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Dear Interested Members of the Whitewater Boating Community:

Article 408 of United Water Conservation District's (United) license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Santa Felicia Project (P-2153) requires that, by August 15 of each year, United provide notification of proposed annual conservation water releases to interested members of the whitewater boating community.

On August 19, 2026, United anticipates releasing 200 cubic feet per second (cfs) from the Santa Felicia Dam and continue at this rate until August 27, 2026, when it will decrease to 9 cfs. On September 9, 2026, United anticipates releasing 350 cfs. At this time, United anticipates to release until November, however, please check the Lake Piru Recreation Area website (www.explorelakepiru.com) for current conditions. Per the Santa Felicia Whitewater Boating Access Plan, whitewater recreational opportunities are available and escorted access will be provided by reservation on Saturdays and Sundays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Interested boaters should be aware that United has no control over conditions in lower Piru Creek downstream of the dam and advises that boaters exercise extreme caution as conditions are likely poor due to overgrown vegetation. Much of the creek flows through private property and the owner does not allow boaters to go ashore.

To make a reservation, please email me at bernardr@unitedwater.org with your request and contact information at least 24 hours prior to your requested put-in date. All vehicles in the parking area will be required to leave by 4:00 pm on the day of their launch. Boaters will also be required to sign a liability waiver.

If flows recede and whitewater recreational opportunities are no longer available sooner than anticipated, an update will be provided on the Lake Piru Recreation Area website, www.explorelakepiru.com. Please email me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bern Riedel Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Bernard Riedel Jr.
Senior Park Ranger
Lake Piru Recreation Area