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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Lawrance Florin - Director
Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs
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SUBJECT: Discussion regarding Lake Berryessa and Bureau of Reclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs requests the following regarding the future of recreation at Lake Berryessa:

1. Approval of and authority to engage in discussions with staff from the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of the Interior; and
2. Designation of a representative of the Board to engage in discussions with staff.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Bureau of Reclamation has requested that the county engage in discussions regarding the future of Lake Berryessa. Staff is seeking direction from the Board regarding these discussions. Staff is also requesting that the Board designate one of its members as a representative to monitor and participate in these discussions as necessary.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Discussion
2. Direction to staff
3. Designate a member of the Board to act as a representative to the discussions

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) recently completed a nearly two year process to help identify a concessionaire to run the recreational portions of Lake Berryessa. In a recent press release the BOR informed the public that they had failed to identify a concessionaire with whom they could enter into negotiations.

On March 8, 2016, the Board of Supervisors provided direction to staff to schedule a public hearing with the Board of Supervisors and representatives from the Bureau of Reclamation to discuss topics including:

1. Review of concession process that was recently concluded
2. Proposed next steps for identifying a concessionaire
3. County's role in the process Legislation proposed by Congressman Thompson proposing transfer of jurisdiction over the lake from BOR to BLM

Staff is pursuing the scheduling of this hearing. In the meantime, staff from the Bureau of Reclamation and Department of the Interior continue to review their process and next steps regarding the future of recreation at Lake Berryessa. Staff is seeking direction and authority to engage with staff from the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of the Interior. Staff is also seeking the designation of one Board member to participate in discussions.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan