

Boat Access Temporarily Restricted at Lake Casitas To Prevent Invasive Species Contamination

The Board of Directors of the Casitas Municipal Water District adopted Resolution #08-08 on March 4, 2008 temporarily restricting outside boats, including canoes, kayaks and float tubes, (those not currently stored or moored at the Recreation Area) from entering the Lake Casitas Recreation Area. This temporary outside boat access restriction will be effective for 1 year or until such time as more adequate procedures to protect the lake from invasive species can be put into place. These procedures could include the use of additional equipment for boat inspections, additional storage facilities and cooperation and better coordination with local, state and federal agencies.

Boats currently stored or moored at Lake Casitas can continue to use the lake, but if a boat is removed, eligible boats will be allowed to return **ONLY AFTER PASSING INSPECTION AND A TEN (10) DAY QUARANTINE PERIOD.**

A waiting list is available for customers wishing to store boats at Lake Casitas and staff is working on developing a proposal to expand the number of spaces to accommodate all of our customers.

We very much regret any inconvenience this action has caused but please be assured that staff and the Board will continue to work on this issue to find a solution that will preserve our water quality and accommodate our boating customers.

For more information about invasive species click on "Important Information" and the California Department of Fish & Game links on our home page.

Please direct any questions or comments to www.lakequestions@casitaswater.com or call us at (805)-649-2233, extension 103.