



## Advisory

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### **CALIFORNIA LAKES AND RESERVOIRS APPRECIATION WEEK**

SACRAMENTO – Every year California celebrates Lakes and Reservoir Week July 1-7. But the Department of Water Resources encourages Californians to enjoy our lakes and reservoirs every day, protecting them from pollution and preserving habitat.

Normal precipitation this past season has filled many northern California lakes and reservoirs to near capacity, a welcome sight not seen since 2006 because of three consecutive years of reduced snowpack and rainfall. Urban and agricultural water supplies were severely impacted. But dry conditions also resulted in low water levels that affected recreational activities on lakes and reservoirs.

As we enjoy our lakes and reservoirs for recreation, it is more important than ever to keep our limited water supply and surrounding habitat clean and pollution-free. Help us **CARE** to protect our lakes and resources by following these simple steps:

**C**hemicals, like oil and cleaning products, should be disposed of properly. Contact your city or county for hazardous waste disposal sites and times.

**A**dmire, but don't disturb wildlife and their habitats.

**R**ecreate, but don't pollute the water you play in.

**E**ducate others about how lakes and reservoirs serve us and why it's important to keep them clean.

Enjoy our beautiful lakes and reservoirs!

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