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Lake Combie Association
<http://lakecombielca.com/>

Hello All

It is hard to believe the summer season is coming to an end and unfortunately, lower lake levels on Lake Combie. The Hydrologist for NID has provided an update on the projected lake levels affiliated with scheduled draw down for September and October 2016.

NID's regular plan is to begin the lake draw down beginning September 1. However, NID has graciously waited until after the Labor Day weekend to begin to lower the lake because they do not have specific concerns around the required 9/1 draw down. Last year NID performed scheduled maintenance on the dam, so some neighbors were caught a bit off guard when the drop happened before/during the holiday weekend. We will be more fortunate this year. The plan is to drop the lake at steady then accelerated rate from existing levels beginning Tuesday, Sept 6th. It will likely drop 3 inches a day through Sept 10th, then drop about 4 inches a day until the target draw down (about 10 ft. from current level) is achieved around Oct 15th. The lake will then fill as rains and upstream flows fill the lake. Historically, the lake fills by mid-December with noted improvement by early-November.

Also, many residents on Lake Combie have noticed there are dead or dying pine and cedar trees. Are your trees infected? Did you know that bark beetles are more deadly than forest fires? If you notice dead trees, talk to your local tree trimmer, arborist, or if you are a renter, to the home owner and see if something can be done. If we all do our due diligence, we can prevent more dying trees. Please take the time to read the attached articles on these websites: www.PrepareForBarkBeetle.org and <http://www.sfchronicle.com/science/article/Bark-beetles-ravaging-drought-stricken-forests-in-6165431.php>

Lastly, if you have not paid your LCA dues yet, please pay your \$75 membership fee via PayPal through our web site using the link below. The online payment of your dues significantly reduces the administrative effort that our volunteers must undertake to manage the Association:

Payments: http://lakecombielca.com/Membership_Dues_Payment.htm

If you are unable to pay online, you may send a check that is made out to LCA to: LCA, PO Box 1146, Meadow Vista, CA 95722. In order to be included on the active LCA member list that will be sent to Suburban Propane for their discount program on October 1st, we will need to receive your dues by September 26th. The active LCA list will be updated on the 1st of each month thereafter as payments are received. Also, if you have new neighbors or anyone you know, who may not have e-mail or are not a member of the association, please pass this email on to them.

Enjoy the lake while you can! It will soon only be the ducks and diehards out there!

Thanks,

Bill Johnson, Rick Bergquist, Brian Sly, Susan Hamilton, Jeff Reed, Benet Jones, and Kathi Lomba
The Lake Combie Association Board