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MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Parties

From: Michael Finnegan
Area Manager, Central California Area Office

Subject: Reopening of the Comment Period for the Lake Berryessa VSP

The Bureau of Reclamation is reopening the public review and comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Lake Berryessa Visitor Services Plan (VSP). The comment period is being reopened for 45 days to consider additional economic information as part of the EIS process. The additional information differs from results presented in Reclamation's economic feasibility under the preferred alternative. Reopening the comment period provides an opportunity to evaluate the information within the public process. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted.

Reclamation is conducting the VSP process in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The Notice of Availability for the DEIS was published in the *Federal Register* on October 31, 2003. The public review period, originally scheduled to close on February 4, 2004, was then extended twice, through April 22, 2004. This most recent comment period extends from February 16, 2005, through April 4, 2005.

Since the late 1950s, seven concessionaires have had contracts with Reclamation to manage recreation at Lake Berryessa. Six of the contracts expire in 2008-2009; Pleasure Cove Resort's Interim Contract expires in December 2005. The purpose of the VSP is to develop a comprehensive plan for the re-development and management of visitor services that support diverse recreational opportunities at the lake in compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, policies, and codes.

The DEIS and related economic documents may be viewed on the Mid-Pacific Region's Web site at www.usbr.gov/mp/berryessa. To obtain a CD or printed copy of any of the documents, please contact Janet Sierzputowski at 916-978-5112, or e-mail jsierzputowski@mp.usbr.gov, or complete the attached form and mail it to the address listed below or fax it to 916-978-5114.

Comments must be received by close of business on April 4, 2005. Please send comments to Ms. Janet Sierzputowski, Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, 2800 Cottage Way (MP-140), Sacramento, CA 95825, or fax or e-mail your comments as listed above. Questions on the VSP should be directed to Mr. Pete Lucero, VSP Project Manager, at 707-966-2111, x106.

Attachment

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PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

Send me a copy of the VSP DEIS: Printed Copy_____ -or- CD_____

Send me a copy of the Dornbusch Economic Study: Printed Copy_____ -or- CD_____

Send me a copy of the Summers Economic Analysis: Printed Copy_____ -or- CD_____

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