrock, \$59.9K, .261 acre

253 & 259 Sugarloaf, \$175K, 2 lot pkg., .9 acre total.

1227 Steele Canyon, \$19K

1069 Headlands, \$57K, .223 acre

1013 Arroyo Lindo, \$99K, .224 acre mostly flat

1113 Rimrock, \$99K, .25 acre ~ lake view

1052 Eastridge, \$125K, .329 acre, lake view,

1053 Arroyo Grande, \$49K, .262 acre

131, 133, 135 Poppy Ln., 3 lot pkg., .868 acre total



Policy and Politics Betray the People

The Lake Berryessa Saga:

1958 - 2020

The book is available on Amazon as a Kindle version and a paperback version.

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Here's an interview I did in 2010, just after Pensus had been given the contract for 5 resorts. As we all know Pensus was subsequently kicked out in 2012.



This book is a historical anthology, a raw, as-it-happened, unfiltered picture of what many of us lived through. The Bureau of Reclamation and their supporters destroyed family recreation at Lake Berryessa for a generation of families, children, and friends. The goal is to provide the history and the context within which such an incredibly destructive course of action took place. It is dedicated to documenting this tragedy, this final betrayal of Lake Berryessa by the federal government - and, hopefully, the promised revitalization by Napa County.

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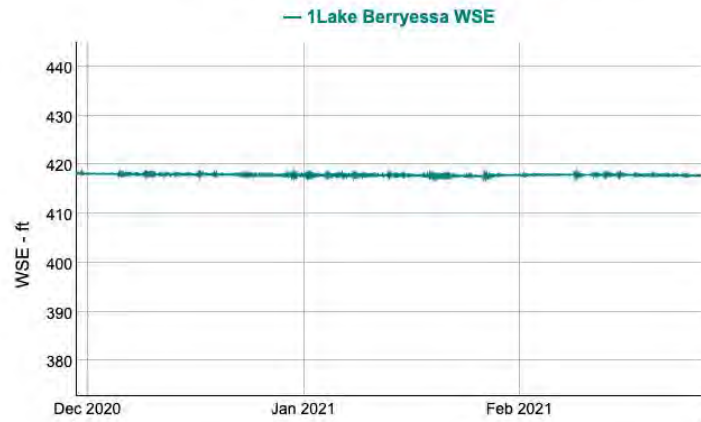
The Lake Berryessa News on the Last Sunday in February.

Here we are at the last Sunday in February, 2/28/21. The weather is quite nice, but rainfall is historically low so far. Only two weeks until Daylight Saving Time is here.

Lake Berryessa Level and Temperature as of 2/28/21

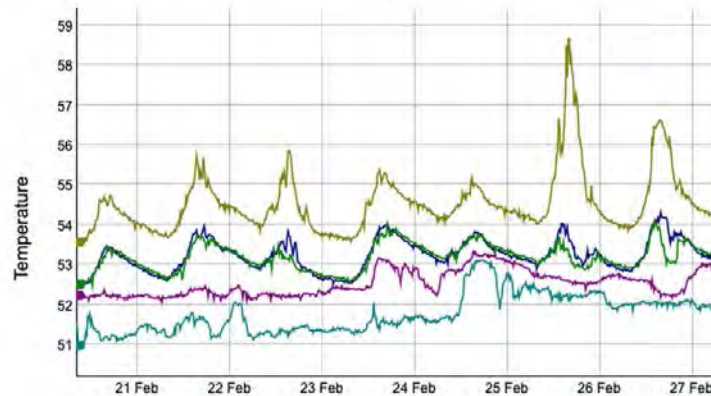
Lake level has stubbornly remained just below 418 feet, 22 feet below Glory Hole, since December, 2020. Rainfall has reached 7.62 inches at Monticello Dam and 6.42 inches in the Berryessa Highlands so far this season (July 1 to June 30). Last year at this time the lake was at 433.2 feet, only 6.8 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall stood at 8.4 inches at Monticello Dam. Glory Hole did not overflow last year. Lake temperature has risen slightly by about 1 degree.

**Lake Berryessa - Water Surface Elevation - 90 Day
Lake Spills @ 440 ft. (1002.502)**



Lake Berryessa - Temperature

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Napa County Lake Berryessa Request for Proposals

The Lake Berryessa RFP project is in its final days. March 2nd is the bid submittal date.

March 2, 2021 RFP Submittals Due by 12:00 pm PST

March/April, 2021 Concessionaire Selection and Negotiations

May, 2021 County and USBR Approval of Concession Award(s)

The County released a final Addendum to the RFP: Addendum No. 5. The County wishes to clarify three issues that have come to the County's attention:

1. The Managing Agreement between Napa County and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation requires that visitor services be "provided in accordance with the 2006 VSP ROD" a copy of which has been made accessible through the Dropbox link on page 35 of the Request for Proposals. Neither the VSP ROD (Visitor Services Plan - Record of Decision) nor the Managing Agreement specifically limits the number of accommodation units that may be built or developed in any of the concession areas.
2. The Bureau of Reclamation requires that "Rates charged by concessionaires for services, food, lodging and merchandise will be based on charges for comparable facilities, services and merchandise provided by the private sector in similar situations." Napa County, as the Managing Partner, must approve the rates requested by concessionaires.
3. It is believed that the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District has adequate system capacity to provide potable water to the Steele Canyon concession area. However, it is unlikely that the District's sanitary waste collection system will have adequate capacity to treat the entire sanitary flows expected from the concession area. Standby (Immediate Availability) charges for sewer and water were last adopted in 2020 by the District's Governing Board at a rate not to exceed \$30.00 per month per acre. Connection Charges and User Rates have been in effect since 2011, without change, and these are set out in the 5-page schedule that is appended hereto as Attachment A. However, as a result of more than 100 service connections

that were lost in last year's wildfires in the area, the District will likely have to consider, in the near future, revised rates consistent with the provisions of California's Proposition 218.

Bidders Names To Be Released, Eventually

Napa County has stated that the names of the bidders who submit proposals on March 2 will become public information eventually. Once the review committee initially evaluates the proposals and goes through the bid check list, the names of the bidders should be released. It may take a week or so depending on the complexity of what is submitted. Of course, none of the details of the bids such as financial information or proposed facilities will become public during the review period. Detailed financials will probably never become public. When the final contracts are signed, the contracts themselves will become public information.

The Lake Berryessa News used the Freedom of Information Act process to acquire the original Pensus bid (with all cost and financial information redacted) that was accepted by the Bureau of Reclamation - an interesting read. That bid is available on the Lake Berryessa News website at: www.lakeberryessanews.com/pensus-bid-redacted-copy.pdf (828 pages, 61MB PDF)

20 for 21 Donation Program Continues

Thanks to those of you who have sent in donations to support the continued publication of the Lake Berryessa News. I will restart the print edition of the paper in April. But I continue to need your support to make it happen. I again make a personal appeal for your financial support. As with all news organizations, including small ones like mine, costs are pushing higher and revenue is trending lower. Your financial support is vital so that the Lake Berryessa News can continue to publish. Sorry to say, we barely break even. Experience shows that without THE LAKE BERRYESSA NEWS, there would be no Lake Berryessa news!

(See the excellent editorial below by Sean Scully, Editor of the Napa Valley Register, that speaks to the serious issues facing local news sources, including the Lake Berryessa News. He convinced me to subscribe for the good of the community. I hope you'll again consider donating to the future of The Lake Berryessa News and the Lake Berryessa community.)

Any regular news about Lake Berryessa simply comes from my website (www.LakeBerryessaNews.com), my Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Lake-Berryessa-News-114810958535085/>), the print version of the paper, and the regular email newsletter you are now reading.

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A simple \$20 for 2021, a revitalization year for the lake if all goes well. Thanks for your consideration. The Lake Berryessa News is a one-person operation. I do it all - writing, editing, ads, graphics, distribution. I'll do my best to keep you informed about every detail affecting the lake community. Peter

Journalism, readers come to terms with a new subscriber-based business model

Sean Scully, Editor, Napa Valley Register

https://napavalleyregister.com/opinion/columnists/from-the-editor-journalism-readers-come-to-terms-with-a-new-subscriber-based-business-model/article_0193ddd5-5c43-5ce7-a657-1611e91059d4.html

Over the course of the last century, newspapers developed a business model that most business owners would find puzzling. Ad revenue — particularly classified ad revenue — just kept booming and publishers were making plenty of money, far more than they needed to run the paper. News publishers responded by doing two things that would otherwise seem counter-intuitive.

First, they made the physical newspapers cheap, or even sometimes free. The daily paper might sell for a nickel or a quarter on the street, even though the physical cost of getting it to your door was many times that. Second, they increasingly separated the newsroom from the advertising department. That meant that an editor or reporter would be less likely to ignore an important story for fear of offending some deep-pocketed advertiser. So seriously did newspapers take this separation that it's usually known as "the wall" between advertising and news.

Pretty much everyone who's worked as a journalist since the early 20th century has been trained not to deal with advertising issues in any way. In many cases, editors and reporters made it a point of pride not to know anything about the newspaper's finances at all. This worked out great for a long time. At least until suddenly it didn't.

There are two other side effects of the changes, however, that are a little less obvious. First, we had to convince you, the reader, that the news we were bringing you had value. Quite by accident, we had trained the reader to assume that the newspaper was worth the pittance that we charged. Second, we had to convince ourselves, the journalists, that we needed to worry about where the paper's revenue comes from. Again quite by accident, we had trained the reporters and editors to think that money didn't matter and the paychecks would just keep clearing the bank forever.

It is as if you were running a hardware store by giving away merchandise for pennies on the dollar and forbidding half or more of your staff from doing any activity that might generate any revenue to make up for it. Anyone who runs a business will understand how preposterous this situation sounds, but that's where newspapers found themselves in the early 2000s as the ad market on which we had counted transformed beyond recognition. The answer has been a slow process of transformation for journalists. We have had to learn to become entrepreneurial after decades of avoiding that kind of behavior with a near-religious zeal.

If you own or work in a normal business, you know you have to constantly engage the customer, to explain why your product or service is worth the price, and is maybe a little bit better than the next guy's version. In marketing and fundraising, it's called the "big ask," where you convince the customer that it is worth dropping some hard-earned money on your project or business.

It took about 10 years, but we're finally getting pretty good at explaining why what we do is worth some real money and reminding the public that "local journalism matters."

And over that time, it seems that the public is getting the message that journalism is worth real money. The turmoil of the last five or six years has helped elevate the importance of fact-based news, but even without that, I think the public was beginning to understand that news organizations need money. Since the late 1990s, newspapers and broadcast outlets have consolidated, cut staff, and reduced their offerings. In far too many cases, they have gone out of business entirely.

At first, I suspect, readers and viewers assumed these cuts were just penny-pinching greed by owners. As we got better at explaining the real costs of gathering and presenting news, and explaining the fundamental transformation of the ad market, however, I sense that the public began to understand that they needed to step up to preserve their trusted news outlets.

So here we are: we're finally willing to ask for your support, and an increasing number of our readers are willing to underwrite the real cost of providing this important public service. I have asked before, but I will ask again: If you are not a subscriber but you see value in what we do, please consider visiting napavalleyregister.com/members and becoming a member at whatever level you can afford.

**Sad news for the Lake Berryessa family,
Bob Migliore has left us...**

Bob was a stalwart supporter of Lake Berryessa revitalization and a long-time Steele Park resident. Robert "Bob" T. Migliore Robert (1945 – 2021) passed away peacefully Monday surrounded by family in his Vallejo home. A devote Catholic, he was born in Petaluma and grew up fishing San Rafael Bay as a young boy.



Growing up in an Italian family known for making bricks, he was not shy to hard work. After graduating from San Rafael High, he continued working at McNear's Brickyard with his father; the brickyard Foreman. Vietnam took him away from Marin and to West Texas for boot camp. Serving in the Army his father served, forged his character and emblazoned his dedication and love for our country.

After the war, he returned to the brickyard. Dabbling in hot rods, motorcycles, and fast times, he looked for something to feed his fire. From sleeping in his car to management in 6 short months. "Closing the deal" came naturally. He quickly rose to the top in his auto sales market while working at Boas Pontiac in San Francisco.

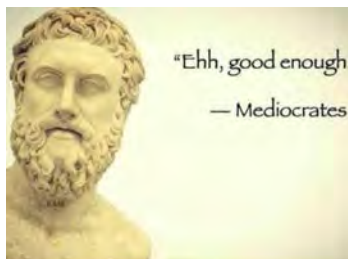
In 1976, he was recruited for a management position at Bill Lang Cadillac Pontiac in Vallejo.

In 1980, he moved his family from Marin County to Solano County to reside in Benicia. He started taking his family to Lake Berryessa in the mid 1980s. From the campgrounds, to a tent site, to a "I don't know how we got that in there" trailer, to a poor man's paradise on pavement, "The Lake" was the family's solace. His grandson's first fish! His kids getting up on skis! Parties beyond parties to include one with Elvis. Good times were had and he provided. The Lake was taken from him in 2009 and he moved to Vallejo.

Groaners from 2010

Random New Feature: 10-Year Old Humor - Old Jokes Never Die.

Do Any of You Remember These?



Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.
Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

Shotgun wedding - A case of wife or death.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.

What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead give away.)

In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your Count votes.

Explaining to a child that we're mortal and that death is inescapable is probably for me the hardest part of being a party clown.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Every calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted; Taint yours and taint mine.

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.	Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.	Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.	Acupuncture is a jab well done.
	A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

Angwin's Pacific Union College forest to have control burn Sunday, Feb. 28

A 13-acre control burn is scheduled for the Pacific Union College forest at Angwin on Sunday, weather conditions permitting.

The forest has an overabundance of ground-level vegetation, primarily tanoak and Douglas fir. Forest thinning followed by a prescribed burn will help the forest ecosystem and make it more fire-resistant, a PUC press release said.

People in Napa Valley, Pope Valley and Angwin could see smoke. The burn is scheduled from about 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact PUC forest management at 965-7635.

The burn has met strict guidelines and will be done by trained personnel. It required a permit from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the press release said.

PUC is doing the burn with support from Audubon Canyon Ranch's Fire Forward, Good Fire Alliance community members, Prometheus Fire Consulting and Firestorm Wildland Suppression Inc.

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This book is a historical anthology, a raw, as-it-happened, unfiltered picture of what many of us lived through. The Bureau of Reclamation and their supporters destroyed family recreation at Lake Berryessa for a generation of families, children, and friends. The goal is to provide the history and the context within which such an incredibly destructive course of action took place. It is dedicated to documenting this tragedy, this final betrayal of Lake Berryessa by the federal government - and, hopefully, the promised revitalization by Napa County.

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