

The Lake Berryessa Revitalization Program Explained

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I have referred to the Lake Berryessa Revitalization Program for several years. I have been criticized that, "The "Lake Berryessa Revitalization Program" is not any recognized County process. It is your own invention, and does not exist beyond yourself."

This statement is simply wrong, irrelevant, aimed at delaying the "Lake Berryessa Revitalization Program", and a bit mean-spirited.

The official name for the county's "The Lake Berryessa Revitalization Program" process is:

[Managing Agreement Number 20-LC-20-2623 : Managing Agreement Between the United States of America and Napa County for the Administration, Operation, Maintenance and Development of Recreation Uses and Facilities at Lake Berryessa Area Project Lands.](#)

For simplicity of understanding I refer to it as "The Lake Berryessa Revitalization Program". Read it and see.

The second element of "The Lake Berryessa Revitalization Program" is the county-funded 2017 Ragatz Report, the most detailed report about the value of Lake Berryessa to Napa County ever produced, including an extensive public survey. Read it and see.

[Ragatz Report Full](#)

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/References-PDFs/2017-Ragatz-Report-Full.pdf>,

The third element of "The Lake Berryessa Revitalization Program" is actually the

[Napa County General Plan](#)

<https://www.countyofnapa.org/DocumentCenter/View/3334/Napa-County-General-Plan---Complete-Document-PDF>

Hopefully the Board of Supervisors will live up to its public statement that:

"The County hopes that the private investment associated with a long-term concession agreement will improve recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, provide new employment opportunities, and possibly become an anchor for **revitalization** of the Lake Berryessa community."

The primary refutation of every negative attack on the Lake Berryessa Revitalization Program is the Ragatz Report funded by Napa County. It includes comprehensive analysis of Lake Berryessa's potential as an asset to Napa County and a detailed survey of several thousand lake users, including Napa County residents.

[2017 Ragatz Report Full](#)

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/References-PDFs/2017-Ragatz-Report-Full.pdf>

[Ragatz Report Introduction & Summary of Recommendations](#)

https://www.lakeberrysanews.com/resources/Lake-Berryessa-Support-Documentation/Ragatz-Report-Introduction_Summary_Recomendations.pdf

After false statements that the Lake Berryessa Revitalization Program might violate the Napa County General Plan or that it didn't include "nature-based recreation", I wrote several reports refuting those allegations. I analyzed the General Plan and wrote a detailed report on the many ways the General Plan supports The Lake Berryessa Revitalization Program. These reports are available on my website (<https://www.lakeberrysanews.com/>) at:

[Lake Berryessa and the Napa General Plan,
https://www.lakeberrysanews.com/resources/Past-Stories-&-Reports/Lake-Berryessa-and-the-Napa-General-Plan.pdf](https://www.lakeberrysanews.com/resources/Past-Stories-&-Reports/Lake-Berryessa-and-the-Napa-General-Plan.pdf)

[Environmental Management at Lake Berryessa
https://www.lakeberrysanews.com/resources/Past-Stories-&-Reports/Environmental-Management-at-Lake-Berryessa.pdf](https://www.lakeberrysanews.com/resources/Past-Stories-&-Reports/Environmental-Management-at-Lake-Berryessa.pdf)

[Nature Based Recreation at Lake Berryessa
https://www.lakeberrysanews.com/resources/Past-Stories-&-Reports/Nature-Based-Recreation-at-Lake-Berryessa.pdf](https://www.lakeberrysanews.com/resources/Past-Stories-&-Reports/Nature-Based-Recreation-at-Lake-Berryessa.pdf)

[Rancho Monticello Environmental Management System
https://www.lakeberrysanews.com/resources/Lake-Berryessa-Support-Documentation/RM-001-Rancho-EMS-Manual.2.pdf](https://www.lakeberrysanews.com/resources/Lake-Berryessa-Support-Documentation/RM-001-Rancho-EMS-Manual.2.pdf)