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## **Boating Resumes Soon at Silverwood Lake in San Bernardino County**

SAN BERNARDINO--Silverwood Lake, a State Water Project lake in northern San Bernardino County, will open for boating on April 12. The lake is being refilled after being lowered to allow construction of a project for earthquake safety.

To help safeguard water supplies for more than 15 million people in Southern California, a new intake structure to the San Bernardino Tunnel was built to replace the existing structure which could have failed during a moderate earthquake.

The new structure is nearly complete, allowing Silverwood Lake to be refilled.

The lake has now reached the 3,315 foot elevation. The Sawpit boat ramp will be operational on April 12; the Cleghorn ramp will open soon. They have been closed since the second and final drawdown of the lake which began in October 1996.

All of the lake's camping and day-use facilities are open; marina services are not available at this time. For more information on boating conditions, call the Silverwood Lake hotline at (800) 824-6818 or Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area at (619) 389-2303.

DWR will complete refilling the lake to its normal maximum operating level of 3353 feet over the next few months.

Silverwood Lake, located about 30 miles north of the City of San Bernardino, was created by construction of Cedar Springs Dam on the west fork of the Mojave River. The dam was completed in

1971 and the lake has existed since 1972. The lake has 13 miles of shoreline and a surface area of 980 acres. Silverwood Lake is part of the State Water Project, the largest state-built multipurpose water project in the U.S. It is located in the 2,400-acre Silverwood Lake Recreation Area, operated by the California State Park System.

A grand re-opening of the lake for recreation purposes is scheduled for July 26.

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