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**DWR ANNOUNCES OVER 200 YOUNGSTERS GAIN WATER SAFETY SKILLS AT
STATE WATER PROJECT RESERVOIRS**

SACRAMENTO - This summer, more than 200 youngsters learned water safety skills at Aquatic Adventure Camps at four State Water Project reservoirs---Lake Oroville in Butte County, San Luis Reservoir near Los Banos, Lake del Valle in the East Bay, and Lake Perris in Riverside County. This is the fourth consecutive year the camps have operated.

The State Department of Water Resources, which operates the State Water Project, is a co-sponsor of the water camps, in partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation, California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks and Tourism, local businesses and public agencies.

The Aquatic Adventure Camps--- which end for this summer later in August---were developed to improve the water safety skills of at risk youngsters residing in communities near the State Water Project, said Dorothy Benjamin of DWR's Public Affairs Office.

The aquatic camp effort stems from a recommendation by the SWP Recreation Coordinating Committee, said Benjamin. The first aquatic adventure camps were held four years ago in Chico and Oroville.

Here is information on this summer's Aquatic Adventure Camps:

Lake Oroville---In session from July 18-29, this camp accommodated 40 children, ages 7-14. Instruction was provided on water safety, rescue and CPR. Sponsors of this camp included:

- DWR
- California Department of Parks and Recreation
- Feather River Recreation and Park District
- Forebay Aquatic Center

- Chico Area Recreation and Park District

San Luis Reservoir---This year was the second Aquatic Adventure Camp at San Luis Reservoir. It took place from July 25-August 5, instructing 50 youngsters from the City of Newman, ages 7-15. Co-sponsors included:

- City of Newman
- Diamond Foods
- Hearthstone Builder, Inc.
- Laid Law Education Center
- Mattos Newspaper
- Oasis Pool Service
- Newman Ace Hardware
- Burger King, Stephen's Realty and Development
- Perry's Casa de Pizza
- Nobhill Foods
- Ward Promotional Marketing Solutions, Inc.

Lake del Valle---This is the second year an Aquatic Adventure Camp was held at Lake del Valle , in Alameda County, about four miles the city Livermore. It was staged from July 25-August 5. Enrolled were 34 boys and girls from Richmond, ages 8-14. Co-sponsors included:

- Richmond PAL
- Richmond Swim Center
- Chevron, Richmond Refinery
- Tyme Out Salon
- East Bay Regional Park District.

Lake Perris---This was the second year that an Aquatic Adventure Camp was held at Lake Perris SRA. Two camps were held. An initial camp was held July 11 – July 22 and a second session runs August 1-12. The ages of the youth are 8-15. The total number of young people for both programs is 82. Co-sponsors included:

- Stater Bros.
- Albertsons
- Costco
- Moreno Valley Unified School District
- California Department of Boating and Waterways
- City of Perris Parks and Recreation
- U.S. Coast Guard, and Bova Contracting Co.
- Ralphs and Food 4 Less.

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