

May 28, 2008

To: Chris Lee
Solano County Water Agency

Re: Discussions with Janet Rogers (USBR - Berryessa) and Dreissiad Mussel Monitoring

Chris,
Per your request today, have listed the facts as I remember them from my recent discussion with Janet Rogers. See page 2.

I have also reworked a budget for "partnering" with the USBR. Janet thinks that her staff can handle the "education" and boat inspections at Capell Cove (weekends) and the Marina Operators can handle the same on a "every boat basis" - every day. According to her, they cannot handle the monitoring except on an "occasional" basis, if that.

Note that they have posted signs by the launch ramp. I thought the "interviews" and "inspections" were reasonable based on the condition of the boats and recent launch information.

Submitted via e-mail 5/29/08



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Aquatic biologist





Janet Rogers

1. At the Quagga / Zebra Mussel "Boat Inspection" training at USBR Berryessa Headquarters on 5/23/08, Janet Rogers informed the attendees that SCWA had agreed to "partner" with the BOR for conducting mussel surveys in the lake.
2. When I approached Janet about her statement, she stated that David Okita had agreed to contact Ken Davis and work on a contract for the monitoring.
3. Dave Robinson (USBR Biologist - Folsom office) told me the same in a phone conversation. Apparently he had been in the loop with a e-mail exchange between Janet Rogers and David Okita.
4. Janet plans on giving "Mussel Presentations" to all of the Boards of Supervisors in the nearby counties and probably other groups such as City Councils, Rotary, and such.

USBR Monitoring Program

1. USBR Monitoring Program: Although they have a couple settling settlement plates in the lake, they have difficulty checking them on a regular basis. The Berryessa biologist (Melissa) has been promoted and will probably not be able to check the existing substrates.
2. Nobody in the Berryessa office has the education or experience to conduct plankton tows and microscopic assessments.
3. They are now requiring all resorts to fill out forms on every boat that enters the lake. Certain conditions (where the boat was launched in the last 30 days) will trigger a full inspection of the vessel.

Boat Inspection Certification

1. The DFG Boat Certification Program is rather simple program that features a 30 minute video and a PowerPoint program that shows where mussels typically attach to boats and motors.
2. I am certified (WOW) and plan on attending the "advanced" boat inspection training at Lake Mead this summer.

DFG - Regional "Environmental Scientist - Catherine Mandella

1. Ms. Mandella has asked to visit the Solano Project in the next couple weeks. I probably won't be able to accommodate her for a while. I'll let you know if I schedule her to visit. END

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