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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT RELEASED
FOR THE LAKE BERRYESSA VISITOR SERVICES PLANNING EFFORT
OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED

Reclamation has released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Lake Berryessa Visitor Services Plan (VSP) for public review and comment. The DEIS outlines the proposed VSP alternatives that address issues related to future recreation at Lake Berryessa, including the type and level of facilities and services that are appropriate on Federal land. Current concession contracts at Lake Berryessa expire in 2008 and 2009, and the VSP will be used as a basis for future concession contracts.

An open house is scheduled for Saturday, November 22, 2003, to provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions on the content of the DEIS. The open house will be held from 1-4 p.m. and will consist of informational displays staffed by project team members. Two formal hearings to receive public comments will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2004, from 1-4 p.m. and again from 7-10 p.m. The open house and hearings will both be held at the Solano County Fairgrounds, Exposition Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo, California.

The DEIS may be viewed on-line at www.usbr.gov/mp/berryessa. It is also being sent to the following libraries for public review: Sacramento Central Library, 828 I Street, and the Bureau of Reclamation Library, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-1825; Berkeley Library, Water Resources Center Archives, 410 O'Brian Hall; San Francisco Sutro Library, 480 Winston Drive; Dixon Unified School District Library, 230 N First Street; Davis Branch Library, 315 E 14th Street; Napa Main Library, 580 Coombs Street; Sonoma County Northwest Regional Library, Santa Rosa, 150 Coddington Center; Springtown Library, Vallejo, 1003 Oakwood Avenue; St. Helena Public Library, 1492 Library Lane; Yountville Library, 6548 Yount Street; Winters Branch Library, 201 First Street; Fairfield-Suisun Community Library, 1150 Kentucky Street; Woodland Public Library, 250 First Street; Vacaville Public Library, 1020 Ulatis Drive; and Yolo Branch Library, 37750 Sacramento Street.

To request a CD or hard copy of the Executive Summary, DEIS, and/or technical appendices, please call Janet Sierzputowski at 916-978-5112 or e-mail her at jsierzputowski@mp.usbr.gov. For additional information, please contact Steve Rodgers, Lake Berryessa Park Manager/VSP Team Leader, at 707-966-2111 x106, or e-mail srodgers@mp.usbr.gov.

Written comments must be received by close of business on February 4, 2004. Please mail comments to: Bureau of Reclamation, Attn: MP-140, Janet Sierzputowski, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Comments may also be faxed to 916-978-5114 or e-mailed to jsierzputowski@mp.usbr.gov.

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