

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Bruce Kranz, Supervisor, District 5

DATE: October 2, 2007

SUBJECT: Authorize the Chairman to execute letter to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Director, Ruth Coleman, supporting the current status of motorized boat use on Lake Clementine.

ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize the Chairman to execute letter to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Director, Ruth Coleman, supporting the current status of motorized boat use on Lake Clementine.

BACKGROUND

FISCAL IMPACT

None

County of Placer Board of Supervisors

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October 2, 2007

Ruth Coleman
Director
California Department of Parks and Recreation
1416 9th Street
Sacramento CA 94296-0001

Dear Ms. Coleman,

The Placer County Board of Supervisors urges you to maintain the current status of motorized boat use on Lake Clementine.

Public recreation and the use of motorized boats on Lake Clementine has been a wonderful and established benefit to our area since 1939. It would be a shame to discontinue an activity that has been enjoyed by residents and visitors alike for decades.

We have been contacted by residents, as well as, the Auburn Boat Club with their concerns about the review of recreational use in the Lake Clementine Management Zone plan update. We support and appreciate the efforts by the Auburn Boat Club to provide services at the Lake and also the promotion of safe boating habits.

Please feel free to call me directly if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

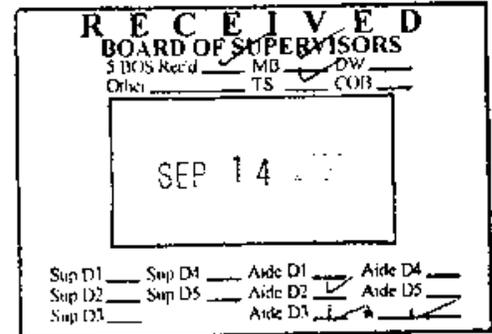
Supervisor Bruce Kranz, Chairman
Placer County Board of Supervisors

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September 10, 2007

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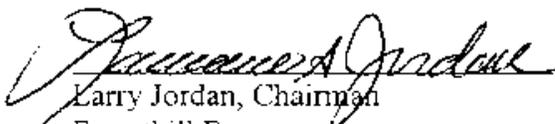
Dear Board of Supervisors,

There have been two events held recently regarding reducing the speed or eliminating motorized vehicles as a whole on Lake Clementine. As a community who relies heavily on tourism be it boaters on Lake Clementine or the OHV Trails we the Foresthill Forum would like to express our concerns.

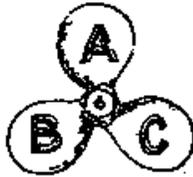
We do not support the reduced speed or the elimination of motorized vehicles on Lake Clementine. Boating on the Lake is a historical activity and the Marina at the Lake has been in existence since the 1950's.

We would appreciate your support in keeping motorized vehicles on Lake Clementine.

Sincerely,


Larry Jordan, Chairman
Foresthill Forum

cc: The Honorable Congressman John Doolittle
The Honorable Senator Sam Aanestad
The Honorable Senator Dave Cox
Michael Finnegan, Central CA Area Office Manager, Bureau of Reclamation
Ruth Coleman, Director of State Parks
Scott Nakaji, District Superintendent of State Parks
Foresthill Chamber of Commerce
Foresthill Forum



AUBURN BOAT CLUB, INC.

POST OFFICE BOX 3233
AUBURN, CALIFORNIA 95604

August 3, 2007

Senator Dave Cox
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Lake Clementine Management Zone Plan

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Dear Senator Cox:

Thank you for your timely response regarding the Lake Clementine Management Zone Plan, which you sent to Scott Nakaji, Gold Fields District Superintendent State Parks.

We have brought this issue to your attention, not only for the Auburn Boat Club Inc. (ABC), but for the entire boating community. Lake Clementine has been a multi-boating use lake since 1940, and we believe it should stay a multi-boating use lake. The lake accommodates both motorized AND non-motorized boat use, which have co-existed over the years in a positive manner.

The Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA) is the only federally funded park in the State and relies on the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) for funding. Because of the very limited budget from the BOR, the ASRA is understaffed and relies on assistance from public and private volunteers to help maintain the park.

For the past 55 years, the ABC has partnered with the ASRA and the BOR to maintain Lake Clementine in all aspects...to keep it open for all boating use. I find it very questionable as to why now, after all the ABC has done to keep the lake open, that the BOR and ASRA are accusing the ABC of having exclusive use of Lake Clementine; and therefore, are working towards removing the ABC concession. It actually appears that the BOR is directing their efforts towards making the lake *exclusively* a non-motorized boating lake.

Established in 1952, the Auburn Boat Club has had the concession at Lake Clementine, providing boat slip rentals to the public, fuel and ice sales. Ten percent (10%) of all gross sales (including slip rentals) and .02 cents per gallon on fuel goes directly back to the ASRA, and stays in the park.

Lake Clementine is one of the most popular lakes for the motorized boating community in the State of California. It is a family use lake, and has produced national water ski champions and hopefully future world water ski and wake boarding champions. There are families that have grown up there, their children have grown up there, and their grandchildren are growing up there. It would be a shame to take that away from everyone.

September 12, 2007

Auburn State Recreation District
Auburn Sector Superintendent, Jay Galloway
501 El Dorado
Auburn, CA 95603

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RE: ELIMINATION OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES -- LAKE CLEMENTINE

Dear Mr. Galloway:

We are writing to you to voice our concern with the meetings you have held regarding closing Lake Clementine to motorized vehicles or reducing the speed of motorized vehicles. Basically, we understand that you want to only have kayaks and canoes on Lake Clementine. There is no warrant for the change of use on this Lake. It has been used for water skiing since the 1950's. There has not been an increase in injuries in recent years so safety is obviously not the driving force behind this desire for change.

It sounds to us like a small group of people (kayakers and canoers) wish to reserve the lake for their own private use. It is ALL of our tax dollars that pay for the infrastructure in our county. So, Lake Clementine should not be reserved for a small minority group!

Sincerely,

Roy & Tamra West
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AUBURN, CA 95604-0292

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U.S. Rep. John Doolittle
Senator Dave Cox and Senator Sam Aanestad
Supervisor Bruce Kranz