



Advisory
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DWR, Boating and Waterways
Highlight Lakes and Reservoirs Week

After a period of low water levels, many of California's lakes and reservoirs are full or nearly full, just in time for California Lakes and Reservoirs Appreciation Week July 1-7.

Much of California depends on reservoirs for a stable, clean water supply, irrigation, hydroelectric generation and flood control.

In 2001, the California Assembly set aside the week of July 4th each year to recognize the important contributions made by the State's major lakes and reservoirs.

This year, California Lakes and Reservoirs Appreciation Week focuses on clean water. Activities co-sponsored by the California Departments of Water Resources and Boating and Waterways will focus on reminding Californians that humans and fish and wildlife benefit from good quality water.

This year the message is: CARE to protect our lakes and reservoirs by following a few simple tips:

Contact your city/county to properly dispose of chemicals such as oil and cleaning products

Admire but don't disturb wildlife and wildlife habitats

Recreate but don't pollute the water you play in

Educate others about keeping lakes and reservoirs clean

Promotional flyers and wristbands designed to highlight the week and educate water users will be distributed at California state parks and reservoirs operated by the Department of Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Bureau of Reclamation.

Learn more by visiting the Department of Water Resources' web site, www.publicaffairs.water.ca.gov/LakesWeek/ or the Department of Boating and Waterways on the Internet at www.dbw.ca.gov.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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