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Concession Stands at City Reservoirs are Closing -- All Recreation Programs Continue

San Diego – Next time you visit a neighborhood reservoir, make sure to leave your house prepared, as concession stands are closing at all City-owned reservoirs. Starting July 05, 2006, the sale of items such as bait, ice, soda, snacks and refreshments, will temporarily be suspended at all of the City's nine reservoirs. The City Reservoir and Recreation Program will still be up and running, so that patrons can purchase fishing, boat-launch, and water contact permits (and advance permits) or rent rowboats and motorboats on a cash-only basis and continue enjoying these recreational activities. No paddle boats, canoes, kayaks, or electric powered boats will be available for rent.

“We sincerely wish that our patrons will always have an enjoyable time while using our facilities and to ensure this, we would like to remind everyone to come with their own supplies,” stated Joe Weber, Reservoir and Recreation Program Manager.

The reorganization comes as part of the City's response to questions and concerns raised regarding the expenditures of Water Department funds for non-water related activities. Earlier this year the San Diego County Grand Jury issued a report critical of the City's practices regarding Service Level Agreements (SLAs). SLAs allow City departments to accurately account for the cost of services they provide to one another. The Grand Jury believed that the City's practices regarding subsidizing its concession services at the lakes and reservoirs were inappropriate. San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders directed City staff to end those expenditures deemed inappropriate by the Grand Jury. This action will return more than \$1.7 million in costs and services to the Water Department. It will also require the reorganization of concession services at City lakes and reservoirs.

The recreational uses and hours of operation at City lakes and reservoirs will remain unchanged as the City works to identify a new concessions vendor. For more information on the City Reservoir and Recreation Program, please contact (619) 465-3474.

The Water Department maintains the water system that serves San Diego, and provides treated water service to the City of Del Mar, and wholesale water service to the California-American Water Company delivering water to Coronado, Imperial Beach, and portions of southern San Diego. This includes the treatment and delivery of more than 200 million gallons of water that is transported daily through more than 3,000 miles of pipelines. For more information about the Water Department's programs and services, please visit www.sandiego.gov/water or call (619) 515-3500 for general information.

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