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BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TO HOLD AN OPEN HOUSE FOR LAKE BERRYESSA LONG-TERM TRAILER SITE PERMITTEES

The Bureau of Reclamation has scheduled an Open House in Vallejo on Saturday, March 31, 2001, at the Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall, for the 1,500 families who hold long-term trailer site permits at Lake Berryessa. Reclamation staff will be available at Information Stations between 1 and 4 p.m. so that permittees may learn more about the various ongoing events and issues at the lake in an unhurried, casual setting. It is not a formal meeting.

In Vallejo

**Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall
900 Fairgrounds Drive (near Marine World)
Anytime between 1 and 4 p.m.**

Of immediate concern at Lake Berryessa are violations of State of California and Napa County wastewater discharge laws discovered at six of the lake's seven concession resorts. As a result of illegal drain systems, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board issued Notices of Violation (NOV) to Pleasure Cove, Spanish Flat, Lake Berryessa Marina, and Rancho Monticello Resorts. The Control Board also issued an NOV to Markley Cove Resort who has begun cleanup of their sewer ponds. A decision on actions to be taken at Putah Creek Resort will be made soon.

Also of interest to permittees is the effort underway to plan for Lake Berryessa's future. Seven concessionaires have had contracts with the Federal Government since the late 1950's to provide commercial support services to visitors; these contracts expire in 2008/2009. Reclamation has begun preparing for the expiration of the contracts by planning for the types of facilities and services that may be needed such as long- and short-term recreational vehicle and trailer sites, marina development, day use needs, the consolidation or expansion of concessionaire operations, etc.

Additional information on these issues may be found on Reclamation's website at www.mp.usbr.gov/berryessa. If you have questions about the Open House, please contact Janet Harp, Mid-Pacific Region Public Affairs Office, at 916/978-5112 (TDD 916/978-5608).

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