

## THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO Public Utilities Department

## **Hodges Reservoir Boardsailing Recreation Activity**

## FACT SHEET

The City of San Diego's Hodges Reservoir is an important local water supply reservoir used to capture and store local and imported water. This reservoir's water is provided to local water treatment plants for treatment and distribution as potable/drinking water to the public.

As such, the City of San Diego, in close coordination with the state of California Department of Public Health, is obligated and regulated to insure that all activities, which may impact the reservoir's water quality, are thoroughly evaluated and that proper measures to protect the water quality are in place. In addition, the City must ensure all local, state and federal accessibility, environmental, security and safety concerns are considered and met.

The City of San Diego's Public Utilities Department is pleased to announce the return of boardsailing recreation at the Hodges Reservoir, effective Wednesday, April 2, 2014. Boardsailing will be allowed during the regular recreation schedule on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Boardsailing recreation at Hodges will reflect several changes since it was last offered in 2008:

- Periodic patrols will be conducted by City reservoir staff.
- All vessels, including boardsailing boards, must be inspected for quagga mussels by City reservoir staff at the Quagga Inspection Station prior to entering the reservoir (Quagga Inspection Station is located near the boat launch ramp).
- All boardsailers must sign a waiver of liability (waiver available at the Quagga Inspection Station) prior to entering the reservoir.
- All boardsailers must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal floatation device.
- \$7.00 launch fee must be paid at the electronic pay station or iron ranger located near the Quagga Inspection Station prior to entering the reservoir.
- The former boardsailing parking area by the new pump station is unavailable due to safety concerns.
- Boardsailers may enter the reservoir from the boat launch ramp or shoreline.
- No one, including recreational users, may disturb any vegetation or other natural feature along the Hodges shoreline.
- All reservoir Rules and Regulations must be followed at all times. These rules are available from staff at the Quagga Inspection Station and at kiosks near the concession building.

In addition, no standup paddleboarding or kite boarding is allowed at any City reservoir. For more information regarding City reservoirs, please visit our web site at <u>www.sandiego.gov/water</u>