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Yuba County Water Agency New Bullards Bar Reservoir Conditions 5/21/09

Each year approaching Memorial Day boaters and recreational enthusiasts inquire about water conditions on New Bullards Bar Reservoir. The following information is meant to inform users of our current water conditions and answer potential questions.

Current Debris conditions:

Under normal operations, the reservoir is scheduled to reach maximum elevation on or before June 1st. Each year's exact maximum varies with storm and snow conditions. When the water reaches high onto the shoreline prior year, debris may become loosened and begin to float out into the lake. The past two years have not filled the reservoir to capacity, meaning more debris has built up around the edges of the lake. This debris is now being freed to float in the lake and has created hard to see hazards.

Our staff is diligently working to round up this floating debris and coral the collected debris in Garden Point Cove. At this time of year, additional manpower is allocated to this task to clear the lake as soon as possible.

Please remember to be safe while boating on the reservoir. Neither Emerald Cove Marina nor YCWA are responsible for injury or damage resulting from debris in the reservoir. California law requires "Reasonable and Prudent Operation" by watercraft operators. California law holds that no person shall operate any craft in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person.

Please be especially careful during the busy holiday weekend.

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