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# The Lake Berryessa News



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April 1, 2023 - America's Favorite Holiday

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## The Lake Berryessa News Print Edition Is Back! Happy Saint Stupid's Day

### Winters Whoopee Wheel of Wonder

Finally realizing that none of the highly promoted "economic benefits" of the silly Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument have materialized for their so-called "Gateway City", and that the Lake Berryessa renaissance project is moving slowly, the Winters Chamber of Commerce and Winters City Council have proposed a new method of increasing city revenue. Their new idea is to build an "Observation Wheel".

It has been dubbed the "Winters Whoopee Wheel of Wonder" (WWWOW)

Observation wheels are gaining popularity all around the world. From the London Eye to the High Roller in Las Vegas, these attractions offer a new experience from your average fair ride. The great height of these rides allow for a beautiful view of your surroundings—the hills around Winters, the Sacramento



The Mousinbloom Tulip



Winters Whoopee Wheel of Wonder

Valley, and all the way to the Sierras.

One special feature of the WWWOW will include cars built as replicas of local wildlife: American eagle, deer, wild turkey, bass, catfish, and rattlesnakes. But the most unique attribute will be its incorporation of self-inflating whoopee cushions in every car seat.

The Winters Chamber has contracted with the manufacturer of the largest whoopee cushion in the world to provide 250 units - each with a toot tuned to the notes of the musical scale. Imagine walking down Winters Main Street on a balmy summer evening hearing the music of the WWWOW wafting through the air around you.

The Lake Berryessa News has the tag line, "Without THE LAKE BERRYESSA NEWS there would be no Lake Berryessa news". Turtle Rock has the "World Famous Egg Rolls".

Soon Winters will have won the honor as the home of the:

"Winters Whoopee Wheel of Wonder - the World's Largest Musical Wind Instrument!"

**I can explain it to you, but I can't understand it for you!**

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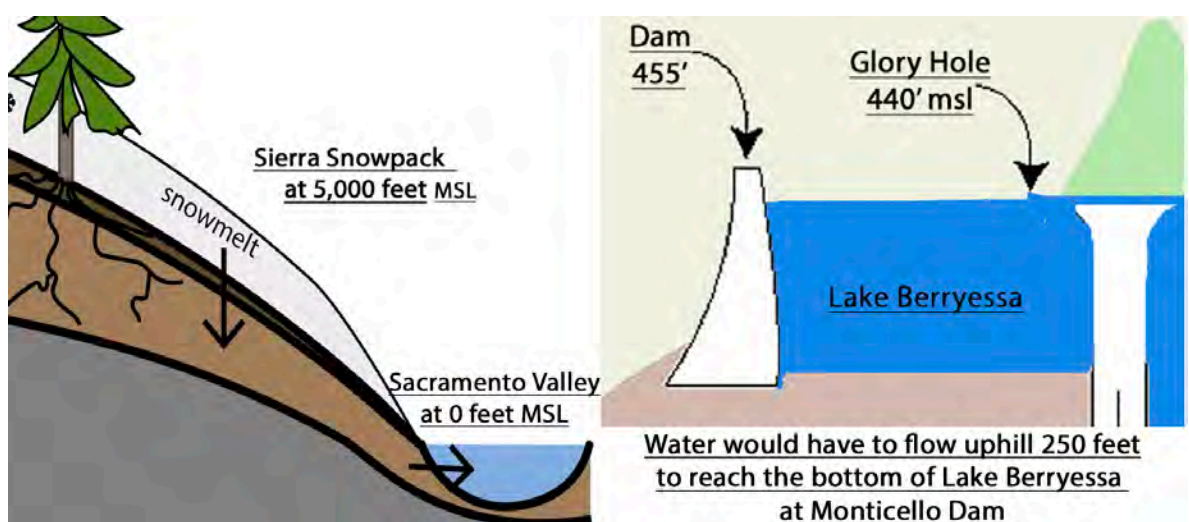
This year's higher than normal rainfall and rapid lake level rise has gotten everyone excited. The very unusual heavy snowfall at the lake was a beautiful event. And the record snowfall in the Sierras put a lot of water in the bank for this summer and future years.

But I'm still surprised at how many people think that Lake Berryessa gets some benefit from the Sierra snowmelt. Lake Berryessa has NO CONNECTION to the snow in the Sierras. The diagram shows why. Say the snowmelt flows down from the Sierra hills at 5,000 feet above MSL (mean sea level). Gravity is our friend in that case - no pumping necessary. But when it hits the Sacramento River it's now at basically sea level.

Just looking across the Sacramento Valley at the mountains to the west should be a clue. Driving from Winters to Markley Cove should smack you in the head with the obvious. Lower Putah Creek flow downhill fast and furious to Winters in a big rain - and it's not all from Lake Berryessa. Most of the rain flows into Lake Berryessa, not out of it.

One way to get Sierra snowmelt into Lake Berryessa without pumping it uphill from the Sacramento River would be an airtight pipe starting at a higher level with an output lower than the higher level. The hydraulic pressure at the high end would push the water down to and out the other end even if there were a low spot in between. You can see this principle in action if you take any short hose and fill it with water. If you now lift one end the water flows out the lower end due to hydraulic pressure caused by the force of gravity. Doing this with a hundred fifty mile pipe from Auburn to Lake Berryessa would be a monumental endeavor!

But for additional excitement, the pipe output from the mountains could be connected to the output of Glory Hole making it the input to the lake. It would be an awesome site to see water gushing up out of Glory Hole during the spring and early summer when the Sierra snow starts to melt in volume



April Fools' Day is a great day to pull pranks. Except on me, if you're smart.

Excuse me, sir. Do you think they named April Fools' Day in your honor?

What monster plays the most April Fools' jokes? Frankenstein.

Did you hear about the guy who swapped the labels on the pumps at the gas station? It was an April Fuels' joke.

You should know that no one understood it was an April Fools' joke. No one expected you to have a sense of humor.

Why was everyone so tired on April 1? Because they just finished a long 31-day March.

What's one bone a prankster doesn't want to break on April Fools' Day? The humerus.

Why do omelettes love April Fools'? They enjoy practical yolks.

What kind of pickles do spring flowers like? Daffo-dills.

What do bees use to fix their hair? Honeycombs.

What do storm clouds wear under their pants? Thunderwear.

### New Lake Berryessa Recreation Opportunity: A Clothing Optional Lifestyle

In a highly unpopular move with no real public support the Bureau of Reclamation arbitrarily closed Big Island Lagoon, a traditional family boating rest area, to motorized recreation more than ten years ago. The final 2006 Record of Decision (ROD) simply stated that "certain areas of the lake are reserved for non-motorized water craft and trolling engines." The areas so designated were not actually described in the ROD, but were simply drawn on a map of the lake - Big Island Lagoon and the area near Steele Park known as Willi's Cove. No other public notification nor request for public input was made prior to the release of the 2006 ROD.

The justification for this action was silly then and has been proven by observation over the following years to be completely false. The Lake Berryessa News believes this restriction should be eliminated because years of data show that almost no one now uses that "exclusive use" space except a few random kayakers per year.

Although the BOR recognizes this unfair situation, they have decided to keep it in place but expand the cultural inclusion and usage of the Big Island Lagoon, and Big Island itself, by declaring them "clothing optional" recreation areas as of April 1, 2023.

Possibly following the Bureau of Reclamation's inclusiveness policy lead and hoping to open an underserved market segment in the liberal Napa Valley and San Francisco Bay Area, the new concessioner for the Monticello Shores Recreation Area (formerly Rancho Monticello Resort) may be contemplating a "clothing optional" section for their new resort. They would be in competition with Laguna del Sol, a "Premier Clothing Optional Resort" located in southeast Sacramento (<https://www.lagunadelsol.com/>).

The following internal memo was leaked to the Lake Berryessa News, ostensibly for release on April 1, 2024, when the resort may be reopened. The Lake Berryessa News could not confirm whether the proposed announcement was factual or a humorous attempt at an April Fool's joke - as many large corporations attempt at this time of year.

"A Clothing-Optional Getaway For All Seasons Luxury Camping...Try a view yurt or luxury cabin at Monticello Shores ...the ultimate value in clothing-optional relaxation and nude recreation in the San Francisco Bay Area. Vacationers can escape the pressure-cooker of Silicon Valley, or the political drama of Sacramento, and enjoy one of the premier vacation lakes in California and the nearby Napa Valley. Experienced vacationers swear that only a few hours spent au naturel at Lake Berryessa provides the de-stressing equivalent of a seven-day cruise. Just imagine how relaxing an Eden-like vacation or holiday getaway might feel at one of California's most scenic naturist resorts on the shores of one of the most beautiful lakes in California."

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## April Horoscopes

**Aries (3/21-4/19):** If you pick yourself up by your shoe laces or bootstraps you are likely to fall flat on your butt.

**Taurus (4/20 – 5/20):** Hope can solve nearly all of your problems today. Until tomorrow when all of your dreams will be dashed to pieces.

**Gemini (5/21 – 6/21):** The loony-left is a phrase that you quite like. Everything you are thinking about will end up getting lost in some sort of fuzzy logic.

**Cancer (6/22-7/22):** Any satisfaction you had about not having a police record, may be undone today.

**Leo (7/23-8/22):** Sitting at a computer in order to read websites is not advised. Prepare to gape at the beautiful horror you'll experience.

**Virgo (8/23-9/22):** Bevels. You like bevels - both the word, and the effect. However, the bevel may cause you distress today as it takes away your dignity in some random manner.

**Libra (9/23-10/22):** Dance like a madman, win the respect of colleagues and foes.

**Scorpio (10/23-11/21):** Money makes the world go round only in a metaphorical sense. Now that you understand that, try not to embarrass yourself in front of other by declaring that other metaphorical phrases are indeed based on science and physics.

**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21):** Don't be in the market for any of what anyone is selling. The shop you like to buy your food from may suddenly disappear with a whooshing sound as you approach it.

**Capricorn (12/22-1/19):** Armchair politicians will affect your life today as they rise from their dank pits and begin to conquer the known world.

**Aquarius (1/20-2/18):** Many of your hang-ups would disappear if you started wearing clothes that more suited you.

**Pisces (2/19-3/20):** The good and the great come together today and miss you entirely during all their endeavors. Which is a bit sad, really.

## Lake Berryessa Data Sources

There are many sources of Lake Berryessa water and weather conditions available. The Solano County Water Agency site is good for real-time graphs of level, capacity, and water temperature. The California Data Exchange Center has data going back decades for level, capacity, capacity change, dam outflow, dam inflow, and rainfall. Anyone can research their own data and create custom charts. This is the source of many of the charts on the Lake Berryessa News website.

The Weather Underground sells personal weather stations that become part of a public network that shows real-time and historical site data for real-time temperature, daily temperature range, real-time wind speed, wind direction, wind gusts, high and low wind speed limits, rainfall total, rainfall rate, atmospheric pressure, solar radiation, and UV index - a real weather nerd's delight.

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### Real-Time Lake Level, Lake Capacity, Water Temperature

Solano County Water Agency  
<https://www.scwamonitoring.com/LakeBerryessa/>

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### Lake Detailed Historical Data

California Data Exchange Center  
<https://cdec.water.ca.gov/>

### Research historical data and create custom plots

Lake Berryessa Code: BER  
[https://cdec.water.ca.gov/dynamicapp/sensorplots?staid=ber&dur\\_code=D](https://cdec.water.ca.gov/dynamicapp/sensorplots?staid=ber&dur_code=D)

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### Local Weather Stations (Weather Underground Network)

Berryessa Highlands - KCANAPA20  
<https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KCANAPA20>

Skier Cove - KCANAPA228  
<https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KCANAPA228>

East Side Road, Lake Berryessa - KCALAKEB2  
<https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KCALAKEB2>

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## Napachar Creates Unique Biochar Vintages

Founded in eastern Napa county, Napachar (<https://napachar.com/>) converts woody waste from vineyard management and local forest fuel-reduction efforts into Biochar, one of the richest soil amendments and most stable forms of carbon capture available today.

Biochar is a remarkable soil amendment for grape growing. In particular, it increases grape production and grape quality by aiding water and nutrient retention in the soil. And because biochar does not degrade it does not require frequent reapplication. The increased grape production can result in a rapid return on investment. (Here's a link to a report from the Department of Water Resources with data from a 7-year experiment adding biochar to Pinot Noir vines in Salinas that saw a 30% increase in grape production: <https://pacificbiochar.com/wp-content/uploads/Final-Oasis-Vineyard-Biochar-Field-Trial-Science-Report-2.pdf>).

Since much of its present production of biochar is create by processing wood waste from Napa vineyards replacement of old grape vines, Napachar has the opportunity to create unique biochar products based on the old vines from which they produce the biochar. Cabernet, chardonnay, pinot noir and other biochar varietals may soon be available after April 1, 2023. Napachar also produces unique biochar products from various types of wood salvaged in wildfire prevention activities.

One unintended benefit of the biochar process is that the conversion of wood to biochar produces a unique flavored candy. Napachar founders discovered this when testing their latest biochar converter pictured below. They intend to incorporate a new Napachar subsidiary on April 1, 2023, to produce biochar bbq-broiled marshmallows.



## St. Stupid's Day and the Dumbing Down of America

St. Stupid is the patron saint of religion, politics, and the Internet. He and his followers are responsible for the dumbing down of America by the methodical destruction and purposeful elimination of the means by which a society educates and enlightens itself.

Historically there have always been stupid people, but the trend seems to be accelerating with attitude triumphing over substance in so many areas of modern culture – especially lately in politics and on various social media (another major source of blatant stupidity.)

Although April Fools Day celebrates sly wit and twisted humor, it also inadvertently highlights the serious lack of scientific and mathematical knowledge of the American public, as well as a complete lack of the ability to think analytically on the part of many.

This issue of the Lake Berryessa allows readers to hone their own mental skills as they decide how much truthiness of each article.

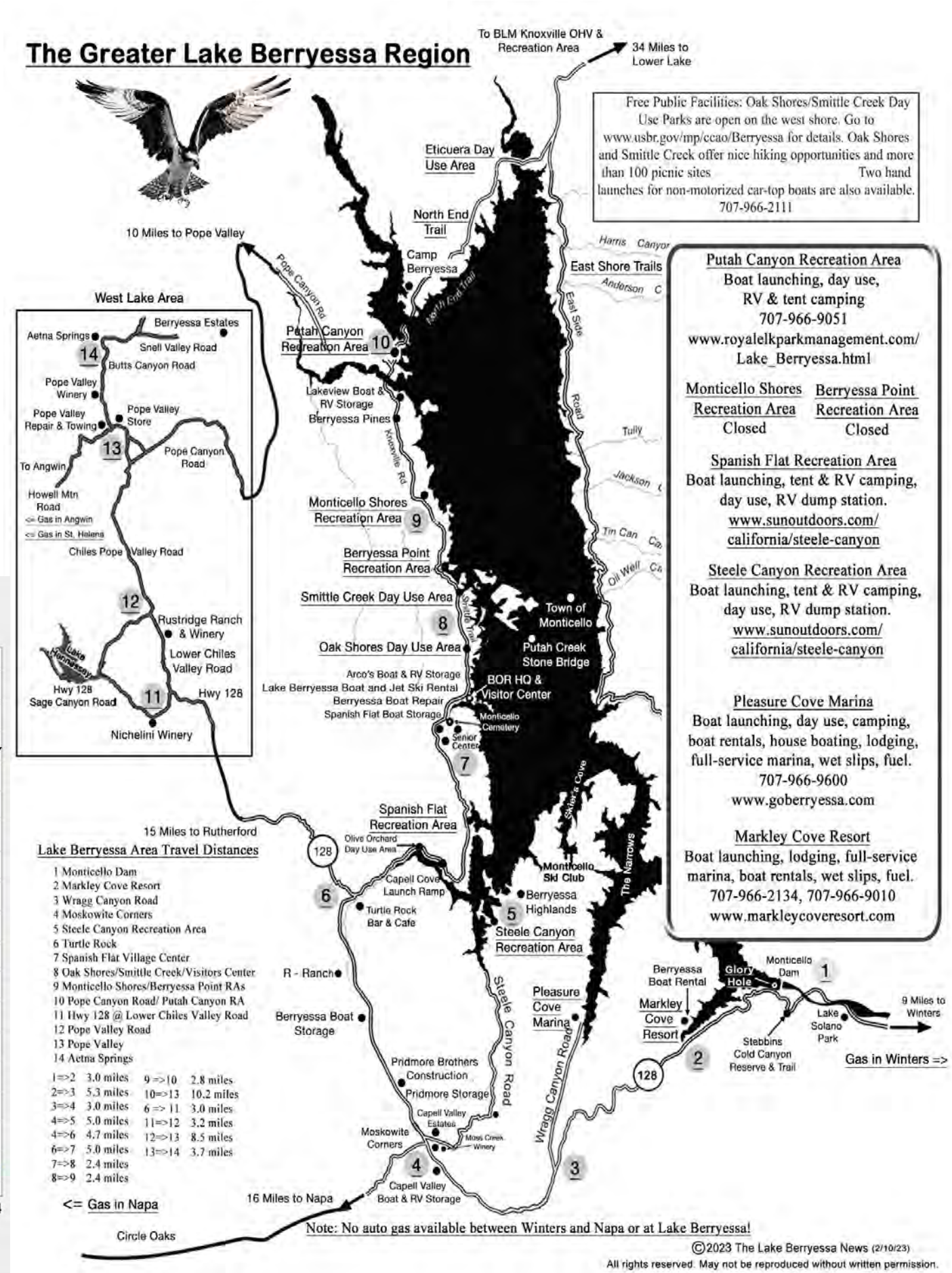
## Berryessium Discovered!

The virtually unexplored East Side of Lake Berryessa is a mountain range upthrust from the Earth's core many thousands of years ago. The area was the scene of several oil rushes during the late 1800s and early 1900's, although no significant amounts of oil were actually produced.

The recent heavy rains have washed some small valleys clear of soil and uncovered a strange looking mineral. A local rancher found some of this mineral and took it to the nearby University of Lake Berryessa labs under Big Island. ULB scientists determined that the new mineral, dubbed Berryessium, would make a radical new battery material.

Batteries are now in demand in such huge volumes that extensive research is taking place to find efficient materials to manufacture them in high volumes. Batteries constructed of Berryessium, unlike lithium and nullium, do not overheat and burst into flame when being used or charged. Berryessium's unique quantum chemical properties actually cause it to cool itself when charging or in use. The University of Lake Berryessa intends to release it's first scientific paper describing the properties of Berryessium on April 1, 2023.





**Lake Berryessa Statistics (3/29/23)**

The lake level has risen only 1 foot during the last four days to **428.3** feet - **11.7** feet below Glory Hole, a **34.3** foot rise since its low of 394.0 feet on December 1, 2022. This last "storm" only produced 1.2 inches of rainfall at the dam which brought the total this year to **40.52** inches. As a comparison, rainfall at Cobb Mountain was a total of 80.89 inches on 3/22/23.

April is statistically a very low rainfall month. The light rains predicted for the near future will get the lake above 430 feet - 10 feet below Glory Hole. That would be a very good result. The lake will definitely NOT hit Glory Hole this year. Lake level has only reached 440 feet (Glory Hole) 25 times in the last 65 years. But this has been a very good year for rain and lake levels. Summer should be an excellent year for fun at the lake.

The Gamble Gauge has reached 86.1% capacity (1,335,590 A-F). Dam output is still at 45 cubic feet per second (CFS), water - the lowest allowed by law and contract. The release is not affecting the lake level in any significant way. The lake warmed up a bit to around 54 - 51 degrees from the surface to 70 feet down.

March rainfall rose to **12.09** inches, closing in on the highest March total in the last 12 years. The highest March rainfall since 2010 has been only **12.4** inches in 2011. Here are the rainfall numbers for the month of March since 2010: 2010 - 1.9"; **2011-12.4"**; 2012 - 7.5"; 2013 - 0.8"; 2014 - 1.3"; 2015 - 1.0"; 2016 - 8.3"; 2017 - 3.4"; 2018 - 4.5"; 2019 - 2.7"; 2020 - 1.2"; 2021 - 1.9"; 2022 - 1.0

April rainfall will not be enough to raise the lake level much further. Here are the rainfall numbers for the month of March since 2010: 2010 - 3.74"; 2011-0.28"; 2012-2.49"; 2013-0.54"; 2014-1.32"; 2015-1.46"; 2016-1.46"; 2017 - 2.84"; 2018 - 1.7"; 2019 - 0.42"; 2020 - 0.8"; 2021 - 0.26"; 2022 - 1.65"

