## **Part 7.1**

## **General Area Data**

**Area visitation:** Approximately 500,000 visitors per year

Visitation totals in the following table are calculated for Reclamation direct-managed areas by multiplying the number of vehicles tallied by automatic traffic counters by the average number of persons (2.7) per vehicle. In Concession Areas, the number of visitors is based upon entrance station counts and camping/launch/day use fees collected.

Visitation totals are included for the most recent years. Historical visitation numbers are not included because current and future operations at Lake Berryessa, as based on the contents of the VSP/ROD and this Prospectus, and visitor use patterns will dramatically differ from those prior to 2008.

Table 7.1 - 1: Visitation for the Most Recent Years

Year	Total Number of Visitors
2011	457,000
2012	548,000
2013	458,000
2014	408,000 (estimate)

## Weather:

Table 7.1 - 2: Weather Average Temperature

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
55	62	67	74	82	89	94	93	89	79	64	55
41	45	47	50	54	58	61	61	59	54	46	40

Table 7.1 - 3: Average Rainfall

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
4.18	3.27	3.15	1.17	0.60	0.18	0.05	0.05	0.37	1.00	2.59	2.76

**Peak operating season:** Although the peak operating season is from Memorial Day through Labor Day, Lake Berryessa hosts many visitors throughout the year.

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**Disruptions in visitation:** With limited highway access, woodland and savannah vegetation, and hilly topography, Lake Berryessa has the potential to be impacted by periodic summer fires, which may impact visitation. For example in 2014 the Butts Canyon Fire limited access to Lake Berryessa from the north for over a week, and Monticello fire closed access to Lake Berryessa from state highway 128 westbound on the Fourth of July weekend. As well, significant drought events have the potential to impact visitation, including a seven-year drought which occurred from 1987 through 1994. Other downturns in visitation have occurred due in large part to the expiration of long-term concession contracts.

**Additional information:** For additional information, please refer to the Lake Berryessa website: <a href="http://www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/index.html">http://www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/index.html</a>