



# IMPORTANT NOTICE

*THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA*

**October 2, 2008**

Metropolitan will indefinitely suspend private boat launches at Diamond Valley Lake – the region’s largest reservoir—at the close of business Monday, October 13. The lake’s boat launch lanes could close earlier if conditions warrant.

The private launches are being suspended because Diamond Valley Lake’s storage levels are receding as water is drawn to meet the region’s supply needs. It is projected that the lake’s water levels will drop to the 1,682-foot elevation or about 480,000 acre-feet which is the end of the existing boat ramp. This action is necessary to conserve water throughout Southern California due to the statewide drought and water supply challenges.

Metropolitan understands the public recreation impacts at the lake. And, while we are very proud of Diamond Valley Lake’s recognition as one of the premier fishing spots in Southern California; the reservoir’s primary purpose is to help maintain water supply reliability for Metropolitan, our 26 member public agencies and nearly 19 million Southern Californians.

During the suspension, Diamond Valley Lake will remain open to the public and five additional miles of shoreline will be available for fishing beginning Saturday, October 4. This means a total of 6 ½ miles of shoreline fishing open to the public. Also, rental boats at the lake will remain available until such time that it becomes impractical or unsafe to operate and maintain the rental fleet. Kayaks and canoes that meet lake guidelines will be allowed to launch as long as the boarding docks are usable. The Lake View Trail will remain open to the public for hiking and biking, as will the North Hills Trail for hiking and horseback riding.

For more information, please call the Diamond Valley Lake Marina office at 951/926-7201 or 1/800 590-LAKE.