



The Lake Berryessa News

June 7, 2026

Lake Berryessa Statistics (6/7/26)

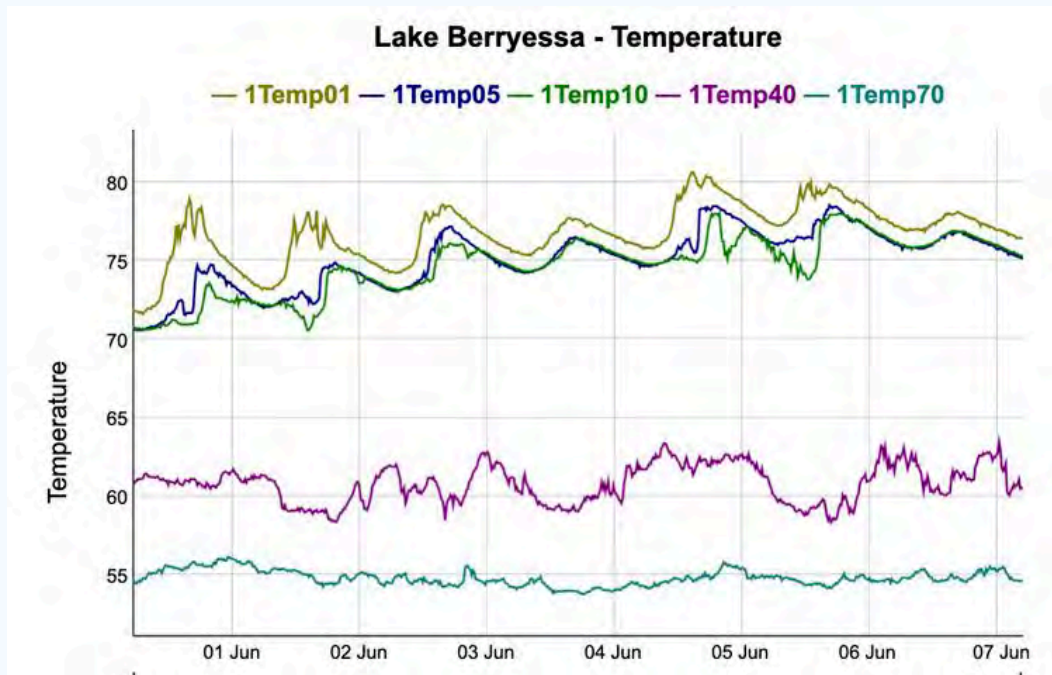
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The lake output has risen to an average of 550 cfs (1,090 A-F per day). The highest output during the summer averages about 700 cfs (1,387 A-F per day).

Lake capacity is now at 1,495,657 Acre-Feet or 96.4%.

Water temperatures are steady at 78 degrees.





Napa County forgives \$5 million in loans to the
Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID).

On June 2, the county Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to have the county forgive the loans. Supervisors also sit as the governing board for the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District.

That allows the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District, the government agency that runs the utilities, to seek federal and state grants. Outstanding unsecured debt would thwart those efforts. Berryessa Highlands was certified as an economically disadvantaged community in 2024, which opened the door to possible federal and state aid for the utility district.

Berryessa Highlands residents passed a \$1,560 annual parcel tax to balance the district budget. With the Napa County loans forgiven and the budget balanced, the district intends to seek \$20 million in grants to renovate aging infrastructure.

Major economic support for the Highlands residents would come if the nearby Steele Canyon Recreation Area (now Steele Canyon Campground - formerly Steele Park Resort) were redeveloped and became a major customer for the Napa Berryessa district.

Supervisors previously forgave loans of \$1.67 million for the LBRID utility district serving the Berryessa Estates rural community. That resulted in the district securing \$22 million in grants over 16 years.

Berryessa Highlands and Berryessa Estates are both rural communities that began in the 1960s. Both have their own water and sewer systems. Maintaining those systems with

small customer bases has proven onerous over the decades. The systems have needed major repairs as they've aged, all while state standards have tightened.

In addition, the Berryessa Highlands customer base was dealt two major blows.

The first came when Steele Canyon closed as a major resort around 2010. That was part of a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's misguided plan to demolish and "rebuild" the resort.

Feds Final Folly: The Destruction of Steele Park Resort

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/Feds-Final-Folly.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4pxcbA9pUY&t=110s>

Then second came when the LNU Lightning Complex fires of August 2020 burned down 100 of the Highlands' 350 homes.

As of 2024, Berryessa Highlands residents paid up to 6% of their annual income on water and sewer charges. With the passage of the Measure A parcel tax this year, the amount rose to 9%, a county report said.

Horoscopes: June 7, 2026

Aries (3/21-4/19): If there is more to life than fishing, you don't want to know what it is. This will help explain your death from malnutrition and dehydration next week.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): A clash of priorities may surface when you're forced to choose between playing another round of Call Of Duty and joining your in-labor wife at the hospital.

Gemini (5/21-6/21): People say you make your own luck, but carrying around a sign that says "I'm needy and helpless" is probably not what they had in mind.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): A skydiving accident may befall you if you go skydiving. Alternatively, it may not.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Assume everyone's an idiot today and you may find yourself being patronizing and brilliantly witty.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Everything you've ever felt about anything will be tested today during some troubling moment in which you'll learn something about anything or everything.

Libra (9/23-10/22): DBC Error-1305 - Horoscope cannot be created for someone as stupid as you.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Remember—any personal slight, no matter how small, is another sign of the vast conspiracy against you.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): It all used to be so much easier, but with age you're finding certain things much more difficult. Liven up your day by putting party balloons all around your desk.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You will be shocked to learn that, due to a legal fluke, your long-term houseguest is now your common-law wife.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): The stars appreciate your "whistle while you work" philosophy, but pallbearers are typically expected to be silent.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Your marriage will soon erode to the point where you'll be sorely tempted to turn her in for the reward money.



New Countywide Sales Tax Proposed

You may have read about this attempt to impose a new countywide sales tax. Two previous sales tax measures to support open space projects failed at the ballot, one in 2016 and the other in 2020. Voters in 2022 turned down a sales tax for wildfire prevention. Those measures, sponsored by the Board of Supervisors, required two-thirds of the votes to pass. This "Citizens' Initiative" only needs a simple majority vote to pass.

Ostensibly, this half-cent, countywide sales tax measure, which needs a minimum of 5,000 signatures for the initiative to qualify for the November ballot, is to raise money for open space, parks, watershed protection and fire resiliency projects in Napa County. But the large amount of money collected during its term, and the proposed beneficiaries and uses of that money, are raising some questions.

The Lake Berryessa News will follow this issue closely. For now, we will simply provide some actual references to the primary documents which have been provided. The link to the full text of the proposed tax is below.

Title: An Initiative Imposing A One-Half Percent (1/2%) Sales Tax For Wildfire Preparedness, Watershed Protection, And Open Space Preservation

Summary: This initiative isentitled the "Napa County Wildfire Preparedness, Watershed Protection and Open Space Preservation Act of 2026."

The Initiative, if enacted, would do all of the following:

1) Impose a countywide retail transaction and use tax ("sales tax") at the rate of one-half of one percent (1/2%), on the sale and use of tangible personal property within Napa County, including both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county. The sales tax would be imposed for eighteen (18) years, beginning on April 1, 2027 and expiring on March 31, 2045.

2) Limit the use of, and require that sales tax proceeds be used for, the specific purposes identified in the Initiative's Expenditure which includes wildfire preparedness, watershed protection, open space preservation, and administrative expenditures related to the planning and implementation of the Initiative.

The Expenditure Plan outlines the specific program expenditure categories. The Expenditure Plan would be codified as Section 3.38.040 of the Napa County Code and would guide how the proceeds will be used.

3) Require the County Auditor-Controller to establish a special fund for the deposit of sales tax proceeds and mandate allocation of 50% of sales tax proceeds to Napa County and 50% of the sales tax proceeds to the "Napa County Wildfire Preparedness, Watershed Protection and Open Space Preservation Act of 2026.".

4) Require the County and the Park District to distribute the sales tax proceeds to grantees through a competitive grant process, as further described in the Initiative, to be used only for the purposes outlined in the Expenditure Plan. The County may award grants only to 501c3 nonprofit organizations, with exceptions as outlined in the Initiative. The Parks District may grant awards to 501c3 nonprofit corporations and public agencies as described in the Initiative.

5) Establish an Oversight Committee tasked with reviewing the receipt and expenditure of sales tax proceeds, including an annual report of each grantee's use of funds.

The Committee will consist of nine Napa County resident members and 3 non-voting ex-officio members: County Auditor, Park District General Manager, and County Fire Administrator, or their respective designees.

Headlines for June 7, 2026

Poll Reveals Every Single American Wants Free Healthcare For Themselves But Also They Do Not Want People They Don't Like To Have It

Candidate Declares Himself Living Proof Brain Not Required To Hold Office

'Sidewalk Closed' Sign Leaves Pedestrians Frightened, Wandering Helplessly

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FCC To Investigate TV Shows Where The Mom Has Job

White House Doctor Claims Trump A Perfectly Healthy 9-Foot-Tall 35-Year Old

Black Neighborhood Demolished To Make Room For Nothing In Particular

Worst Financial Decision Of Man's Life Celebrates Grand Opening

Woman Worried She In Codependent Relationship With Rest Of Humanity

Mom Mails Son Jar She Needs Opened

Terrified Introvert One Away From Bingo

Dad Rocks Back And Forth To Gain Enough Momentum To Sit Up From Chair

Respect For Friend Drops After Reading Book They Recommended

Overambitious Man Wants To Get 2 Things Done Today

Man Finally Good Enough At New Hobby To Understand How Bad He Is At It

Uber Driver Casually Mentions This His First Time Driving

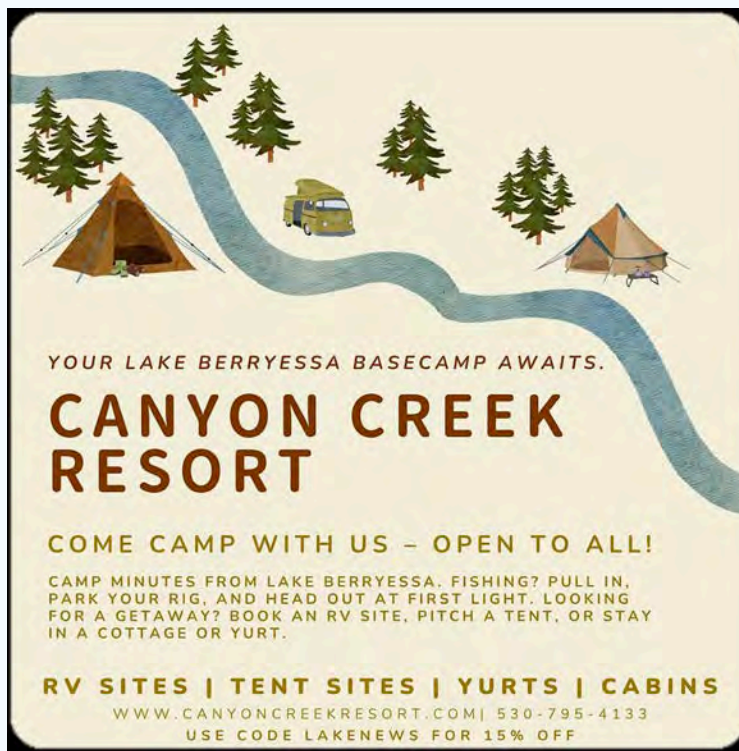
Brutal Economy Fulfills Mom's Dream Of Having All Her Kids Back Home

Mail Carrier Hurt To Learn Residents On His Route Have Been Receiving Electronic Mail

"Remote Work Is Killing Efficiency" Billionaire CEO Confidently States While Boarding His Yacht Wednesday Morning

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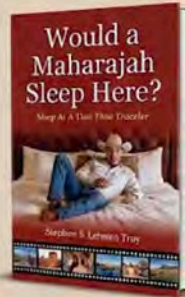
The passion and artistry described in their *'Maharajah Sleep Here?'* travelogue (seen below) have culminated in this superb vintage. This isn't just a wine; it's a taste of the Lake Berryessa lifestyle.

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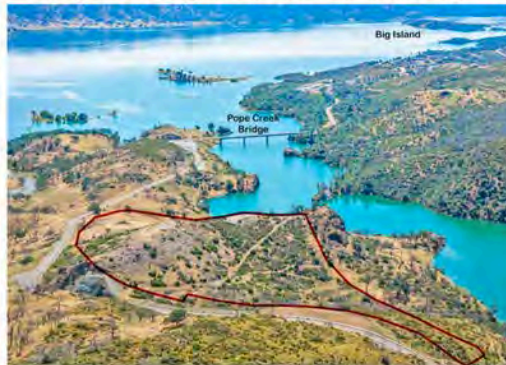
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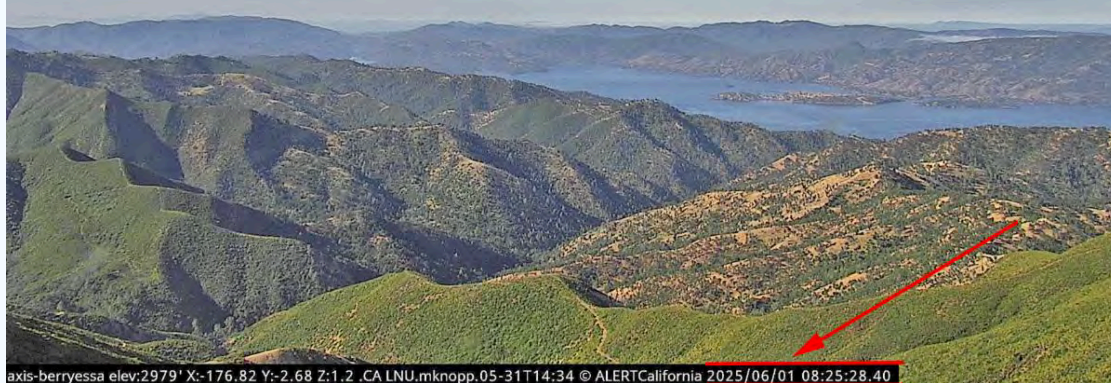
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Lake Berryessa Fire Watch Cameras

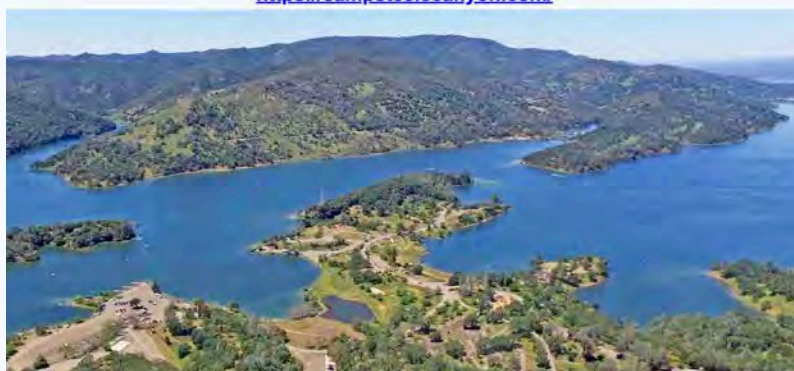
This site covers the whole Lake Berryessa Region.

<http://www.rntl.net/lake-berryessa-cams/>

Berryessa Peak Fire Lookout 6/1/25



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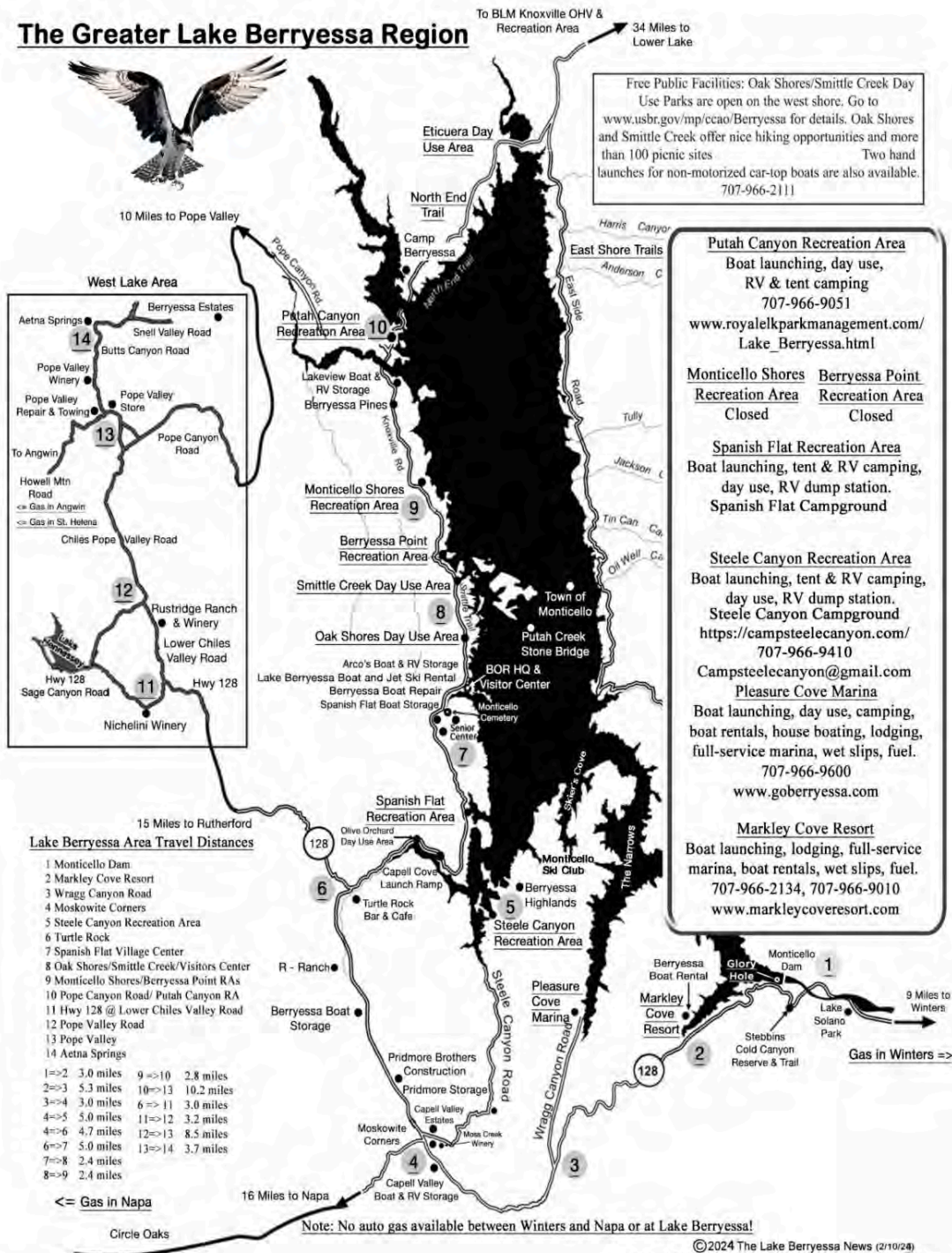


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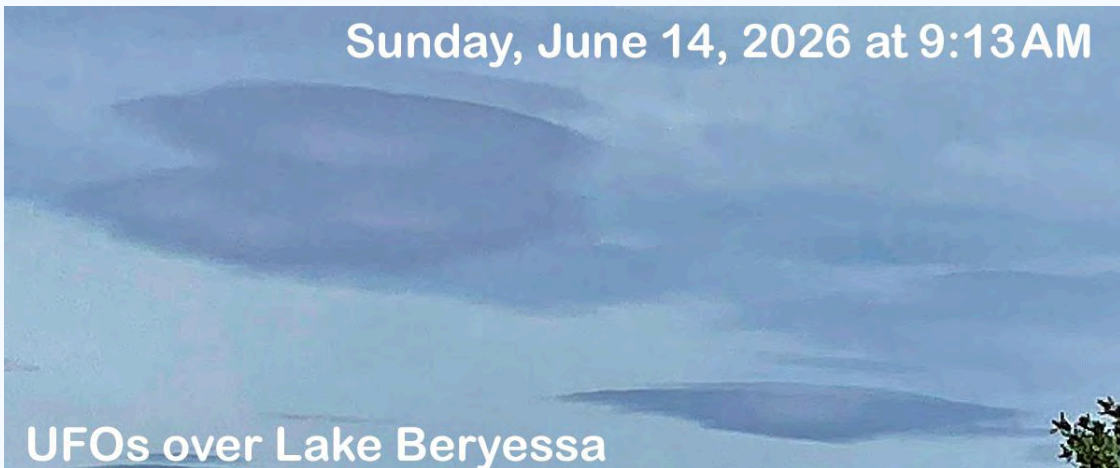
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CIA Releases New Photos UFOs or UAPs?



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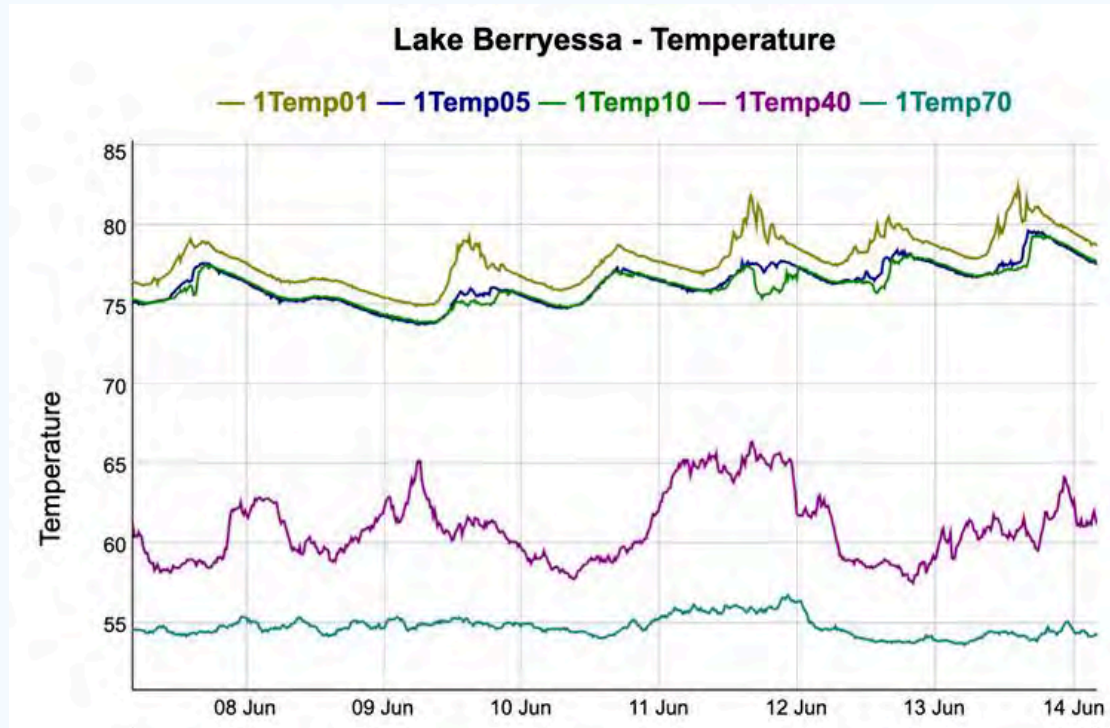
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Water temperature has hit 80 degrees!



Visual Vigilante vs. Caltrans Annoying Silly Safety Signs

Those of you who drive Monticello Road (Hwy 121) to Napa may have noticed more than a dozen of the most egregiously stupid CalTrans "silly safety signs" have been pushed down, in both directions, by an annoyed "Visual Vigilante" commuter. There are at least 50 more that should be removed. I would have preferred that CalTrans admit to a poorly designed, driver-distracting project and recycled them to another California highway location. Their final recent response is copied below with my rebuttal. They have not yet responded to my complaint of 5/22/26.

A reader just sent me this comment with numbers. You can verify it yourself on your next drive from Lake Berryessa to Napa. "There were 600+ signs placed by Caltrans and a total of 57 signs pushed over, and I hope there are more pushed over... absolutely ridiculous and overabundance!"

CalTrans response (May 22, 2026):

Mr. Kilkus, Thank you for reaching out regarding the new warning signs. The new warning signs installed in the segment of Route 121 in Napa that was mentioned in the CSR were installed to meet the requirements outlined in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Their main purpose is to provide motorists with advance warning about upcoming curves in the road, helping to reduce the likelihood of collisions caused by sudden changes in horizontal alignment. By ensuring proper signage, we aim to enhance safety for everyone traveling through that area. Our goal is to enhance awareness for drivers and create safer road conditions overall. Please let me know if you need any further information or have additional questions regarding the installation. Thanks again for bringing this to our attention!

My response (May 22, 2026):

This is a non-answer to the complaint. I challenge the project manager to provide actual justification for this plethora of unnecessary signs. Attached is a story I did on this silly

project with actual driver comments. I just heard from a driver that several of the signs have been knocked down. These signs have a negative effect on our driving community with no increase in safety. They are annoyingly distracting every time I drive to Napa and back.

You can contact CalTrans yourself at: email at Caltrans.d4@dot.ca.gov or phone at 510 286-6173.



Why Treasury's proposed \$250 Trump bill was met with laughter in China





The Mandarin word for the number 250 has numerous derogatory connotations, all of which have amused Chinese speakers. The number 250, which the Trump administration wants to use on a \$250 bill with the president's face on it, is slang for "idiot" in Chinese. In China, "250" or "èr bǎi wǔ" is a common insult meaning "fool," "idiot," or "dimwit." they are absolutely losing their minds over there about the new trump \$250 bill!

According to Mandarin language schools and a report about the Trump administration's planned \$250 bill by the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post, the Mandarin word for 250 could also be used to call someone silly, innocent, careless, foolish, stubborn, reckless, stupid or to suggest they were not, as an English idiom goes, "the sharpest tool in the shed".

The Institute wrote that, regardless of the saying's origin, the Mandarin word for 250, "essentially translates to the English equivalent of 'stupid,' or 'not playing with a full deck.'" Other origins have been reported elsewhere.

Given the above, it is reasonable to assume that Mandarin speakers might find the idea of a bill with the number 250 next to Trump's face amusing. The South China Morning Post reported that news of the proposed bill had "racked up more than 14 million views on mainland social media, with most users finding it hilarious."

The Treasury Department also released two other possible variations of the bill design.





Voter Fraud Conspiracy Theories Debunked, Yet Again!...and Again!!!...and Again!!!

Watching Trump melt down on national television, yet again, was embarrassing, both nationally and internationally. His criticism of the latest California election process was an amusing display of ignorance of basic democratic processes - almost laughable if it weren't such a dangerous display of mental delusion.

I was reminded of my experience as a Napa County poll worker a few years ago. I encourage anyone who has the time to volunteer (although you do get paid a small stipend) for that experience. I worked a few days at the Angwin fire station and met some great people and voters. I also learned about the very strict laws governing poll workers' actions, and the level of scrutiny of the process by outside poll watchers. These poll

watchers, representing various political persuasions, went from polling place to polling place to observe the election process in detail. Their goal was to guarantee that there was no undue influence on the outcome. We were not even allowed to bring newspapers into the polling place.

We also had several days of training on election laws, the operating systems of the voting computers, and practice with the computers themselves. Since there had been false claims of voter fraud bandied about with no proof ever discovered, we did get an enlightening tutorial from John Tuteur describing the actual statistics of voter fraud in Napa County. This is his description.

Commentary On Voter Fraud

John Tuteur, Napa County Registrar of Voters

In my 29 years as Napa County Registrar of Voters our Election Division has processed at least one million ballots in 75 different elections. Out of those one million ballots we have had two cases of intentional voter fraud. Neither of the fraudulent ballots were counted, both of the perpetrators were discovered and referred to law enforcement.

Human eyes review the signatures on every return ballot envelope which is the best way to insure the integrity of the election process. Both cases of voter fraud were discovered when our staff recognized that the signatures on the return envelope did not match the signature in our system to which we compare the envelope signature. Voters who cast ballots in person sign a roster so that those signatures can also be verified.

The machines that count our ballots and compile the results are plugged in only to the wall, i.e. power cords. Neither the machines nor the servers that handle the data have any internet, wireless or network connection, just the plug in the wall. Those machines and servers are in locked, alarmed rooms and under 24/7 video surveillance. In addition the servers are housed in locked, steel cabinets.

Elections in the United States are carried out at the local level, counties, parishes, townships and boroughs. There are seven thousand separate election jurisdictions which have separate ballot tabulation systems, none of which are connected to wireless, the internet or networks. Conducting large scale voter fraud is just as difficult as an individual trying to commit voter fraud.

All of our election processes are open to observation by the public. A recent grand jury report found that Napa County elections were secure, efficient and accurate.

Please contact Napa County Registrar of Voters John Tuteur
john.tuteur@countyofnapa.org or 707-253-4459 if any questions or comments.

There are also extensive databases of investigation of voter fraud across the country. No Large scale vote tampering has been uncovered - and none that were actually found could have influenced the outcome of any election - especially a presidential election. A few cases that were discovered were so stupid that they were fun to read and could have

been the plot for a reality cop show. Here's just one of the hundreds of cases of dumb people across the country who had more larceny in their hearts than brains in their heads.

"Elbert Melton, the former mayor of Gordon, illegally notarized two ballots, without witnesses present, during the 2016 election in which he was running for mayor. Melton won that race by only 16 votes. Melton was convicted on two counts of absentee ballot fraud, was removed from office, and was sentenced to serve one year in prison followed by two years of probation."

[See more cases at: https://electionfraud.heritage.org/](https://electionfraud.heritage.org/)



Debunking the evidence for election fraud cases

Political science professor Justin Grimmer's research offers a detailed look at election fraud claims, their purveyors, and the election skeptics who believe them. He finds some reason for hope. (October 9, 2024)

According to Grimmer's research, a quarter of voters believe U.S. elections are inaccurate. These skeptics tend to be Republican, older, and White. They are similarly educated as the overall population but with higher-than-average income. But only a tiny fraction of doubters would go so far as to say that elections are faked. Most pointed to delays in ballot counts and results they don't like as their grounds for concern.

Grimmer's research has systematically debunked the major theories of voter fraud, including the widely circulated theories blaming Dominion voting machines and absentee ballots. Here, Grimmer, a co-director of the Democracy and Polarization Lab, discusses the basis for claims that U.S. elections are inaccurate, the findings of his research, and the reasons why he believes skeptics may still be persuadable.

Question: What are some key takeaways from your research on election fraud and voter confidence in the United States?

Grimmer: One broad set of findings is that these claims are based on shockingly flimsy evidence. We reviewed the most prominent statistical claims from Trump's post-2020-election operation to challenge the results. Not only were these claims dismissed in court, but also the supposed statistical evidence was often nonsensical-based on basic misconceptions about voter file data. Often, the conclusions revealed fundamental misunderstandings about basic research procedures. In another paper published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, we show that for many election fraud claims-even if the empirical claim is true -it's not evidence of fraud.

A second broad set of findings is that there is a very small, but very involved, group of election skeptics advocating for dramatic reforms to U.S. elections. In surveys of more than 5,000 people we conducted before and after the 2022 midterm elections, we asked respondents why they are skeptical about elections, and they usually indicated that long counting times or the other party winning fuels their suspicions.

But we have also identified a political movement whose members believe that all elections-for all offices, in every locality-are being manipulated. The claims we evaluated in a recent paper published in the Election Law Journal come from fringe skeptics who make the shockingly broad claim that every race from president to school board is subject to the influence of shadowy and unnamed groups who determine the winner. Luckily, these claims have not gained much traction with the broader public, but local activists have seized on them and deluged local election offices with requests for data, slowing down these offices' work.

Question: Do you think laws such as the one in Shasta County requiring hand-counting reassure voters or sow more doubt?

Grimmer: I doubt that hand-counting would do anything to assure voters about the validity of elections. In a close election with hand-counting, a skeptical candidate could point to errors in the hand-counting process as a source of their defeat.

Question: What do you make of recent claims that noncitizens can vote?

Grimmer: Even when states have suggested that they have found noncitizens on their voter rolls, it usually is only a small number of noncitizens who are accidentally placed on the rolls. We certainly do not have evidence of a broad conspiracy to enroll noncitizens to benefit one party. My biggest concern is that these theories of fraud could influence the county officials across the country who are in charge of canvassing and certifying election results. "Data vigilantes"-amateur citizens scouring a spreadsheet-might create extra work for election officials and incorrectly target particular voters.

Question: Who has benefited from claims of electoral fraud and how?

Grimmer: The biggest beneficiaries of these claims are the election skeptics who spread them. There is a small industry of election skeptic speakers who tour the country, claiming

to have evidence of stolen elections. While there does seem to be some financial benefit, the primary benefit seems to be the notoriety that comes with being a leader in the movement. Spreading claims about the 2020 election gives the skeptics the chance to have an adoring audience and travel the country spreading their claims. Many of the most prominent skeptics were not famous before the 2020 election: one well-known skeptic was a swing set installer; another was a high school math teacher.

Question: According to your research, some purveyors of election fraud theories don't stop making claims after they've been credibly disproven with research and/or rejected in courts. What makes voters in the U.S. receptive to these claims, and how can we effectively combat the doubt they sow?

Grimmer: Even after clear corrections, many of those who have had their claims disproved will continue making them-this is a frustrating aspect of the work we've been doing. But our refutations have still been valuable for court cases, for legislators, and for election administrators to help inform concerned citizens. The best way we can combat claims of election fraud is to proactively inform the public about how elections are secured in the United States and to enlist the help of electoral candidates.

Question: Could public policy changes help reduce election skepticism?

Grimmer: It is notoriously difficult to influence skepticism with simple public policy changes. In a 2023 paper published in the Journal of Legal Analysis, we showed that the vast majority of election policies can't possibly change even the closest elections. But based on the experience of the 2020 election and our own research, having more ballots counted earlier seems to go a long way toward reducing election skepticism.

Question: In your view, the reasons cited for election doubts suggest that skepticism isn't (yet) "deep-seated." What are some things citizens could do to make democracy stronger?

Grimmer: Perhaps the best thing each citizen could do is to become more educated about how U.S. elections are run, and the best way to do that is to volunteer for an upcoming election as an election worker.

(See story above **Voter Fraud Conspiracy Theories Debunked, Yet Again!...and Again!!...and Again!!!**)





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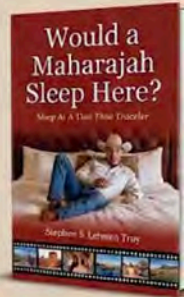
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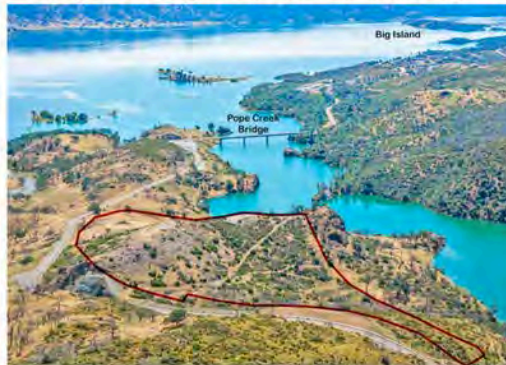
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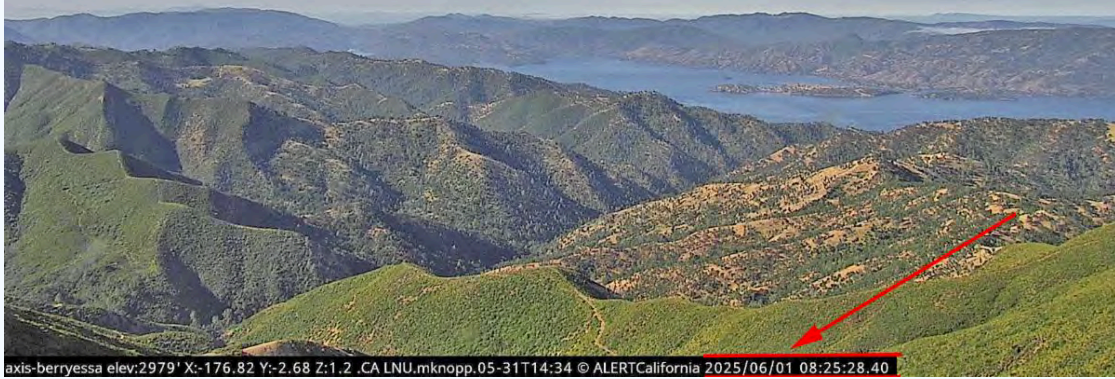
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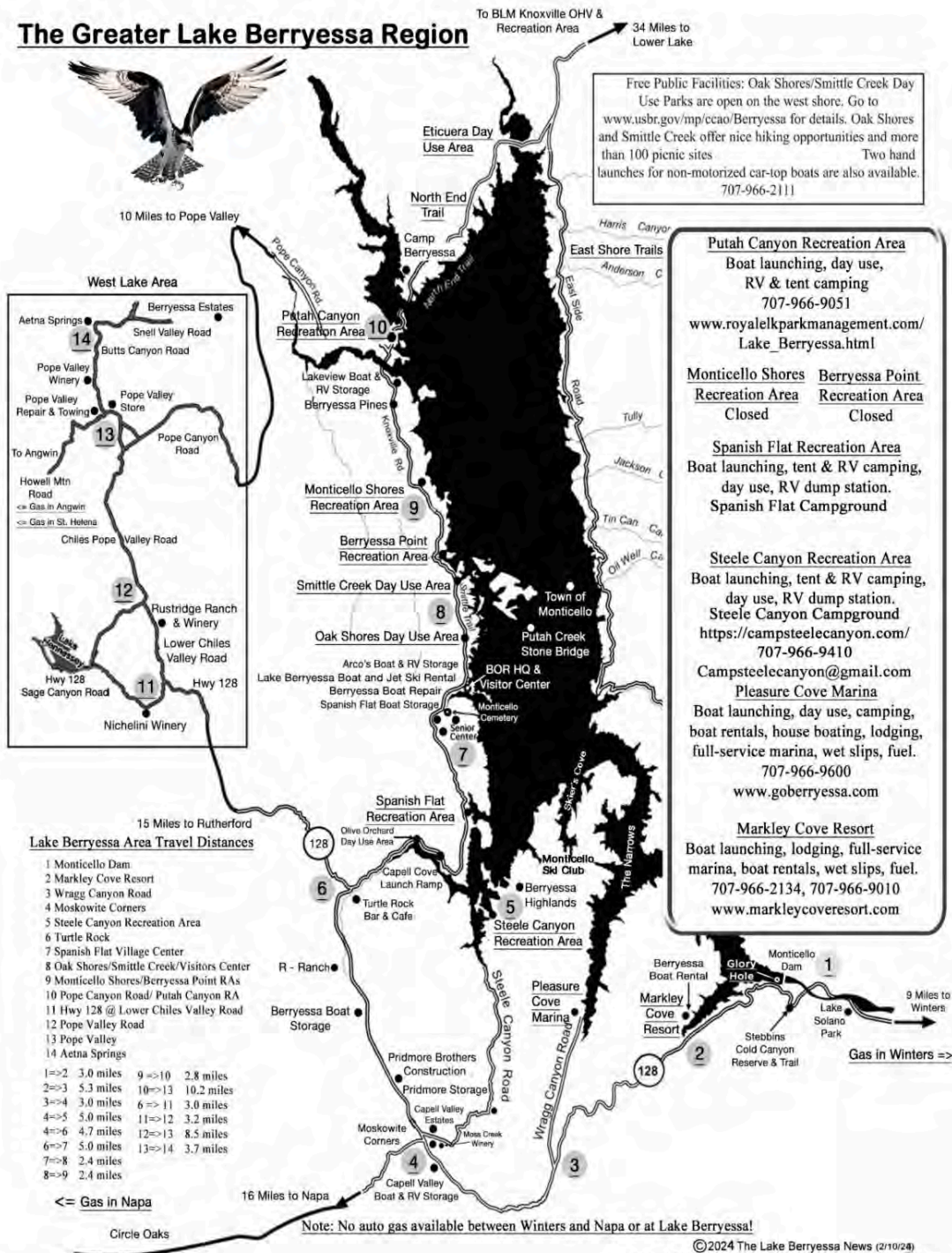


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Five resorts are open. From North to South to East:

Putah Canyon Campground: <https://royalelkparkmanagement.com/putah-canyon>

Spanish Flat Campground: <https://campspanishflat.com/>

Steele Canyon Campground: <https://campsteelecanyon.com/>

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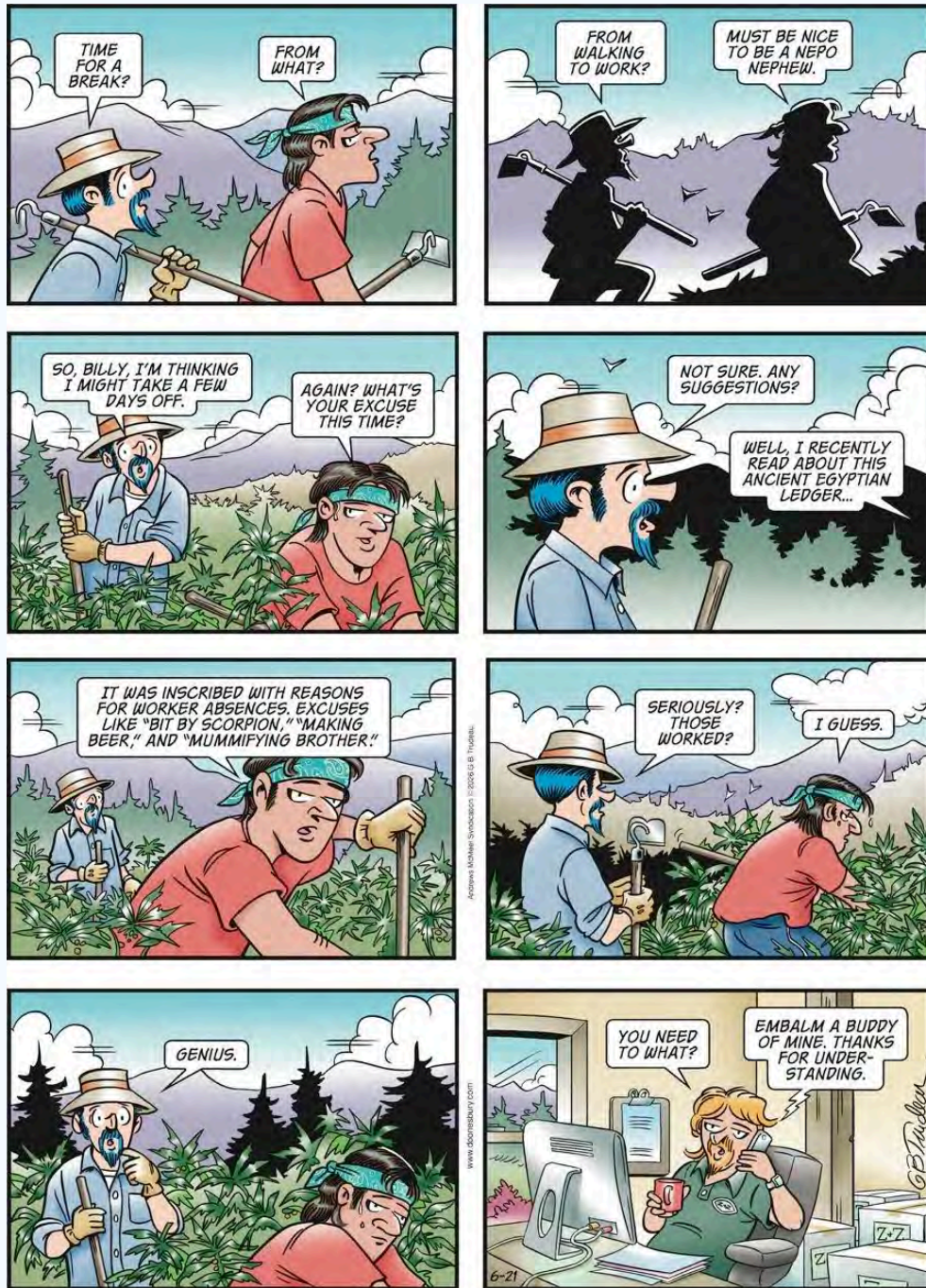


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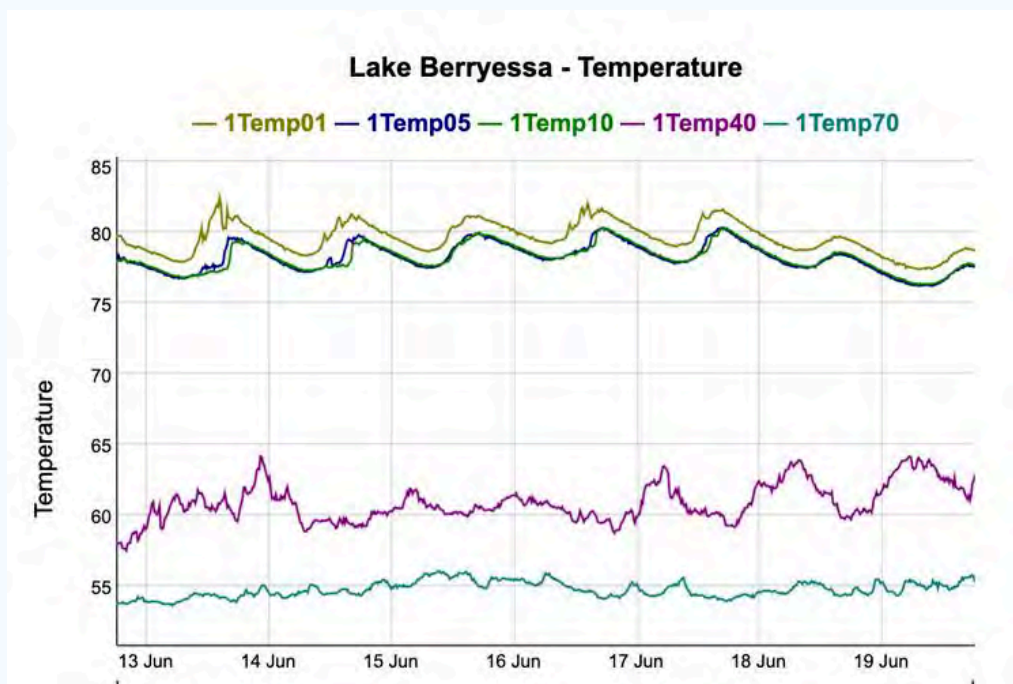
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The total rainfall at Monticello Dam remains at 24.96 inches.

The lake output has risen to an average of 650 cfs (1,288 A-F per day). The highest output during the summer averages about 700 cfs (1,387 A-F per day).

Lake capacity is now at 1,476,794 Acre-Feet or 95%.

Water temperature is averaging between 77-80 degrees, depending on the air temperatures!





Napa County Supervisors Meeting (June 16,2026)

Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID - Berryessa Highlands)

The recommended budget of NBRID, after making any revisions of, deductions from, or increases or additions to, the recommended budget during the budget hearings, including those changes adopted by the NBRID Board during the budget hearings, is hereby adopted as the budget of NBRID for fiscal year 2026-2027, including the approved appropriations by general class, the capital assets, the reserves by funds and purpose, and the documents which by reference show in detail the approved appropriations, revenues, and other methods of financing in the budget as finally determined are hereby approved and incorporated by reference herein. The total financing requirements, including increases and decreases of obligated fund balance, for fiscal year 2026-2027 are as follows:

Operating \$ 1,692,102

Debt Service \$ 523,709

Total \$ 2,215,811

Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District (LBRID: Berryessa Estates)

The recommended budget of the LBRID, after making any revisions of, deductions from, or increases or additions to, the recommended budget during the budget hearings, including those changes adopted by the LBRID Board during the budget hearings, is hereby adopted as the budget of LBRID for fiscal year 2026-2027, including the approved appropriations by general class, the capital assets, the reserves by funds and purpose, and the documents which by reference show in detail the approved appropriations, revenues, and other methods of financing in the budget as finally determined are hereby approved and incorporated by reference herein. The total financing requirements,

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Operating \$1,394,668
Capital Projects 319,091
Debt Service 229,942
Total \$1,943,701



Twenty-five Year Inflation History

Those of us who have been around since back in the last century have experienced several roller-coaster rides in the economy. I just commiserated with a guy who remembered when Snickers bars were five cents. In 1965 friends and I drove from Winona, Minnesota to Malibu, San Francisco, Berkeley, and back and never paid more than twenty-five cents a gallon for gas. My father was only earning \$400 per month at his job but we owned a nice house, and my parents raised three kids who all went to college (ok - we were on full scholarships). Nice story (like my uncle telling us he walked uphill both ways to get to his job!). The interest rate on the "junk mortgage" on my first house came in at 22% in 1990. But what does all that mean now?

Inflation is the rate at which the general (average) price level of goods and services increases over time. When inflation occurs, the purchasing power of money decreases, meaning a single unit of currency buys you fewer items than it did previously.

Between 2001 and 2025, the cumulative U.S. inflation rate was 81.92%, resulting in an average annual inflation rate of 2.52%. A basket of goods that cost \$100 in 2001 would cost about \$181.92 in 2025.

Runaway inflation in the late 1970s and early 1980s (peaking at nearly 14.8% in 1980) forced the Federal Reserve under Paul Volcker to aggressively raise interest rates. These

soaring rates, combined with legal deposit caps, triggered the Savings and Loan (S&L) crisis by causing severe asset-liability mismatches and massive deposit flight.

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During the 2007-2009 US financial crisis, headline inflation plummeted from a mid-2008 peak of over 5.5% into negative territory by 2009 due to a collapse in commodity prices and plunging consumer demand.

Annual Inflation Rates (2001–2025)

The **Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index (CPI)** shows the following year-over-year inflation rates for each calendar year:

Year	Annual Inflation Rate
2001	2.85%
2002	1.58%
2003	2.28%
2004	2.66%
2005	3.39%
2006	3.23%
2007	2.85%
2008	3.84% U.S. Financial Crisis
2009	-0.36% (Deflation)
2010	1.64%
2011	3.16%
2012	2.07%
2013	1.46%
2014	1.62%
2015	0.12%
2016	1.26%
2017	2.13%
2018	2.49%
2019	1.76%
2020	1.23% Covid - March, 2020
2021	4.70% Covid
2022	8.00% Covid
2023	4.12% Covid ends - May, 2023
2024	2.89%
2025	2.76%
2026 to date	4.2%

The annual inflation rate in the U.S. climbed to 4.2% as of May 2026, marking its highest level in more than three years. This uptick was largely driven by rising energy costs

stemming from geopolitical supply disruptions, alongside ongoing pressure from artificial intelligence demands and trade tariffs.

What is inflation, and how does the Federal Reserve evaluate changes in inflation?

https://www.federalreserve.gov/faqs/economy_14419.htm



Mandatory Defensible Space Notice

Dear Lot Owners,

Napa County has begun conducting inspections and tagging parcels for the completion of the annual defensible space and vegetation management requirements.

This year, the County has implemented stricter standards than in prior years. Unless a parcel exceeds one acre in size, property owners are now required to weed-whack and clear vegetation across the entire lot, regardless of slope or terrain conditions.

Additional requirements include, but are not limited to:

- * Limbing trees up to 6 feet from the ground (or higher for trees located on slopes)
- * Removal of cypress, juniper, rosemary, and similar vegetation within 30 feet of any structure
- * Relocating all wood piles at least 30 feet away from structures

* Proper spacing and thinning of shrubs and vegetation

Nearly all lots within the area have been tagged. If you visit your property, you will likely notice a tag posted on the lot (pictured below). The back of the tag includes a QR code and access code that will allow you to review the County's inspection report and required corrective actions.

Property owners will also receive a copy of the report by mail. Owners will have 21 days to complete all required work.

Napa County will conduct follow-up inspections in approximately one month. We strongly encourage all owners to complete the required work promptly to ensure compliance.



New online platform helps residents stay informed and engaged

Napa County has launched Connect Napa County, a new online public engagement platform designed to make it easier for residents, businesses, and community stakeholders to learn about County initiatives, provide feedback, and stay informed about projects that affect the community.

The platform launches with two active projects: the [Napa County Airport Runway 19R Approach Evaluation](#) and the [Temporary Events Ordinance and Manual Update](#). Over time, Connect Napa County is intended to become the County's primary online destination for public engagement, bringing multiple projects and participation opportunities together in one place. Additional projects, including the County's upcoming General Plan Update, will be added in the future.

Connect Napa County provides a centralized location where community members can access project information, review documents, participate in surveys, explore interactive maps, submit questions and comments, sign up for updates, and learn about upcoming engagement opportunities. The platform is available in English and Spanish and is designed to be accessible and mobile-friendly.

"Community input plays an important role in helping us make informed decisions and deliver services that meet the needs of our residents," said Napa County Chief Executive Officer Ryan Alsop. "Too often, public engagement starts from scratch with each new project. Connect Napa County allows us to build an ongoing relationship with community members who want to stay involved, making it easier for residents to participate and for the County to hear from a broader range of voices over time."

Connect Napa County complements existing outreach efforts, including public meetings, workshops, social media, and traditional communication channels, by providing a year-round online space where community members can participate on their own schedule. The platform is powered by Open Point, a community engagement system used by local governments and organizations to support public participation and gather community feedback.

Residents are encouraged to visit Connect Napa County, explore current projects, and sign up to receive updates on topics that interest them.

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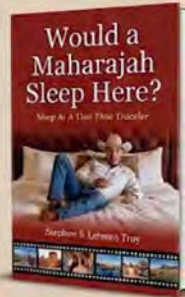
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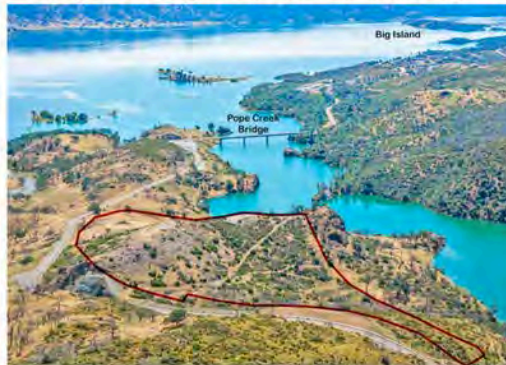
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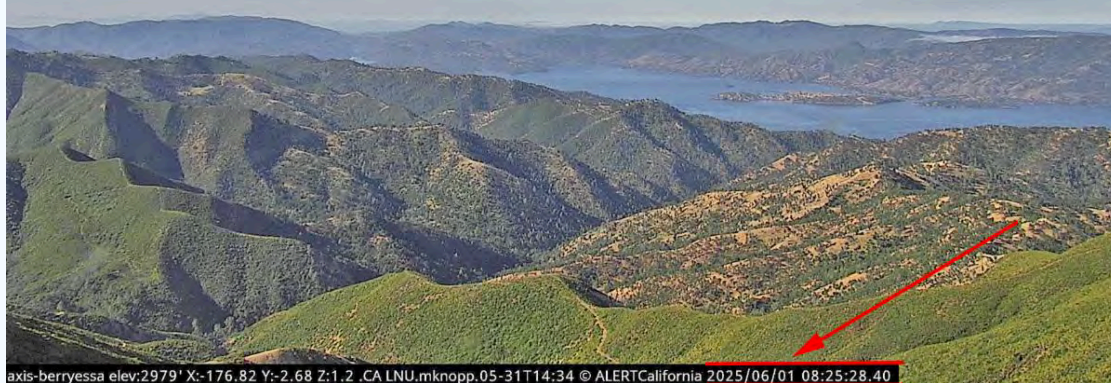
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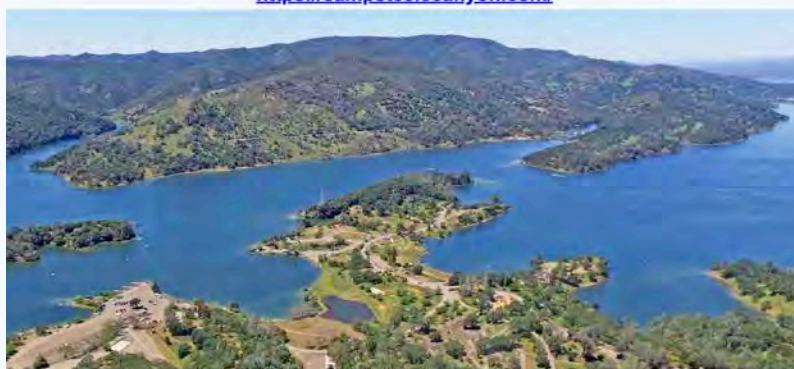
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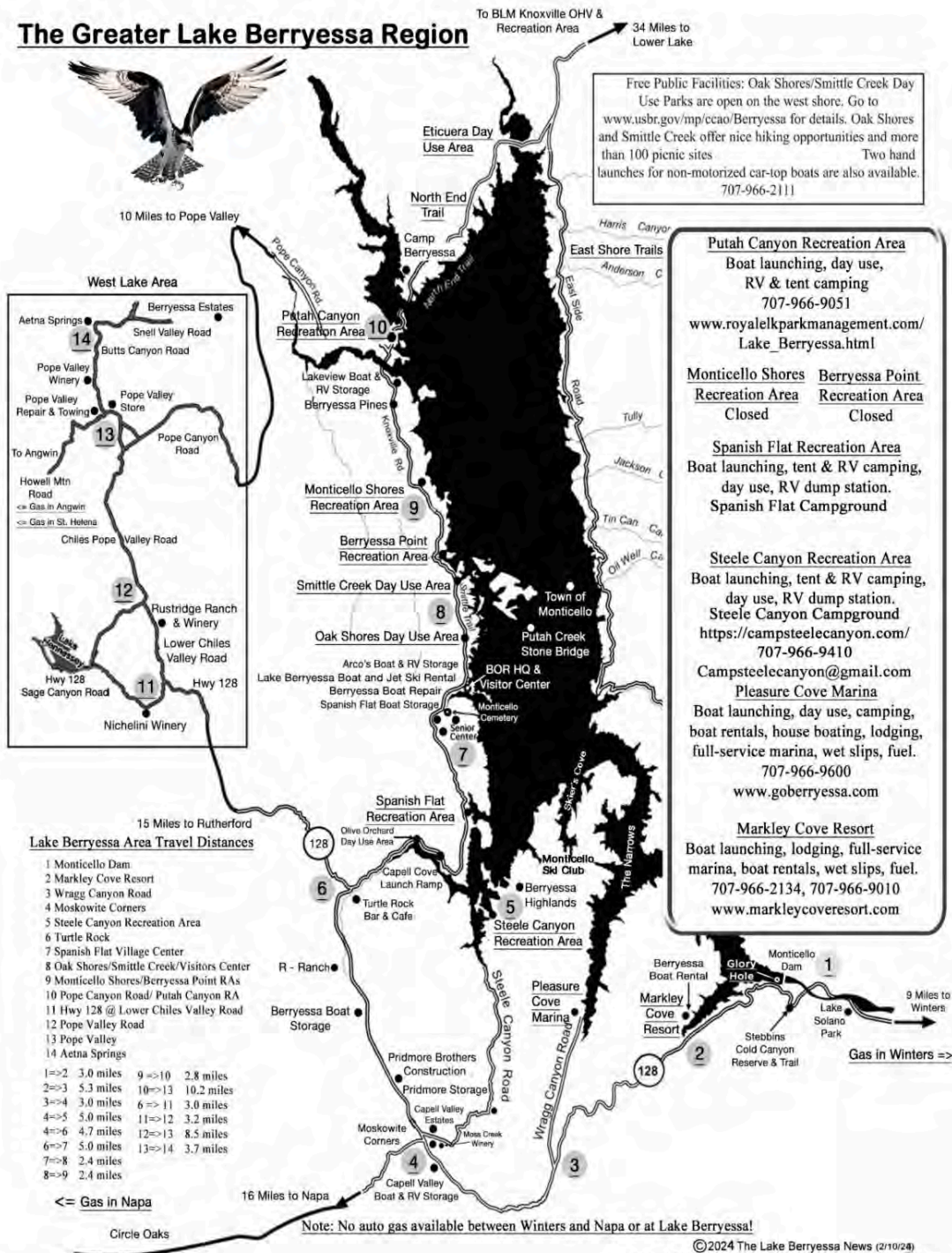


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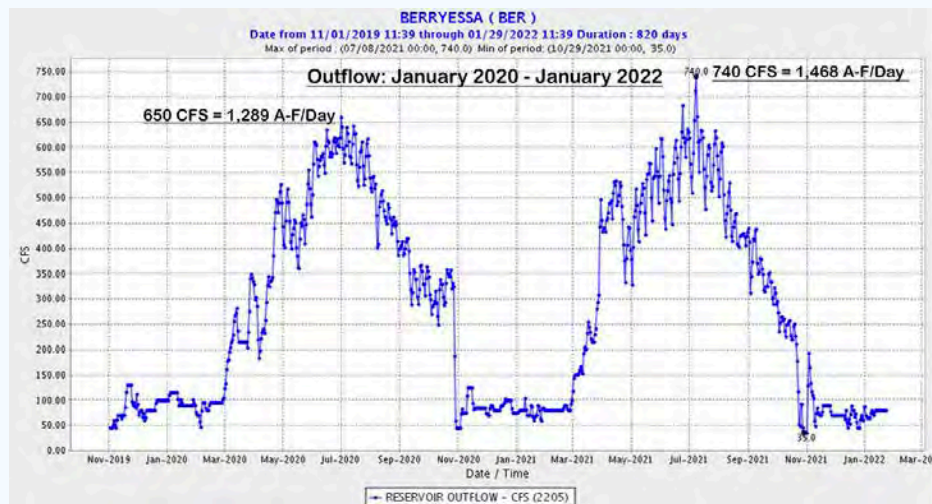
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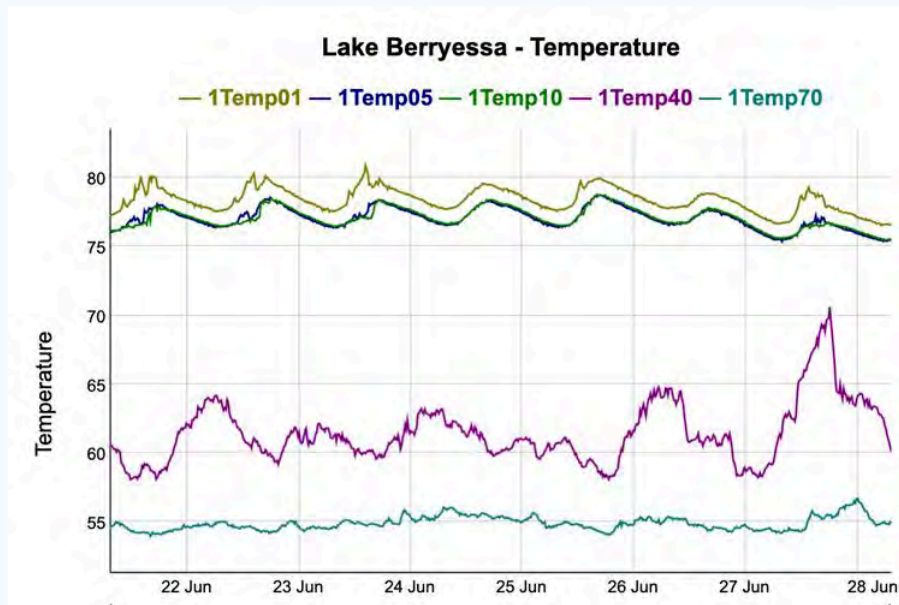
The total rainfall at Monticello Dam remains at 24.96 inches.

The lake output has risen to an average of 640 cfs (1,269 A-F per day). The highest output during the summer averages about 700 cfs (1,387 A-F per day). Growing season is in full swing.

Lake capacity is now at 1,466,518 Acre-Feet or 94.5%.

Water temperature is averaging 77 degrees!





Caltrans Lack of Response to Annoying Silly Safety Signs - Update (6/28/26)

Yesterday I drove to Rio Vista for the Wild West Watercross jet ski races. Rio Vista is a beautiful small town on the Sacramento River on Highway 12 about an hour and a half from Lake Berryessa. It's a nice boating destination too.



Lake Berryessa News Associate Editor, Evan Kilkus, was a safety rider for the races.



There was a "freestyle" demonstration and some fun-to-watch "chicken boat" races.



See more great photos at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1901154170221947/>

On my way to the races, I noticed that many of the annoying Caltrans "silly safety signs" which apparently had been blown over by the high "winds" that had buffeted Monticello Road a few weeks ago had also been, unexpectedly and conveniently, blown into piles along the road - ready for trash pickup or recycling by Caltrans. The biggest pile of the most offensive signs were stacked at the Monticello Road - Wooden Valley Road intersection. Driving up to that intersection at night from Fairfield must have been an unnerving, blinding experience due to the number of sign initially installed there! Now they are, thankfully, all gone. You can contact Caltrans yourself at: email at Caltrans.d4@dot.ca.gov or phone at 510 286-6173.





Initial Review of the proposed Napa County Sales Tax Initiative

Question: How much land is still open to any development in Napa County?

Answer: Per public research, only a tiny fraction of Napa County is open for general development, as roughly 82% of the land is permanently preserved or protected by strict agriculture zoning. Development is heavily concentrated into incorporated cities (Napa, St. Helena, Calistoga, Yountville, American Canyon) and a few designated industrial areas like the Airport Industrial Park.

Permanent Preservation: Thanks to the landmark Napa County Agricultural Preserve (established in 1968) and the Land Trust of Napa County, over 96,000 acres (about 18%) of the county are permanently protected.

Agricultural Dominance: Approximately 75% of the unincorporated county is zoned for agriculture, allowing only for very low-density residential uses (typically 40- to 160-acre minimums) to limit urban sprawl.

Targeted Growth Areas: The principal hub for unincorporated commercial and industrial growth is the Napa Valley Business Park Specific Plan area near the Napa County Airport, which comprises about 2,945 acres.

Housing and Infill: Municipalities direct new development toward "infill" projects (such as the South Oxbow housing site in the City of Napa) rather than expanding outwards into open space.

Land Availability: While there are still over 150 privately owned vacant parcels and empty lots listed on the open market (ranging from 0.25-acre plots to larger, rural ranch properties), their development potential is highly restricted by county building codes and water allocation limits.

See the text of the sales tax initiative at:

[An Initiative Imposing A One-Half Percent \(1/2%\) Sales Tax For Wildfire Preparedness, Watershed Protection, And Open Space Preservation](#)

This tax is strongly supported by the Napa Land Trust, which is a non-profit corporation.

Should Non-Profit Corporations Be Given Municipal Sales Tax Revenue?

Sales tax revenues are primarily designated to fund essential public services like roads, public safety, and public education. Whether sales tax revenue should be allocated directly to nonprofits in California is a subject of ongoing policy debate, balancing the need for public funding with the value nonprofits provide to local communities.

Non-profit organizations do not automatically receive public sales tax revenue, as sales tax is a public fund collected by state and local governments to fund public infrastructure, safety, and government operations. However, they could receive a portion of this revenue through government grants, contracts, or dedicated ballot measures.

Diverting these funds could strain municipal budgets. Broadly distributing tax revenues to nonprofits could set a precedent that reduces the overall tax base available for maintaining civic infrastructure.



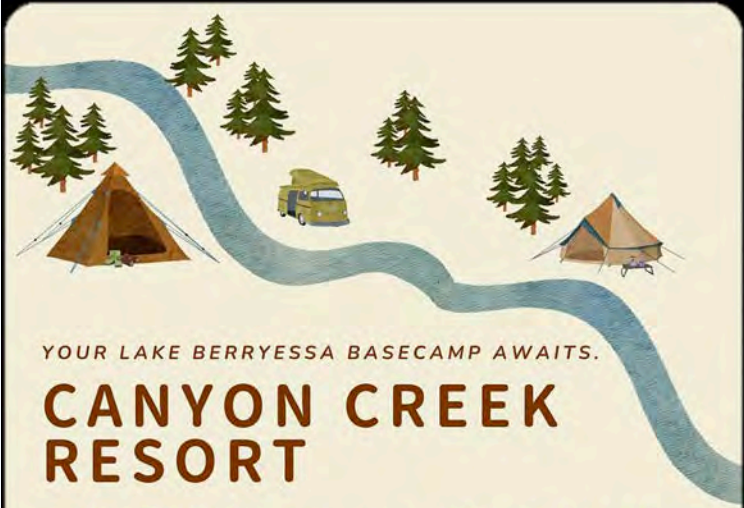
Five resorts are open. From North to South to East:

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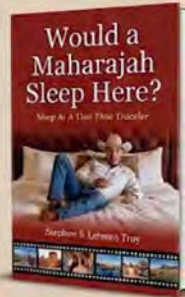
The passion and artistry described in their *'Maharajah Sleep Here?'* travelogue (seen below) have culminated in this superb vintage. This isn't just a wine; it's a taste of the Lake Berryessa lifestyle.

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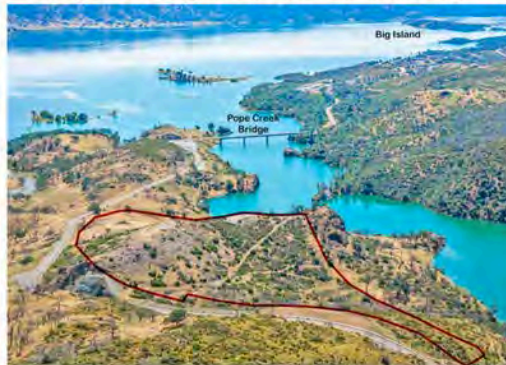
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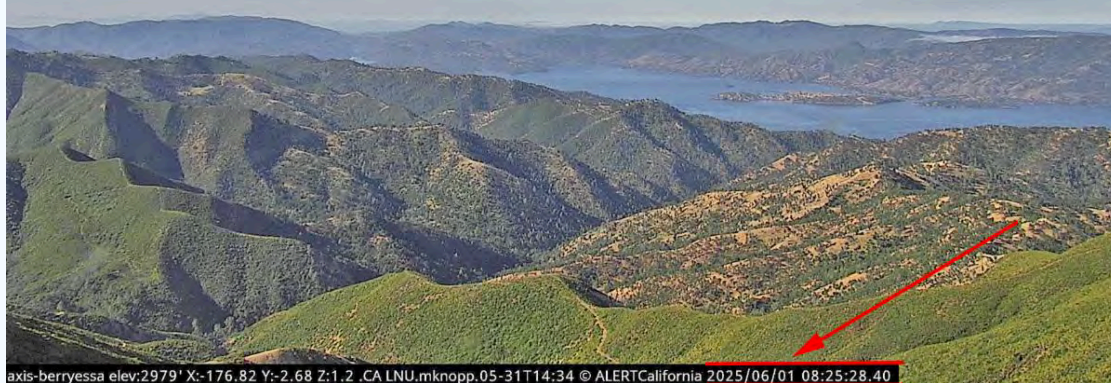
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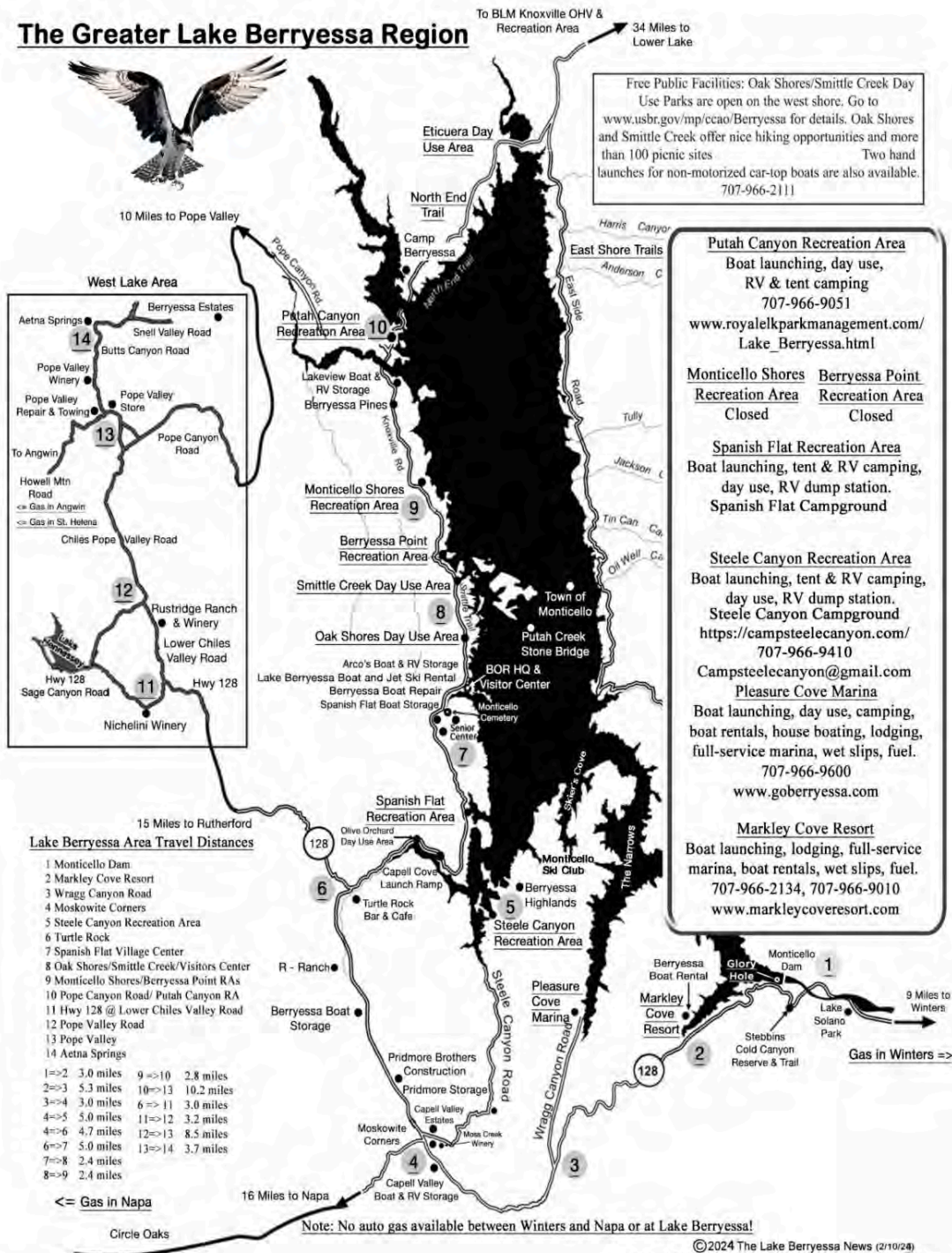


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