

**United Water Conservation District
Lake Piru Recreational Area Swim Policy**

PURPOSE:

To designate areas within the Lake Piru Recreation Area where swimming is permissible, as provided by United Water Conservation District Ordinance No. 15.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To enhance public safety.
2. To provide visitors with opportunities to swim and wade in the lake.

DEFINITIONS:

Board: means the publicly elected officers of United Water Conservation District.
Lake Piru Recreation Area (Recreation Area): means the portion of United Water Conservation District land including and adjacent to Lake Piru, used or planned for recreational use purposes.

Lake: means the body of water known as Lake Piru.

Lake Piru: means the lake created by Santa Felicia Dam.

Park: means Lake Piru Recreational Area.

Swimming or Wading: means any person floating, swimming, wading or bodysurfing, with or without the use of a flotation device, including, but not limited to, floating upon or with the aid of a surfboard, paddle board, surf mat, inner tube, life preserver, or air mattress, except a flotation device which is designed to be propelled by sail, mechanical means, power, oars, or paddle.

UWCD: means the United Water Conservation District.

POLICY:

1. In accordance with Water Code sections 74540 and 74550 and Section 5.11 (g) of UWCD Ordinance No. 15, it shall be unlawful for any person within the park to swim or wade in the lake except at beaches or swimming areas designated by the General Manager and/or his or her designee and approved by the Board and posted for swimming and/or wading, with the exception of boaters who wade into the lake to walk to or from their beached boat in areas not designated as approved beaches or swimming areas.

2. Swimming and wading in designated swim areas and beaches is restricted to days between the Friday before Memorial Day weekend through the Friday after Labor Day and as specified in UWCD Ordinance No. 15, unless otherwise directed by UWCD's General Manager and/or his or her designee.
3. The Board designates the Juan Fernandez beach, the Reasoner Cove beach(s), the shore line extending from the northern most outcropping of Reasoner Cove north to Juan Fernandez Launch ramp, Santa Felicia Cove, Skiers Cove, Cow Cove, Bobcat Cove and Lion Cove as recreation areas where swimming and wading is permissible in accordance with the provisions of this policy, and as shown in Exhibit A (map) included as part of this policy.
 3. (a) Swimming at Juan Fernandez beach is permissible along the shoreline and waters within the designated boundary established by floating delineators, buoys and navigational markers and as marked by appropriate signage
 3. (b) Swimming or wading in Santa Felicia Cove is permissible along the shoreline and waters within the 5 miles per hour buoy line of the Cove extending out into the water no more than 50 feet from the shore. Swimming in the deep waters of the Cove is permissible only if the swimmer is swimming off of an anchored boat and so long as the swimmer is within 50 feet of the vessel. It is not permissible to swim in the deep waters of the Cove if swimming from the shore, unless otherwise provided in this policy or if authorized by the District's General Manager and/or his or her designee.
 3. (c) Swimming at Reasoner Cove beach(s) is permissible along the shoreline and waters within the designated boundary established by floating delineators, buoys and navigational markers and as indicated by appropriate signage.
 3. (d) Swimming or wading in Skiers Cove is permissible along the shoreline and in the waters of the Cove beginning at the northern most outcropping and southern most outcropping of the area, which define the Cove and extending out into the water no more than 50 feet from shore and as indicated in Exhibit A. Swimming in the deep waters of the Cove is not permissible. It is not permissible to swim off of or jump from the northern most outcropping of the Cove known as Sugarloaf, unless otherwise provided in this policy or if authorized by the District's General Manager and/or his or her designee.
 3. (e) Swimming or wading in Bobcat Cove is permissible along the shoreline and in the waters of the Cove, beginning at the northern most outcropping and southern most outcropping of the area, which define the Cove and extending out into the water no more than 50 feet from shore and as indicated in Exhibit A. Swimming in the deep waters of the Cove is not permissible unless otherwise provided in this policy or if authorized by the District's General Manager and/or his or her designee.

3. (f) Swimming or wading in Cow Cove is permissible along the shoreline and in the waters within the 5 miles per hour buoy line of the Cove, extending out into the water no more than 50 feet from the shore. Swimming in the deep waters of the Cove is permissible only if the swimmer is swimming off of an anchored boat and so long as the swimmer is within 50 feet of the vessel. It is not permissible to swim in the deep waters of the Cove if swimming from the shore, unless otherwise provided in this policy or if authorized by the District's General Manager and/or his or her designee.

3. (g) Swimming or wading in Diablo Cove is permissible along the shoreline and in the waters within the 5 miles per hour buoy line of the Cove extending out into the water no more than 50 feet from the shore. Swimming in the deep waters of the Cove is permissible only if the swimmer is swimming off of an anchored boat and so long as the swimmer is within 50 feet of the vessel. It is not permissible to swim in the deep waters of the Cove if swimming from the shore, unless otherwise provided in this policy or if authorized by the District's General Manager and/or his or her designee.

3. (h) Swimming or wading in Lion Cove is permissible along the shoreline and in the waters of the Cove beginning at the northern most outcropping and southern most outcropping of the area, which define the Cove, and extending out into the water no more than 50 feet from shore and as indicated in Exhibit A. Swimming in the deep waters of the Cove is not permissible unless otherwise provided in this policy or if authorized by the District's General Manager and/or his or her designee.

3. (i) Swimming or wading along the shoreline from Reasoner Cove north to Juan Fernandez launch ramp and in the waters beginning at the northern most outcropping of Reasoner Cove and extending north to Juan Fernandez, out into the water no more than 50 feet from shore, and as indicated in Exhibit A. Swimming in the deep waters of the Cove is not permissible unless otherwise provided in this policy or if authorized by the District's General Manager and/or his or her designee.

4. Boaters who are under the age of thirteen (13) years of age or younger are required to wear a life vest which has been approved by the U.S. Coast Guard pursuant to California Boating Law. All swimmers under the age of thirteen (13) and when swimming off of or from a boat will be required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard Life Vest.
5. For boaters and swimmers older than thirteen (13) years of age, wearing life vests approved by the U.S. Coast Guard is not required but strongly recommended while swimming or wading at designated beaches or swimming areas.

6. All boaters engaged in recreational watersports activities outside of designated beaches or swimming areas shall adhere to UWCD Ordinance No. 15 and all applicable state boating laws, particularly with respect to the use of personal floatation devices, unless otherwise provided in this policy.
7. UWCD does not provide lifeguards. Swimmers entering the lake for any reason, including, but not limited to swimming or wading in designated areas, are engaging in a hazardous recreational activity and do so at their own risk. California Government Code Section 831.7 provides that a hazardous recreational activity means a recreational activity conducted on property of a public entity which creates substantial risk of injury to the participant or spectator. Hazardous recreational activity also means water contact activities, except diving, in places where or at a time when lifeguards are not provided and reasonable warning thereof has been given or the injured party should reasonably have known that there was no lifeguard provided at the time. The United Water Conservation District Board finds that water contact activities within the Recreation Area constitute a hazardous recreational activity.
8. Violations of this policy shall be an infraction, unless otherwise specified in UWCD Ordinance No. 15.

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