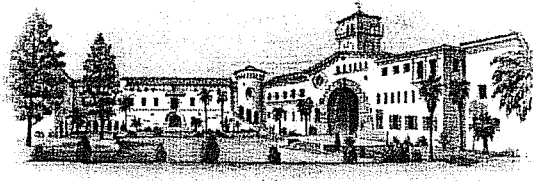


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VIA EMAIL

RE: Cachuma Reservoir – Quagga Mussel Danger

Dear Mr. Evans:

This letter is in response to your letter of January 23, 2008, to Board of Supervisors Chair Salud Carbajal.

A hearing before the Board of Supervisors has been scheduled for March 11, 2008, to consider the issues set forth in your letter. We hope you or your designee from COMB will attend the hearing in order to inform the public, as well as the Board, of your desire for restrictions on boating activities at Lake Cachuma County Park, and the underlying reasons supporting the restrictions.

It is important that COMB be represented at this hearing, at which the Board of Supervisors will begin to consider its future course of action regarding Quagga Mussel protective measures for the Lake. Testimonial evidence from COMB will be important in establishing a factual basis for any restrictions

We hope that COMB will also express a willingness to participate in seeking funding for the costs of protective measures through available grants or other sources.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you at the hearing. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments or to arrange a meeting to discuss a cooperative approach to this issue. Thank you.

C. Charles Evans, President
February 14, 2008
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael F. Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael F. Brown
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cc: Honorable Salud Carbajal, Chairman, and
Members, Board of Supervisors
John Baker, Assistant CEO/Director, Planning & Development
Daniel Hernandez, Director, Parks Department