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Pyramid Lake Closed to Boats for Approximately One Week ***Water Level Is Being Lowered to Allow Repairs at Nearby Castaic Powerplant***

SACRAMENTO – Pyramid Lake, a popular recreational boating site 14 miles north of Castaic along Interstate Highway 5 in Southern California, will remain closed to boating beginning today until approximately April 29 during maintenance work at the nearby Castaic Lake Powerplant

Due to the intricate plumbing connections between the two lakes, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is lowering the water level in Pyramid Lake from the current 2,571 feet above sea level to 2,564 feet. By moving the water from Pyramid Lake to Castaic Lake, scheduled water deliveries to Southern California customers will continue without interruption.

The drawdown will lower Pyramid Lake's level enough to make the lake's boat ramp unusable. DWR determined that closing the boat ramp while the lake's level is being lowered will eliminate the risk that boaters could not remove their boats from the lake due to the unavailability of the boat ramp.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has cleared the lake of boats, and the ramp is now barricaded and the boating concession closed. Water withdrawal will continue at Pyramid Lake until April 26, at which time the process to raise the lake's level will begin and continue until approximately May 2. However, the boat ramp is expected to reopen on or about April 29 once the level is high enough to allow ramp operations to resume.

DWR will distribute a press release announcing the reopening of the lake to boaters at that time. Pyramid Lake remains open for picnics, shoreline fishing and other day use activities, and the Los Alamos Campground is open.

California has been dealing with the effects of drought for five 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.

