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Pyramid Lake Health Advisory Lifted *Potentially Harmful Algal Bloom Has Subsided*

SACRAMENTO – The algal bloom in Pyramid Lake that prompted the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to issue a public advisory in June to avoid contact with the bloom has subsided. DWR officials said the public may resume recreational activities in the lake.

Algal blooms can form and die off fairly rapidly, so DWR will monitor the water quality in Pyramid Lake through the summer recreation season. The public is still advised to avoid wading, swimming or boating through any body of water where mats of algae are visible, and whether or not signs of algae are present, the public should avoid swallowing lake water.

With the summer recreation season in full swing, DWR reminds the public of these water safety tips:

- Wear a properly fitted life jacket;
- Never swim alone;
- Look before you leap or dive;
- Swim in safe or designated areas only;
- Avoid swimming through aquatic weeds -- you could become entangled;
- Watch for hidden debris and rapid currents;
- Know your limits, and
- Don't mix alcohol with recreation.

California has been dealing with the effects of drought for four years. To learn about all the actions the state has taken to manage our water system and cope with the impacts of the drought, visit Drought.CA.Gov. Every Californian should take steps to conserve water. Find out how at SaveOurWater.com.

