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My colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria when we overheard a blonde admin girl talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive to the beach. She drove down in an open-top convertible, but said she didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving.

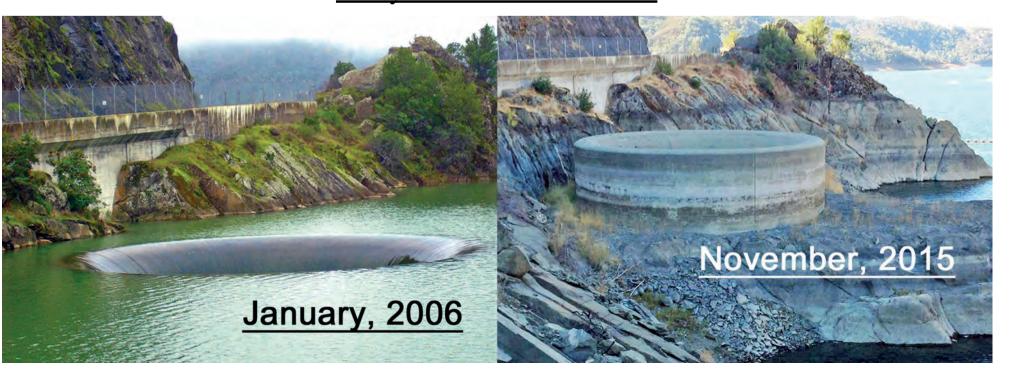
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A Modest Proposal: Radical Restructuring Ownership and Management of Lake Berryessa Should Be Transferred to Napa County

By Peter Kilkus

No Bids For Berryessa -Why Did It Happen?

Although lake water levels are low, outrage is high, and building, after the latest Bureau of Reclamation bid fiasco. Reclamation process announced that no successful bids were received in response to the latest Prospectus (the third failed bid process since 2006). Three California companies each bid on one area (Berryessa Point, Monticello Shores and Steele Canyon). All three bids were found to be "non-responsive."

According to Reclamation, if a bid was determined to be non-responsive to any one principal factor, it was determined to be non-responsive overall. The most important factor, and the one that probably led to a bid being declared non-responsive, was the financial issue.

Thousands of people who loved Lake Berryessa spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, donated thousands of hours of effort, sent thousands of letters to Reclamation, the Department of the Interior, and Congress. Some of us delivered more than 10,000 petition signatures to Washington supporting a common sense, fiscally responsible plan simply described as "Preserve the Best, Improve the Rest."

But no one in power listened, and we finally lost the "Battle for Berryessa" resulting in the ghost lake we see now.

This major recreation destination, and its residential and business communities, have been severely damaged - resources important to the State of California and Napa County, both from a social and financial perspective.

If the government could pay millions to demolish the lake resorts why can't they pay millions to construct new basic infrastructure like launch ramps, power, water, sewer facilities?

Congressman Thompson's response to this crisis is printed on Page 2 of this

issue. His historical justification outlined in the first several paragraphs is contradicted by the facts, but follows the old saying, "History is always written by the winners."

See the Letter to the Editor by Bette Maron on Page 3 for a more accurate resident's view.

A Modest Proposal

The present situation at Lake Berryessa is reminiscent of the 1966 book title "Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to Me". It's true of the lake levels that are so low that every foot of rise is welcomed with a cheer! It is true of the last ten years of federal government floundering where even a minor positive step seems like a beam of sunlight to the beleaguered residents of Eastern Napa County. But based on the latest results, there is little practical hope for progress.

Cong. Thompson's response is to propose a minor change - turn over management of the lake to the Bureau of Reclamation. But that is just trading one federal bureaucracy for another with no guarantee of any real progress.

Cong. Thompson could, instead, introduce legislation transferirng Lake Berryessa from the federal government to the jurisdiction of Napa County. There is sufficient precedent for this action. Other Bureau of Reclamation sites have been transferred to local jurisdictions in the past.

It illustrative to see how the present situation evolved.

In 1958 Lake Berryessa was not officially open to the public, barbed wire was, in fact, strung to impede public access. Despite that, on August 31, 1958 there were 800 boats on the lake, with no launch ramps, sanitary or user facilities.

Reclamation, the State of California, the National Park Service, nor any other government agency had anticipated recreational use at Lake Berryessa, and neither were any of them interested in the recreation development, or management, of the newly created lake. During the first two years that the lake

was forming, the water and land areas began to receive heavy public use, despite limited access from old existing roads, and despite the lack of sanitary facilities and garbage disposal facilities.

Since the United States had provided no funds for public use facilities at the lake, a plan was formulated for private concessioners to provide public use facilities with their own private funds at no cost to Napa County or to the US.

Napa County assumed management of the reservoir area on condition that County funds would not be spent for development, at least initially.

In 1958 Reclamation and Napa County entered into a Management Agreement whereby Napa County would administer and develop federally-owned lands at the lake.

All development at the lake was managed by Napa County from 1958 through 1974. Reclamation has managed in place of Napa County from 1975 to the present.

Because of the county's limited resources, and because a large majority of the public recreation use was by noncounty residents, Napa County chose to rely on concessioners to provide most of the recreation services and facilities.

The concessioners entered into contracts in 1958 giving them the right to a reasonable profit and requiring concessioners to develop facilities to accommodate the recreational needs of the public. Development planning occurred from 1958-1962 with construction beginning after that. Revenue from these concessions was used by the County to fund the recreation management functions.

In line with this policy, the County planned to retain concessioners to provide not only the required public services but practically all recreation facilities as well. But the financial realities finally led to allowing longterm mobile home sites to be leased to



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Lake Berryessa Map - Page 5

private families. Without the yeararound mobile home revenue, facilities for the general public would never have been developed.

Napa County may offer an effective management option. Lake Berryessa could become more significant in the Napa County tourist and recreation industry. Napa could have greater benefit directly from the concessions in funding the services that the County is required to provide.

The County could also conceivably sell some of the lakefront property for controlled sustainable development and benfit from the sales proceeds and additional property tax revenue.

There is also no reason that Napa County could not successfully manage "smart contracts" with major recreation companies to provide additional revenue. Lake Berrvessa has missed this opportunity because of federal bureaucratic restrictions.

The County has the practical experience, the planning and environmental departments, and the law enforcement and safety services that clearly give Napa the advantage over the federal government in protecting the resources of this important part of the county.

As Save Lake Berryessa 2016 organizers have stated on their Facebook page, "California's third largest lake and the prime outdoor recreation destination in the Bay Area has been mostly shut down for eight years because the federal government can't figure out how to offer a realistic contract - A SMART CONTRACT We Need To Tell Them To Do It Right Invest In Infrastructure, Do It Fast, And Let Us Use Our Lake Again!"

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning." Albert Einstein

² Congressman Mike Thompson

Responds to Lake Berryessa **Failed Bid Results**

regarding Lake Berryessa. I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns with me on this important issue. I, too, have been disappointed with management of Lake Berryessa by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR).

Lake Berryessa has concessionaires since the 1960s. For vears, the Lake provided quality visitor services and recreation opportunities to hundreds of thousands of visitors

But by the time the long-term contracts for the concession sites came to a close, many of these sites had fallen into disrepair. Concessionaires had begun to issue exclusive use permits, allowing visitors to maintain trailers and mobile homes permanently. Trailer owners often added decks, docks, and driveways to investment. their plots.

Private ownership of lakefront sites precluded the development of campsites, day-use facilities, and assets that could have better served visitors. The area came to require frequent visits from law enforcement, costing County taxpayers about \$1 million annually.

In 2000, the Department of the Interior (DOI) conducted an audit of concession management by BOR, and found that at Lake Berryessa specifically, long-standing health and safety problems had gone overlooked, and agency resources had been degraded. DOI charged that these problems were the result of flaws in the development and audit called on BOR to address health, safety, and exclusionary issues associated with the nearly 1,300 longterm trailers and mobile homes located on Federal property around the lake.

BOR then initiated extensive public outreach as the put together a new Visitor Services Plan (VSP) that would provide for robust, widely-available recreational opportunities under new concessions. meetings and briefings attended by some 1,200 people to solicit feedback and create a plan that worked best for the community. In 2006, BOR finalized a decision to remove the trailers and develop new facilities that would better serve the short-term visitor. The Napa more

County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 to support the new VSP.

provide for improved recreation landowners, and BLM to revive the South an adequate return on investment Today, two of the five concession

reduced to primitive camping without stakeholders, as well as my Republican recently approved an agreement with the as the Narrows, only one is under a long bipartisan cosponsors. term contract. The other is under an interim contract, a disincentive for disruption of services as possible in the potential to attract visitors to our region

Lake.

The bill also transfers the money used

H.R. 4521 has been referred to the

uncertainty at Lake Berryessa, it's long bill prohibits the limitation of current top priorities, and I will continue working past time for new management, recreation opporunities. Recreational access to the Lake has been restricted and the local economy has portions of the existing management future until the job is finished. taken a hit. We cannot support an plan, minimizing the time and resources unchanged process and simply hope for required to develop a new plan by thoughts with me. Please continue to different results. Those who use and allowing the agency to continue practices contact me on all issues of importance to depend upon the Lake deserve to have this that are working and modify those that you and to our district. aren't. Outdated portions of the VSP will situation fixed.

Simply put, BOR is not the agency to be replaced with provisions that better see us through this crisis. By the Federal respond to the demands of today's government's own admission, recreation recreators, and the economic realities of does not fall in BOR's wheelhouse. developing and maintaining concession According to the Office of Management sites. and Budget (OMB), the recreation and concessions "program is tangential to by BOR for the management of Lake enforcement of concession contracts. The Reclamation's mission to provide water Berryessa to BLM. To supplement this and power, therefore receives minimal funding, the bill would allow for agency resources." Nowhere is this more concessionaire fees collected at Lake evident than California, where BOR has Berryessa to be reinvested in the site. managed scarce water resources for a state of nearly 40 million through five House Committee on Natural Resources. vears of severe drought. I will continue to work with my

That's why I have again introduced colleagues to pass this bill and ensure a legislation to transfer the management smooth transition to new management. over Lake Berryessa from BOR to the In the meantime. I am working with Bureau of Land Management (BLM). BOR officials to ensure that recreation The agency conducted 12 public BLM is better-suited to manage opportunities will be available at the Lake recreational activities at Lake Berryessa: for the upcoming season. While I was the agency oversees 264 million acres of disappointed that the agency was unable public lands across the United States, and to accept the proposed bids, I feel strongly has extensive experience managing that long-term contracts should only be outdoor activities on including camping, awarded to qualified applicants. At my hiking, hunting, fishing, boating, and insistence, the three most recent bids were reviewed not just by BOR officials, but by

During my time in Congress, I've industry representatives and County collaborated with BLM on a range of officials as well. It is clear that BOR isn't Despite the extensive public issues that impacted local communities receiving strong bids because the feedback and broad support behind the throughout Northern California. I worked prospectus and RFP processes are Thank you for contacting me VSP, BOR's well-intended plans to with the State of California, private fundamentally flawed. In the time since the bids were denied. opportunities for short-term visitors have Spit of Humboldt Bay, curtailing I have met with agency leaders in not materialized. After three requests for environmentally harmful and dangerous California and in Washington to

proposals (RFP), the agency has not uses of the area to instead promote understand why the bids were denied, and secured new concession operators for the recreational opportunities for all under what applicants can do to address main body of the Lake since the VSP was the management of BLM. I am confident outstanding concerns. I will remain issued in 2006. Industry representatives that BLM management of Lake Berryessa involved in the process as BOR have indicated that BOR's excessively would ensure better management and determines the next course of action. prescriptive proposals do not provide for enhanced opportunities for visitors to the I have also worked with agency

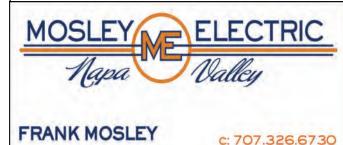
officials to encourage BOR to take I have worked closely with the responsibility for services provided by sites are closed and three have been administration, industry leaders, local the County. I was pleased that BOR running water under short-term interim and Democratic colleagues on the House County of Napa to finance law contracts. Of the two concessions located Committee on Natural Resources on this enforcement services at the Lake that the in the remote regions of the Lake known legislation, which has more than 175 County has provided for years without compensation

The bill is drafted to ensure as little Lake Berryessa has incredible transition. Any existing long-term and bring the local economy back to life. After more than a decade of contracts would remain in place, and the Rehabilitation of the Lake is one of my with federal officials and local BLM would have the ability to adopt stakeholders on a sustainable plan for the

> Again, thank you for sharing your Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON





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Applicants sought for Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) Citizen Advisory Committee

The County Executive Officer announces one (1) opening for a member to represent Napa County on the newly created Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) with the objective to address Napa Valley's congestion issues. The Citizen Advisory Committee will consist of

eighteen (18) members nominated by the various jurisdictions. The Board of Supervisors will nominate one person for appointment to represent Napa County on the CAC. Initially, appointments will be staggered for a oneyear, two-year and three-year terms and thereafter will serve two year terms. The NVTA will convene this new committee in May 2016 with regular meetings held on the first Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m.

The Citizen Advisory Committee will serve to provide advice, comments and suggestions pertaining to plans, programs and projects administered by NCTPA of interest to the citizens of Napa County. The functions of the committee shall include, but are not limited to:

-Advise NCTPA staff and Board on plans including but not limited to Countywide Transportation Plans, Short Range Transit Plans, Active Transportation Plans, and project specific plans; and advise NCTPA staff and Board on consumer issues related to the design of the VINE system, and its ancillary systems/services, performance, policies, marketing and communications.

Anyone interested in the appointment to the Citizen Advisory Committee must submit a completed application form or apply directly to the County Executive Office, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Napa, no later than 5 p.m. on Mar. 31, 2016. The application form is available on the county website at www.countyofnapa.org. Click on the Committees and Commissions link. To submit an application online, click "application for appointment" and follow the application instructions

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March Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): That bottle of whiskey might help you sleep, but then, there's probably an easier way than smashing it over your head every night.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): The kinds of changes that await you this week can be readily found within the pages of most high school chemistry books.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): A car accident awaits you in the coming days, which is unfortunate, as it's the kind that involves too many Mountain Dews and not enough gas stations.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You're no art expert but you know what you like, which explains all the meatball sandwiches hanging on

Leo (7/23-8/22): Love means something different to everyone, but you immediately come to mind whenever polite indifference is mentioned.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You're a natural-borr skeptic, always questioning the world in your search for empirical truth, rejecting along the way pseudoscience psychobabble, and any other nonsenselike all Virgos.

Libra (9/23-10/22): No matter what path you ultimately take, or what choices you ultimately make, this week will still end with you being shot out of a cannon.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Note: This week horoscope has been classified by the CIA due to a series of national security concerns. The constellation Scorpio has already been detained.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You've never paid much attention to abandoned offshore platforms before, but suddenly everyone seems to think they'd be perfec

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): NASA officials will once again select you for a very important mission. Though, to be fair, going out and getting them coffee isn't as exciting as i used to be.

Aguarius (1/20-2/18): Surviving this week will hinge heavily on the bear's ability to understand English, his grasp of such higher concepts as mercy, and whether or not you'll let go of that honey.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Giving birth is a life changing experience, especially when it shoots straight out of your sternum like that



Purple Heart Veteran's Fishing Event

On Saturday, April 23, 2016 Markey Cove will be hosting their Fourth Purple Heart Veteran's Fishing Event. Purple Heart recipients are military veterans who were wounded while serving our country. The Military Order of the Purple Heart Foundation provides emotional, physical, educational and financial support for wounded and disabled veterans, to help improve their lives. Programs include suicide prevention. support for veterans with brain injuries and counseling for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), as well as scholarships. family assistance and claims assistance. These men and women put their lives on the line in order to protect our freedom.

We thank all of you who volunteered to help in the past and once again, we are asking for your help. There will be free launching to those of you who want to be involved in taking a veteran fishing. The fishing will run from approximately 8:00 am to noon. Markley Cove will offer lunch to all the participants, both the volunteers and the veterans. We will also have music and door prizes to add to the fun.

Please consider becoming involved in this event. Call or email us at: (707) 966-2134, robbie@marklevcoveresort.com

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Bug Out Bag Basics Staving in Touch.

by Gary Howes **Guns and Gunsmiths Editor** Just about everyone has a cellphone

these days, and the ability to stay in touch with friends and family wherever you are is usually taken for granted. There is no denving that they have also been responsible for saving many lives by allowing stranded or injured hikers, hunters and motorists to get in touch with someone when trouble arises and they need help

However, despite claims to the contrary by the companies that provide mobile services, there are many large areas of the country where mobile phones to do a little comparison shopping) and not losing my money at a casino, so use at American River into Folsom Reservoir. don't receive a signal leaving you out of requires a monthly subscription fee. The your own risk! touch and having to fend for vourself.

If you like to go hunting or camping anywhere off the beaten path where phones don't work, or iust want to be able to keep in touch in case your phone fails, has a flat battery, or if you travel overseas and don't want to pay those huge roaming charges, you need to have a device that doesn't depend on mobile phone technology.

That's where PLBs, or Personal Locator Beacons can come into play. These are derived

from the EPIRBs (Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon) that are commonly found on most commercial and some private boats and have saved many at sea from disaster. Utilizing various satellite systems instead of cell towers, these can provide some form of communication just about anywhere on the planet as long as you have a clear view of the sky.

the US usually fall into one of three types. The first is the pure emergency-location type such as ResQLink which serve one function only. In a crisis all it takes is a allows me to change plans up or down as

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push of a button to send an SOS to local was able to write 3 preset messages that — Folsom Lake, east of Sacramento -Search and Rescue people with your can be sent to pre-determined recipients the volume of water spilling from the dam position, utilizing the government-owned with just a couple of keystrokes such as" has swollen eight-fold in the past few COSPAS/SARSAT system The main Arrived safely. All is well." as well as any weeks, sending billions of gallons advantage is cost—once you purchase the number of common messages that can be downstream, much of it into San device there is no service plan needed to sent by SMS or email to anyone. This can Francisco Bay.

not PLBs, but instead are called SEND or keyboard interface. Emergency Notification second popular brand is the

> Delorme expensive than the SPOT products, it has more Very nice! features, uses the Iridium world-wide This 2-way communication Facebook or Twitter. ability not only lets you

you press the SOS button and hope that it save my life one day. went through

The model I bought is the inReach SE. It doesn't have onscreen routing and wavpoints like the more expensive PLBs come in various flavors, and in Explorer model, but I didn't consider that essential for what I wanted. After I received the unit. I had it set up in less than 15 minutes with a subscription plan that

> needed with no fee, as well as suspend the plan for any months that I don't intend to use it. The basic service I chose is less than \$15 per month–not too bad given the safety and peace of mind it brings.

Messages can be sent to a smartphone or email address. When setting up the inReach, I

save a lot of typing time, a good thing The next two devices are technically given the somewhat clunky onscreen reached a key threshold: 60 percent full.

Devices. Both use privately owned trip away to Nevada to go shoot some auto rules from the U.S. Army Corps of satellite systems and require a monthly machine guns and submachine guns with Engineers and the Sacramento Area subscription. One popular model is SPOT some friends, and was able to send a Flood Control Agency. Last year, most of which utilizes the Globalstar satellite message to my better half telling her I was the reservoir was a dry, dusty lakebed. network. It is a low power transmitter and OK, and got a reply back from her within What reservoir was left was confined to coverage is not complete across the minutes. Of course the tracking info the old river channels. planet, but it is fairly inexpensive to buy included with my message also let her (look for them on sites like Amazon.com know I was actually at the gun range and send huge volumes of water down the

> InReach iPhones, iPads, and Android devices that (inreachdelorme.com). can link the inReach to your phone or Although a little more tablet via Bluetooth and turn it into a large screen mapping and messaging adjunct. In years where the upstream reservoirs are

> satellite of a link to a map showing my location as system, and has the ability a part of any message I send. You can also West were created in the 19th century. An to both send and receive have the unit send regular tracking info alternative 21st century approach would short text messages and that someone else can follow on their allow water managers to use cutting-edge track your path as well as computer. It even can post your location weather forecasts to gauge how much the usual SOS function, to your favorite social media site, such as flood space they need. Instead of

have a back-and-forth "conversation", woods and be assured that I can let my stay fuller, keeping an eye on the forecast. but in the case of a real emergency, allows wife know I am OK (she thinks I'm the GEOS operator to let you know your getting old and feeble) or if anything bad three, four, five days lead time, enough to message was received and to get further did happen, help would soon be on the release that extra water and get it out of the info from you regarding your problem. way. That sort of peace of mind is worth With the ResQLink and SPOT systems, the money it costs and could potentially water would be saved for later in the year.

Why California Reservoirs Dump Water in a Drought,

There's a rule in California that may seem bizarre in a drought-stricken state: in the winter, reservoirs aren't allowed to fill up completely. Even now, a handful of reservoirs are releasing water to maintain

The practice is due to a decades-old rule designed to protect public safety. If a major winter storm comes in, reservoirs control system could save water in years when Californians need it most

At one of the state's major reservoirs

Early in February the reservoir

which is the highest water level allowed I recently tested the inReach during a during the winter months, according to

Just an average-size winter storm can boosting the lake by 10 percent or more. A The inReach also has an app for major storm can produce much more.

Sitting 40 percent empty allows the reservoir to act as a buffer against floods. gulping the runoff without overflowing. fuller, Folsom Reservoir is required to Another good feature is the inclusion remain 60 percent empty.

The rules that govern water in the emptying out a reservoir preemptively, I now know that I can head off into the managers would allow the reservoir to

If a big storm appears, they'd have way safely. If storms don't appear, the

The question is whether weather forecasts are precise enough - not just as to when a storm is coming, but how big it is. The Corps plans to decide whether to manage Folsom Reservoir using weather forecasts next year.

Changing current flood rules for how much the reservoir can hold in the winter would require an act of Congress. But if it works at Folsom it would be a model for reservoirs across the Western U.S.

need space to catch the runoff and prevent One day I was walking down the beach floods. But with advances in weather with some friends when someone forecasting, some say this preemptive shouted, "Look at that dead bird!" A guy strategy is outdated. A new, "smart" flood looked up at the sky and said... 'Where?'

They walk among us! And they vote!

Letters to the Editor

The Lake Berryessa News welcomes your letters concerning Lake Berrvesssa issues. Please keep your letters to 500 words or less.

To the Editor.

I, for one, believe in a strong federal government. Except it is now evident when decisions are made a continent away in Washington, DC by bureaucrats with no realistic conception of local needs and conditions, time and money is wasted to no avail. The Bureau of Reclamations plans

for Lake Berryessa had beautiful expectations of creating newly built, well managed facilities to entice more people to enjoy what Lake Berryessa offered when the resort concession contracts would expire and new bids would be sought. They held meetings for those of us who lived in the area to offer our ideas. They assured us the transition would be easy and smooth.

That was 10 years ago. Here is what the Steele Park Resort offered when I moved to the Berryessa Highlands. The marina near the boat launch ramps had a café for quick orders along with an adjacent grocery. Down by the docks there was a bait shop. When fishermen got back with their catch they had a place with running water to clean their fish. In fact, the camp sites had easy access to water: moreover, the campers had real rest rooms with included showers.

There were covered docks which could be rented so that boats could be kept in the water for the season, besides garages where other boats could be stored. Boats could also be rented for the day. And there even was a ski school

A restaurant and bar overlooked the main body of the lake. People who lived in the park as well as those in the nearby neighborhood would frequent both eateries. The atmosphere at the main

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they saw in that old sitcom "Cheers."

This was a place both campers and those

everything was razed to the ground.

see the whole picture. Although awarding the final contract. extensive camping and day use access immediately adjacent to the lake from that "seamless transition" they jurisdiction and objectives. This project could've been eliminated. There was promised, nothing has been achieved plenty of remaining area a bit farther except the ruining of the lake economy,

It was these mobile home owners local residents, and even the well-being significantly, it was the rent they paid for resort parks. the land they occupied that made the

convenient access to water. Instead of nice restrooms, they have portable outhouses. There isn't even any water to service the out of service fire hydrants, even though each camp site does have a fire pit. There are no amenities other than that fire pit and a picnic table by each site. There is a pre-existing launch ramp that had not been demolished as the BOR had done at the other resorts.

We have recently been informed that only three of the five resorts needing new concessionaires received bids, but none of the bids met BOR demands. We have no idea if those lacks were critical or just cosmetic. Apparently,

they aren't allowed to PROFESSIONAL HOUSE CLEANING make that public.

A neighbor asked me what I thought the BOR should try to include in any new contracts. Well... campers could use decent restrooms and convenient access to potable water. A snack bar would be nice, and

restaurant would remind one of what an ice cream parlor wonderful. Perhaps community playground, garden, and site cream parlor opened in the summers, their boats ready to use conveniently.

That was 10 years ago, before concessionaires to be in a position to be regional park - infrastructure that would able to bid for the BOR contracts. The have little value for use as a private The BOR could've chosen to keep potential bidders could suggest their own residential development. Although we what was good and improve what needed ideas for improvements which the BOR wish that the RPOSD would manage the improvement. However, the BOR didn't could take in consideration when facility, a non-profit support group As part of unincorporated Napa The dream that the BOR originally was already available, mobile home sites had never was realistic. Ten years on County, this site falls within your

> would show local residents that they the loss of local businesses and jobs for the County level.

brought money into the park when future of Lake Berryessa not to give Although Berryessa Vista is only a few campers didn't show during the winter credence to those that insist the federal miles from the Capell Valley School site, off season. They also spent their money government is incapable of credible it remains essentially unused many years action. You might even consider after its purchase. Ten years on from the plan published investing BOR funds to rebuild some of by the BOR here is what we now have: the infrastructure vou insisted be Plenty of camp sites, but with no demolished and which led to 10 years of electrical hookups anywhere, and no economic collapse around the lake.

Bette Maron. Lake Berryessa

Make The Old Capell Valley School **Property A Community Park**

Dear RPOSD Board members.

As president of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce, I urge the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to make the old Capell Valley School property a regional community park. The property served as a local school for many years, but also as a Eat More. Move Less

they could allow boat docks to be for community sports teams and events Among other amenities a popular ice installed for those who'd like to keep Hundreds of Napa County residents live within easy reach of the site. The It would be a start that could be built property has excellent infrastructure to who lived in the neighborhood enjoyed. upon. It would allow more possible continue to serve the community as a already exists which could assist.

have some representation and support at Let me point out that the RPOSD has who did odd jobs around the resort, of any potential business a little down the spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on helping to keep it clean and free of road, because no one comes to support other properties that have much less rubbish left by campers. More them when nothing is being offered in the access for average Napa County residents, such as Moore Creek Park and I urge whoever might have the power the land-locked Berryessa Vista "park' whole enterprise viable. They still to make the decisions that affect the accessible only by boat or kayak

> The Capell Valley Community Park would be a real park for real people.

Respectfully. Peter Kilkus

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Allied Propane Service	Chris Lacombe Consulting	J. Rehmke Painting	Napa Valley Vintners	Spanish Flat Mobile Villa	The lake level rose .68 feet (8.2 inches) yesterday to	The Greater Lake Berryes
Gary Warren	Chris Lacombe	Cell:415-987-3224	Michelle Novi or Rex Stults	Rob Wolf	408.95 feet - 31.05 feet below Glory Hole - about 3.1 feet	
707-678-8500	925-699-3729	602 Noah Ct.	707-968-4206	415-788-1334	to go to get to last year's "high" point of 412.07 feet.	
320 W. A St.	PO Box 9184	jrehmke@lakeberryessa .net	PO Box 141	850 Montgomery St. Suite 101	Rainfall was 0 inches yesterday keeping the total	
Dixon, CA 95620	clacombe17@msn.com		St. Helena, CA 94574	San Francisco, CA 94133	season's rainfall to 22.07 inches.	
garyw@alliedprogas.com	Cucina Italiana	Lake Berryessa Boat & Jet Ski Rentals	rstults@napavintners. com	rwa@robwolfassoc.com	The lake's capacity is now at 1,012,996 acre feet or 63.3% of total.	
Berryessa Boat Storage	Stefano Gusberti	Marty Rodden	Pamela Custom Fabrications	Susan Sedillo	Lake level has increased 7.48 feet since 3/4/16 and	do Miles de Deservicios
Patrick or Judy Trihey	707-966-2433, 707-254-5690	707-966-4204	& Design	707-287-2663	rainfall has been 7.69 inches since 3/4/16.	10 Miles to Pope Valley
707-226-7408	4310 Berryessa Knoxville Rd.	7521 Hwy 128	Pam Stadnyk	106 Clearwater Ct.		1 138
1930 Capell Valley Road	-	lakeberryessaboatsandjetskis.com	707-966-2322	ssedillo@gmail.com	Due to saturation and rapid runoff, the average rise in lake level for this 11 day period of storms has been 11.7	West Lake Area
Turkey1930@yahoo.com	Dazzling Lites Glass Studio	3	4312 Spanish Flat Loop Rd.	0	inches level rise per inch of rain.	& Ramusas Estates 1 8
,	Glyn Rixon	Lakeview Boat & RV Storage		The Community Church	menes level rise per men of ram.	Aetna Springs Snell Valley Road Regreation
Berryessa Electronics	707-226-2815	Tom Aswad	Pleasure Cove Marina	of Lake Berryessa	Lake Berryessa Information Resources	Butts Canyon Road
& Mechanical Services	5310 Monticello Rd.,	707-966-2628	Terry Sparkman or Teri Baker	Pastor Bob Lee	Lake berryessa information Resources	Pope Valley Winery ● Lakevie
Paul Quarneri	Dazzlinglitesglassstudio.com	7150 Knoxville Rd.	707-966-9600	707-252-4488 Cell	Bureau of Reclamation Information Page:	Pope Valley Repair & Towing Pope Valley Store RV S Berrye
707-966-0357		lakeviewboatstorage .com	6100 Highway 128	6008 Steele Canyon Rd.	www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/index.html	Nach /
Cell: 775-843-7450	Fog Canyon Vineyards	Č	Tsparkman9516@att.net	terribob@lakeberryessa .net		To Angwin Pope Canyon Road
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	707-966-5000	Cheryl Silva		Tuleyome.Org		Road Montil
Berryessa Senior Center	1031 Steele Canyon Rd.	707-246-5028	Pope Valley Repair & Towing	Carol Kunze	BOR Lake Berryessa Visitor Information: www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/visitor-info.html	<= Gas in St. Helena
Jerry Rehmke or Georgia Craddock	·		Jeff Parady	Cell 530-723-8375	www.usor.gov/mp/eedo/berryessa/visitor info.nam	Chiles Pope Valley Road
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4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd.	Gene's Auto Repair	707-966-9114	5875 Pope Valley Road	www.tuleyome.org		12 Smittle
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707-258-8687	GenesAutoRepair@sbcglobal.net	Linda Frazier	Cell 707-815-7605	2000 Capell Valley Rd.	Markley Cove Resort:	Nichelini Winery Montic
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	Harvest Sanitation	monticelloskiclub@msn. com	Danville, CA 94526	Randall Roach	■ (8%)	5 Steele Canyon Recreation Area
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