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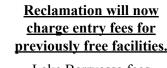
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Little Big Town - Day Drinking, www.youtube.com/watch? v=-NPqM3vPDg8

Little Big Town - Pontoon www.voutube.com/watch? v=V0O0nzkESTI

Lana Del Rey - Summertime Sadness, www.youtube.com watch?v=TdrL3OxjvVw

Mungo Jerry - In the summertime, www.youtube.com/watch? v=vG0oBPtvNb0

Lmaa - Party Rock Anthem. www.voutube.com/watch? v=KQ6zr6kCPj8

Brad Paisley - I'm Gonna Miss Her, www.youtube.com/watch? v=WwRrKaq0IyY

Black Eyed Peas - Let's Get It Started, https://youtu.be/ IKqV7DB8Iwg



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Bureaucracy Strikes - And Gets It Wrong Again!

For several months the Lake Berryessa News has been proposing that Big Island Lagoon be returned to a 5 MPH rather than a "nonmotorized, electric trolling motors only" designation.

(www.lakeberryessanews.com/ summer-2019-at-lake-berryes.html)

We backed up that proposal with a detailed analysis that showed Reclamation had not followed its own conclusions in the 2006 Record of Decision: that a 5 MPH zone posed no danger to kayakers; and that there was very little use of that zone by kayakers and canoeists during the last 10+ years.

Reclamation to a few dozen kayakers when to a 5-mph motorized status. been denied access to a quiet 5 MPH zone.

Reclamation's new Regional Director, Ernest what you're talking about, don't read the proposal's analytical points, or delegate the response to some staffer who also doesn't know what they're talking about.

More than two-thirds of the letter is made up of broad alternatives (A through D) was published irrelevant historical boilerplate that was not in for public review and comment; afterward, appears only five times - none related to "non- extensive feedback was received from more motorized". The ROD directed WALROS be than 100 public meetings and briefings. In put into use by Reclamation when it was final EIS identifying Alternative B as the Berryessa. approved - which was 2009.

The substance of our actual proposal is not Alternative B included adoption of the addressed. He overemphasizes the public planning tool known as the Water Recreation input. I've read almost all the public comments Opportunity Spectrum or WROS, that is now in the FEIS and other documents. I don't recall known as the Water and Land Recreation any particular demands for non-motorized Opportunity Spectrum (WALROS)...

2 - emphasis added. Read it and weep.

wheel for public participation.

From Ernest A. Conant, Regional Director

Dear Mr. Kilkus.

has been signed as such and enforced; Steele Canvon Cove. (Not)

Conant, replied in the letter below. The letter The Final Environmental Impact Statement shows what happens when you don't know (FEIS-2006) is a NEPA document that addresses recreation management actions on including the non-motorized zone.

In October of 2003, a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which included four policy. The word "non-motorized" appears lasted for seven months combined. During only once in the 167 page document - in a those seven months, Reclamation received November 2005, Reclamation released the Preferred Alternative

the letter actually got the location of our conducted additional public outreach to the recreating public diverse opportunities, and concern wrong! We are talking about Big provide members of the public a final Reclamation does not intend to eliminate these Island Lagoon. They incorrectly refer to Steele opportunity to submit any new or clarifying areas from those available at Lake Berrvessa Canyon Cove (at present a 5 MPH zone) as the information prior to deliberations on the As work on a partnership with Napa County non-motorized zone with signs. See Paragraph Visitor Service Plan Record of Decision (VSP progresses, the potential for a Managing ROD). The process took almost five months to Partner Agreement (MPA) may provide an Another sad product of the Burro of complete, included more than 1,200 opportunity to change the current restrictions Wrecklamation and its bureaucratic hamster participants at 12 different public meetings and Thank you for your feedback and if you have individual briefings, and resulted in substantive modifications to the Preferred free to contact Mr. Drew F. Lessard, Area

included a diverse and varying spectrum of Thank you for your letter dated May 19, 2019. opinions and desires for different types of You expressed concerns regarding the Bureau recreation at Lake Berryessa, inclusive of nonof Reclamation's non-motorized zones motorized activities. Specifically, Alternative between Oak Shores and Big Island, and Steele B was modified by the VSP ROD to include "Exclusive use" has been delegated by Canyon Cove. You desire to return these areas elements of Alternatives A. C. and D. The VSP ROD also carried forward the recreationtens of thousands of family recreationists have At this time, only one non-motorized zone related provisions from the Reservoir Area Management Plan (RAMP). Based on feedback from the public, the WROS was not adopted within the VSP ROD.

The "Water Surface Zoning and Restrictions' of the 1992 RAMP ROD were carried forward all Reclamation property at Lake Berryessa on an interim basis pending future adoption of the WROS or other land and water use classification system. To date, WALROS continues to be one of many planning tools Reclamation may reference for recreation planning. The WALROS overarching goal is to conserve a spectrum of high-quality and dispute. They mis-characterize the WALROS there were two separate comment periods that diverse water and land recreation opportunities. One type of water uses within the recreation spectrum found within the survey form. A version off the word "kayak" over 3,400 written comments. Additionally, WALROS is non-motorized boating activity. As recently as June 2019, Reclamation continues to receive comment on preserving motor-free areas on the waters of Lake

> Reclamation, in coordination and cooperation with the Napa County Sheriff's Department, will continue to manage the waters for public safety and resource protection in compliance with the RAMP ROD. Designating specific areas for non-motorized water-based activities

But the most telling point is that whoever wrote Following release of the final EIS. Reclamation is an appropriate use of the resource to provide

any further questions or comments, please feel Manager. at (916) 537-7100 Information received from this public outreach dlessard@usbr.gov.

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photo. It was with shock that we heard of his death. **** Col. Douglas Arnott Patterson (ret.) Born October 6, 1942 in Oakland, CA, Died June 24, 2019 in Napa, CA

2 Doug Patterson was a friend and supporter of the

Lake Berryessa News. He wrote several stories for us.

I reprinted one from several years ago here with a

cancer. The cancer first appeared 21 years ago and had Nichelini cousins. been kept at bay with various complex procedures, about which Doug liked to proudly say: "I'm in the medical

textbooks now!"

women into the Air Force.

wonders such as agates, arrowheads, stamps and coins, the dining room. graduated in 1965 with a degree in Chemical Engineering had to use a shim under the board. So he went out to his come any day! from his beloved alma mater, the University of California car to get a newspaper he had brought Berkeley, and later received an MBA from S. Illinois with him, tightly folded it up and

He loved the adventure of travel and would share stories worked. from his excursions to the Silk Road in Afghanistan, Last week, Ken Wainright, a fourth Machu Picchu in Peru, the plains of Africa or the beaches generation Nichelini, along with his of Cyprus, and recently finally made the voyage to Easter cousins Phil Sunseri, his wife, Leslie, Island, a lifelong dream (bringing home some fine their son, Josh, and Marvin Asher, Chilean wine as a bonus). A direct descendant of pioneer Napa Valley settlers floor. They noticed a particular area

Anton & Caterina Nichelini, Doug spent his last few was a slightly "soft". It sort of gave years serving as the V.P. of the Nichelini Family Winery, way a little. Investigating this further, concentrating on Marketing, PR and Sales. He was also Ken removed the board and there was President and Historian of the A. Nichelini Family. Fred's newspaper. It had not seen the During his tenure, the historic Napa Valley winery light of day in 72 years. Yet it was as entered a successful new era of award-winning good as new. production and industry recognition. He was an active He carefully unfolded it. The Oakland member of the Napa Valley Vintners, and a proud cellar Tribune, May 4, 1939. Three big master of the International Wine and Food Society.

Sandwiched in between his career in the Air Force and his to prove that all three were to ring work for the family winery, Doug held executive hollow as predictions. "Japan Split positions at software, healthcare and scientific research with German Axis Hinted", read one. startups, and was a Senior V.P. for NASDAO in New The second read, "Germany Offers

of honor and selflessness in all things.

is also survived by his devoted daughters Rebecca knew it. Of course, when you are on a piece of land that Douglas Patterson, 76, of Napa, CA, passed quickly on Patterson and Brenda Patterson, his grandson David I. has been home for the same family since 1884, not too the night of June 24, after a brief battle with a recurring Patterson Babic, his sister Diane Patterson, and countless much surprises you. What's fun is that the next surprise

Literally! By Doug Patterson

350 combat sorties and was awarded the Bronze Star. He winery cellar. His father had died two years earlier. His would have been keenly interested in the German served as an aide-de-camp to the record-breaking test brother Bill and he would often come up from Oakland to situation". In fact, in that same newspaper on the front pilot, "Speedy" Pete Everest. His Pentagon tours do handyman work for his mother, who still lived there. page was another article, "Navy Asks for More included a groundbreaking study on incorporating Besides, after 44 years it was time to lay down some Warships", a request to the U.S. House of modern linoleum on top of the well-worn wood floor. Representatives that was, in fact, for a record peacetime Doug's passions over the years included (but were not Over the years his 11 brothers and sisters had literally appropriation.. limited to): his collections of natural and anthropological beaten a path in the doorway between the living room and First it was the four beehives we found in the old barn

tucked it neatly under the board. It

were doing some repair work on the

headlines caught his eve. History was

President of the company, who said Doug Patterson was "Poland Will Say 'No' To Hitler In Danzig. Warsaw is the most trustworthy man he had ever worked with. Calm Over New Crises". Four months later, on Truly, all who knew Doug recognized his integrity, sense September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland and a new term in warfare was created, the blitzkrieg. Doug recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary "It was like going back in time", said Ken Wainright, with his wife and childhood sweetheart Kay Patterson; he "World War II was only four months away and nobody

York City, He was sought out for that last position by the Guarantees to Balkan Nations". And the last one was

never seems to be too far away." **Nichelini Winery Renovation Uncovers History** – "My father, Fred Nichelini, was a real handyman", said Carol Nichelini Madigan. "We don't know for certain that it was he that did that specific floor repair but, at that That spirit of humor, courage and enthusiasm for all May 4, 1939. Fred Nichelini is on his hands and knees. He time, between his brother Bill, who was the family's things was a hallmark of the man known in the Air Force is in the process of removing a floorboard in the old second-generation winemaker, and he, most of the during his distinguished 23-year career there as "The Boy Nichelini house in Chiles Valley built by his father in needed repairs got done. Also, my father was working as Colonel" or "The Kid". In the Vietnam War, he flew over 1895. You know, the one built on top of the old stone a ship building inspector at Mare Island in 1939, so he

walls (story previously printed in the Lake Berryessa comics, wine labels, Indian baskets; vintage cars; pre- The floor had to be flat with no bumps or depressions News). Now a perfectly preserved 1939 newspaper under Columbian archaeology; history; wine; chemistry... He when the linoleum was laid. In order to get it that way he the floorboards. The next "renovation surprise" could



thrilled with his experiences so far. Reminded me of one Woman Spirals Into Vortex Of Self-Doubt After

of my favorite dive stories **** Playing With Seals

I just met a new scuba diver on Rimrock Road who is

by Peter Kilkus

a silvery shape slid through his bubble trail and tapped the back of his wetsuit hood. His whole body jerked in surprise. I knew he hoped it was only a trick I was playing on him Weather Channel Correspondent Paddling Boat from above. But when he saw the form flash into a turn and Through Melted Sidewalk To Show Off Extent Of shoot straight toward his face mask he realized it was time | Heat Wave to play. We had teamed up with a couple of friendly seals!

Our third and last day of diving off the Santa Barbara

Channel Islands started with the great smells and sounds of morning on the ocean. We had seen seals on this trip and had played hide and seek in the kelp with some. But these two wanted to get much more personal. One chose me and glided slowly toward where I floated. It looked amused as I touched it with my outstretched hand. I stroked towards its tail and felt the sleek, soft outer layer. When I rubbed the other way a stiff bristle-brush resistance stopped my hand Rock outcroppings, with many ledges and small canyons rose around us to the surface -- perfect for a game of tag. Our friends would swim off, wait for us to chase them, then dart into a canyon or disappear around a rock. We performed head-on fly-bys and chased each other across the bottom, with me doing my best to be smooth and seal-like.

on again. Sparking Important Conversation About Hopeless Surprisingly, they let us touch them several times that day! Candidates Who Waste Everyone's Time Enjoying a dive with friendly seals is incredible enough. Entitled Burger King Employee Wants \$15 An Sharing it with your own child is sublime. Air never lasts Hour Just For Dealing With Worst Of America long enough, but this dive would have ended too soon no Every Day matter how long it lasted. Time was defined by air pressure, and, too soon, time was up. We all felt the beginning of a Rate Moon Will Be Mostly Underwater By 2400 sense of loss as we slowed our play. Report: Doing Your Part To Stop Climate Change

Once I floated above Chris as he searched for his seal. It was

swimming right above and behind his head! I could swear

the seal was giggling. It would sneak up, bite at some wisps

of hair floating from under Chris' hood, and the chase was

It was that awkward moment of not knowing what to say when you realize that something special is over. Chris patted his seal goodbye and started slowly for the surface. I stood, barely touching bottom, holding both hands out in front of me.

My new friend flicked its tail and glided toward my face. large dark eyes staring into mine. My hands circled its neck as it slid forward and pressed nose to facemask. Then wrapped its flippers around my hands -- I could feel the bones pressing on mine. I don't know how long we floated there, weightless, staring, thinking, feeling. Finally we let go of each other and both headed for home.

Onion Headlines

Trader Joe's Cashier Does Not Compliment Any Of Her Selected Items Foreign Candy Has Unrecognizable Fruit On Label

My son, Chris, had just touched bottom at forty feet when | Report: Average American Must Have Life Ruined By Natural Disaster Every 6 Minutes To Fear Climate Change

Science Class Learning About Harmful Effects Of

Sugary Sodas By Submerging Classmate In Coca-

Man Annoyed After Neighbors Never Return Son

They Borrowed To Do Some Work Around House

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What Visitors Should Do Upon Encountering

Family Creeped Out By Alexa Playing Back

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From Unguarded Wall Outlet In Finland By 2030

Some Candidates Satisfied With Campaign

Report: If Earth Continues To Warm At Current

Now Requires Planting 30,000 New Trees, Getting

40.000 Cars Off The Road, Reviving 20 Square

White House Disavows "Send Her Back" Chant -

Says Reps Should Leave At Their Own Expense

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Route 128 Capell Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Since many of us have been stopped at the one lane road and traffic light near Turtle Rock we are aware that Caltrans is

replacing the Capell Creek Bridge and installing horizontal drains in the vicinity of the bridge, located at post mile (PM)

20.23 on State Route (SR) 128 in unincorporated Napa County. The new bridge structure will be constructed at the same

This project will to address the stability of the adjacent hillside and deterioration of the structural elements of the Capell

Creek Bridge. Earth movement in the hillside adjacent to Capell Creek Bridge has exerted loads of unknown magnitude

A 2-lane replacement bridge will be constructed first. The existing Capell Creek Bridge will then be demolished. It was

The bridge consists of two continuous-welded steel girders with reinforced concrete slabs on top, two reinforced concrete

column bents, and two reinforced concrete "U" abutments. Foundations are 45-ton driven steel pipe piles, ranging in depth

length from 14 feet to 60 feet. The roadway approaching the bridge has two 11-foot lanes and zero to 2-foot shoulders. The

Ridden by Rico Mundy on a Specialized bike, recorded with a Garmin Edge 705 on Friday, January 28, 2011 at 10:03 PM, starting in Angwin, California, United States.

construction is scheduled to begin in 2019, continuing for two construction seasons for a total of eight months.

built in 1956 and is a reinforced concrete/steel girder three-span bridge with one lane in each direction.

location as the existing bridge.

Bike Ride Profile Lake Berryessa Loop

Achievements 8

indicates increased conflict in life, but in this case it means the orbital plane of Earth has shifted and we are all about to die. Pisces (2/19-3/20): It turns out you're the reason your sign is associated with daring, free-spirited people who

August 2019 Horoscopes

Aguarius (1/20-2/18): Mars rising in your sign usually

like to borrow whole seasons of shows on DVD and not give them back.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll soon enjoy a nice, hearty Italian dinner with your family, just like you always do after convincing Mom to enter rehab. Taurus (4/20 – 5/20: You'll provide much-needed insight and deep wisdom when you loudly proclaim that

those politicians are just a bunch of crooks in front of the

whole Turtle Rock bar.

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Average Cadence

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): Expect little change from last week, aside from the marauding badgers growing rudimentary thumbs and learning to use chipped-flint tools. Cancer (6/22-7/22): Your life will soon cross the line from comedy to tragedy, sending an entirely different

improving communication in all your relationships, if only to better understand what the frantic firemen are Virgo (8/23-9/22): You'll finally learn you can't run away from your problems, but you haven't given up on

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Next week's horrifying accident

next week, and what's even better, it all happens so fast that investigators will agree you probably didn't feel a

"news."

Leo (7/23-8/22): You'll slowly start to see the value of trying to tell you.

group of people into gales of laughter.

escaping them by donning a clever disguise and hiding in a crowded restaurant. Libra (9/23-10/22): Remember, a bend in the road isn't the end of the road. While we're on the subject, the circular device on the dashboard can be used to turn your

inspires an outcry for more stringent safety standards in coal-fueled power plants until everyone realizes it was actually just all your fault. Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Your troubles will all be over

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): While the ideal gas law

it to every situation in your life can only lead to disaster.

publishing tools enable anyone to fabricate stories that

How Science Will Explain & Fix Fake News

by David Cowan

The instant, global spread of information through the

appear identical to legitimate journalism, which prompts social media users—both human and robotic—to share them as easily as real news. Fake news, crafted to exploit us, wreaks havoc on our health, finances and politics. Reality constrains the quantity of real news stories, but our boundless imaginations unleash a torrent of fake stories that now overwhelm our news feeds. Not only does fake startups like NewsGuard that survey and monitor news news deceive us, it undermines our trust in legitimate news sources. This is the real catastrophe and, many believe, the

objective of Russia's fake news campaign leading up to the

Fake news threatens the institution of democracy itself,

because an uninformed public cannot make sound

governance decisions. Fake news, crafted to exploit us,

2016 U.S. elections.

wreaks havoc on our health, finances and politics. Many groups have tried to stem fake news through various fact-checking initiatives that have all failed, because they fundamentally misunderstand the problem. Some employ human editors, who cannot possibly keep up in any useful timeframe. More scalable schemes crowd-source the work, as though the public could possibly know what is happening elsewhere in the world. Others employ machine learning, as though reality follows some recognizable pattern. Others use automated reference-checking to verify facts elsewhere online, defying the very definition of

"educate the public" that news sources simply cannot be trusted, and that truth is a matter of opinion always "worthy of respect." Fortunately, examining fake news through the lens of science greatly simplifies the problem and points us to tangible, effective remedies. Just as we apply science to the critical study of history, journalism is simply the scientific investigation into the truth behind current human affairs. Just as natural scientists do, "ethical journalists" follow a methodology to encode objectivity, transparency, and best practices.

Violators are not real journalists; they fit the mold of pseudoscientists who sidestep or even flout the scientific

It is critical to distinguish fake news from news that is simply wrong. The common fallacy that fake news and

Internet clearly benefits us as individuals and as a wrong news are the same leads to great confusion, as civilization. But the Internet can also be wielded to spread politicians hurl the term "Fake News!" to dispute one fact disinformation, a formidable downside of the technology and therefore dismiss entire news teams. Scientists can be that we've recently labeled "fake news." Simple web wrong without being fake, and so can journalists. Inaccuracies are inevitable—the key is to follow rules that minimize and correct them. That's why fact-checking is not only futile; it is also barely relevant. Instead of hopelessly chasing errors in each story that pops up, we should routinely and openly audit the

journalistic practices of reporters and news platforms.

Audits can be performed by associations like Newseum, or

method. They are the source of fake news.

reporting practices. Consider how financial audits that bring trust to stock markets certify the controls of a corporate Finance Department rather than the specific numbers reported to Wall Street. This is a more tractable and relevant approach to fixing the problem, helping us critically assess news in real time based on the source, just as we do in deciding which scientific articles to believe. A peer-respected author from a media outlet with disciplined editorial practices generates both credible science and credible

accordingly. Clearly distinguish advertising develop critical thinking skills, appreciate scientific work, and reject pseudoscientific claims. We must similarly teach journalism to all high school students if we want a society that appreciates the difference between journalism Subject copy to editorial review. and fake news, and has the tools to distinguish them. In fact, these classes can directly contribute to the solution, by openly scrutinizing reporters' work on Wiki pages Some internet media platforms necessarily publish "both that everyone can see. Such a significant corpus of sides of the story" side by side, serving up contradictory journalistic reviews would yield strong signals to the facts that guarantee misinformation and confusion. Some public. find the problem so intractable that their only remedy is to Fake news will finally wane when major news distributors such as Google, Facebook, and Twitter adopt this scientific

Although most people do not become professional

scientists, we teach the scientific method to all students to

mindset. Historically complicit, these companies are now eager to escape the hot seat, but they first need to overcome their powerful institutional bias that truth is whatever their users click on. Specifically, they must transparently label journalistic audits on the news stories they stream, and incorporate the signals from these audits in prioritizing the articles populating our news feeds.

When we as a society understand and appreciate how journalism works, and when our news feeds prioritize content from real journalists, we will once again enjoy the freedom and security endowed by a well-informed democracy.

Verify every reported fact. Ouickly correct errors and disseminate the

The Rules of Ethical Journalism

correction at least as widely as the original

Report all objectively credible sides of any

Respect and preserve the confidentiality of

Accept neither payment nor gifts from anyone

Clearly distinguish opinions, advocacy and

commentary from fact, and label them

issue while properly presenting the proportional weight of the evidence. Put facts and quotes in their proper context. Go to original sources whenever possible, and give subjects an opportunity to respond

Resist pressure from editors, advertisers, employers, or anyone else to suppress facts that the public needs to know. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest. Never plagiarize; always attribute.

within the scope of your reporting.

from editorial content, and label it accordingly.

Treat sources, subjects, colleagues and

members of the public as human beings deserving of respect. Show compassion for those affected by news

coverage, especially victims of natural and man-made disasters, children and sex crime victims, and those accused of crimes until they are tried in a court of law.

Welcome questions and encourage civil, public discourse around journalistic practices, coverage and news content.

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capitalist and a trustee of the Center For Inquiry. In 1995 he founded VeriSign to bring trust to e-commerce by authenticating the identity of web servers.

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The Mythical "Trail Around Lake Berryessa"

The infamous proposed "Trail Around Lake Berryessa" concept floated around for a couple of years during the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Services Plan process that resulted in the present sorry state of affairs at the lake. It was never popular with most local residents or agencies because of its obvious potential included in the final Record of Decision along with the very Berryessa" - at least not in the lifetimes of anyone in that room. The "Trail Around Lake Berryessa" is a grand Cove into non-motorized boating areas. These proposals were included in the ROD as payoffs to local

exclusionist groups who helped Reclamation, often through simple prevarication, rampod through their pre-ordained decision to destroy and replace a decades long egalitarian recreational culture at the lake. The local Lake Berryessa businesses and residential communities

have always supported trails at Lake Berryessa, including creating more of them where people can use them on the west shore and between resorts. Many trails already exist.

The Lake Berryessa Shoreline Trail is envisioned as a nonmotorized trail route for multiple uses creating a hub around the lake with trails radiating from the hub and connecting to adjacent public lands. With a community-based resource stewardship theme, the Lake Berryessa Shoreline Trail would provide varied opportunities for trail-related recreation, wildlife observation, and outdoor education

The proposed trail would be constructed in various segments over a period of years, even several decades, if funding can be arranged and extremely difficult design and permitting barriers are overcome. The Bureau of Reclamation released its Lake Berryessa Shoreline Trail Management Plan in September, 2012 after several public meetings and a thorough analysis by a professional environmental engineering firm, Tetra Tech, Inc.

They divided the conceptual 165-mile trail into 28 geographicallyrational trail segments starting at Monticello Dam and running counter-clockwise around the lake. The shortest segments are 5 miles or less. There are several large segments such as a 12-mile stretch around Quail Ridge from Markley Cove to Pleasure Cove and a 22-mile section from Pleasure Cove to Steele Canyon.

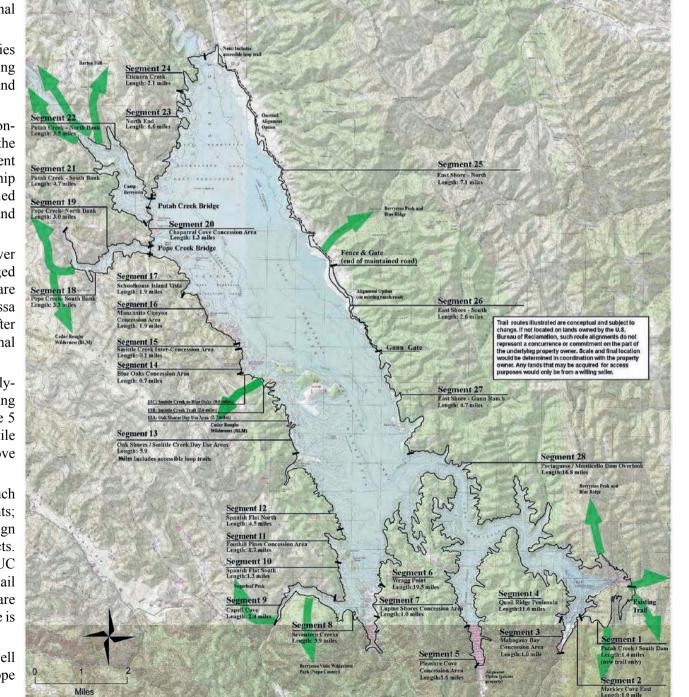
Each trail segment was then evaluated against several criteria such as: available public land/right-of-way; permitting requirements; cost/feasibility; projected usage; safety and public health; design guidelines; visitation, economic vitality; environmental impacts. Some segments obviously were more problematic than others. UC Davis representatives were cool to any new access to their Quail Ridge Preserve. Property owners on the east shore of the lake are basically opposed to more access to that area. But the east shore is flat enough to appeal to equestrians.

Other problems include building dozens of small bridges as well as larger ones across Capell Creek near the launch ramp and Pope Creek up from the present highway bridge.

Those of us who attended these meetings were favorably impressed by the thoroughness of the analysis and the depth of the final report. But as we all know, implementation is the hernia-inducing part of any plan. Will there ever be a complete "trail around the lake" as has been promoted by some for many years. The simple answer is "No". It would be astonishingly expensive and almost impossible to construct. Will there be important segments of a trail that can be used by a majority of visitors and which will enhance their Lake Berryessa experience? That answer is a qualified "Yes" based on priorities listed in the final report. problems with trash, fire, sanitary services, and cost. But it was My conclusion, and that of most of the other workshop participants, is that there will never be a "Trail Around Lake"

unpopular decision to make the Big Island Lagoon, and Willi's concept fraught with almost insurmountable financial and technical impediments to its execution. The full report was released in September, 2012, but no further action has been taken on its implementation. A

summary of the report is available on the Lake Berryessa News web site at: www.lakeberryessanews.com/trail-report-summary.pdf



Lake Level as of August 1, 2019 436.0 feet: 4 feet below Glory Hole. Lake is

dropping at its normal summer rate of about 6 inches per week, but is still at its highest level on this date for the last ten years. Water temp is 83

| Date | Lake level | | Below Glory Hole | | |
|--|------------|------|------------------|--------|--------|
| 7/25/19 | 436 | 5.42 | -3.58 | | |
| 7/25/18 | 428 | 3.35 | - | -11.65 | |
| 7/25/17 | 435 | 5.44 | -4.56 | | |
| 7/25/16 | 404 | 1.05 | -35.95 | | |
| 7/25/15 | 402 | 2.38 | -37.62 | | |
| 7/25/14 | 407 | 7.14 | -32.86 | | |
| 7/25/13 | 421 | .06 | -18.94 | | |
| 7/25/12 | 424 | .86 | -15.14 | | |
| 7/25/11 | 430.93 | | -9.07 | | |
| 7/25/10 | 418.24 | | -21.76 | | |
| 7/25/09 | 413.51 | | -26.49 | | |
| Lake Berryessa GPS Locations | | deg | min | deg | min |
| Markley Cove Resort | | 38 | 29.73N | 122 | 07.50V |
| Pleasure Cove Resort | | 38 | 29.98N | 122 | 09.69V |
| Berryessa Highlands | | 38 | 30.96N | 122 | 11.58V |
| Steele Canyon RA | | 38 | 30.29N | 122 | 12.12V |
| Capell Launch Ramp | | 38 | 34.37N | 122 | 13.23V |
| Spanish Flat RA | | 38 | 31.53N | 122 | 12.86V |
| BOR HQ | | 38 | 33.13N | 122 | 13.80V |
| Oak Shores | | 38 | 33.37N | 122 | 13.92V |
| Acorn Beach | | 38 | 33.21N | 122 | 13.86V |
| Foxtail Flat | | 38 | 33.48N | 122 | 13.86V |
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| Coyote Beach | | 38 | 33.98N | 122 | 14.16V |
| Smittle Creek | | 38 | 34.55N | 122 | 14.58V |
| Berryessa Point RA | | 38 | 34.81N | 122 | 14.99V |
| Monticello Shores RA | | 38 | 35.95N | 122 | 15.57V |
| Berryessa Pines | | 38 | 36.40N | 122 | 16.59V |
| Putah Canyon RA | | 38 | 37.96N | 122 | 17.27V |
| Berryessa Estates | | 38 | 30.96N | 122 | 11.58V |
| East Side Road | | 38 | 40.91N | 122 | 15.80V |
| Monticello Dam | | 38 | 30.80N | 122 | 06.29V |
| Canyon Creek Resort | | 38 | 30.76N | 122 | 05.74V |
| Wragg Canyon | | 38 | 29.03N | 122 | 09.47V |
| Olive Orchard | | 38 | 30.63N | 122 | 13.78V |
| Goat Island | | 38 | 33.49N | 122 | 13.10V |
| Big Island | | 38 | 34.37N | 122 | 13.16V |
| Pope Creek Bridge | | | | | |
| Putah Creek Bridge | | 38 | 36.98N | 122 | 17.37V |
| | | 38 | 37.90N | 122 | 17.35V |
| Camp Berryessa | | 38 | 38.11N | 122 | 17.60V |
| Skier's Cove | | 38 | 31.78N | 122 | 11.20V |
| Eticuera | | 38 | 40.62N | 122 | 16.42V |
| Glory Hole | | 38 | 30.78N | 122 | 06.34V |
| Mouth of Narrows | | 38 | 33.06N | 122 | 11.05V |
| Putah Creek Stone | | | | | |
| Bridge (Underwater) Town of Monticello | | 38 | 33.53N | 122 | 12.48V |
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