

## New Lake Berryessa Billboards: **STOP Aquatic Hitchhikers!**



**Zebra and Quagga mussel colony.**

Quagga and Zebra mussels pose a serious threat to waterways throughout the United States, including Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs. The spread of these mussels threatens aquatic ecosystems and fisheries, water delivery systems, hydroelectric facilities, agriculture, the environment, fishing and recreational boating.

As part of the Mid-Pacific Region's ongoing effort to prevent contamination of our reservoirs, Lake Berryessa has instituted an inspection program and requires a *Mussel-Free Self-Certification Form*, which is distributed to boaters at launch areas and is also available at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cca0/berryessa/index.html>.

The form includes a list of already-infested lakes and reservoirs. Lake Berryessa is *not* on that list – and they want to keep it that way!

Two billboards reminding boaters to **Clean, Drain, Dry & Inspect** their boats have been acquired by Lake Berryessa and will soon be erected in prominent locations along roads leading to the lake. Because Zebra and Quagga mussels are primarily transported by watercraft, the billboards will remind boaters coming to Lake Berryessa of their critical role in helping keep Reclamation's reservoirs mussel-free.

For information on California's efforts to prevent the spread of these invasive mussels, please visit the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's website at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/invasives/quaggamussel/>

