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**UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AWARDED \$60,500 GRANT  
FOR NEW SAFETY ENFORCEMENT PATROL BOAT  
FOR LAKE PIRU RECREATION AREA**

August 30, 2016 SANTA PAULA, CA – United Water Conservation District (UWCD), the special district tasked with managing, protecting, conserving and enhancing the water resources of the Santa Clara River Valley and Oxnard Plain, has been awarded a \$60,500 grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation’s Division of Boating and Waterways for the purchase of a new safety enforcement patrol boat for its Lake Piru recreation area. UWCD oversees the Lake Piru recreational area, which was formed with the creation of the Santa Felicia Dam in 1955.

“Lake Piru continues to be a popular recreation area for water sports enthusiasts, hikers, campers and fishermen year round, in spite of five years of severe drought,” explained UWCD’s Deputy General Manager Anthony Emmert. “This grant will provide a new and much-needed safety patrol boat that will be a tremendous benefit in ensuring safe boating, kayaking, jet skiing and swimming experiences for the thousands of visitors that enjoy the Lake Piru area every year.”

Created by the construction of the Santa Felicia Dam in 1955, the Lake Piru Recreation Area offers some 60 acres of outdoor recreation facilities including the lake, 66 boat slips with a full-service marina, numerous hiking trails, 238 campsites with water and electrical hook-ups for RVs, “primitive” campsites for those who prefer to “rough-it,” and easily accessible day-use picnic areas. Lake Piru has recently refurbished its Oak Lane public restroom/shower facilities, and plans to complete refurbishments of the remaining two restroom/shower facilities during the upcoming off-season. Lake Piru Recreation Area also offers visitors a convenience store.

Situated in the Los Padres National Forest near the Sespe Condor Sanctuary between Los Angeles and Ventura counties, the lake typically attracts between 5,000 and 8,000 vessels per season (based on annual visitation averaged over the past eight years), including motorized fishing boats, ski boats and jet skis. Additionally, a large volume of non-motorized watercraft, including kayaks, paddle boards, sail boats and inflatable watercraft also take advantage of Lake Piru’s watersports activities. For more information on the Lake Piru Recreation Area, visit <http://campone.com/campsites/lake-piru/>

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### *About United Water Conservation District (UWCD)*

*Since 1927, United Water Conservation District, situated in central Ventura County, has distinguished itself as a leader among water agencies by conserving and enhancing the water resources of the Santa Clara River and Oxnard Coastal Plain, while working to protect the environment's natural attributes. The District conserves runoff from all major tributaries of the Santa Clara River within its boundaries, including Piru, Hopper, Sespe, and Santa Paula Creeks. Without these efforts, much of this valuable water would simply flow out to sea.*

*Committed to managing the area's water supplies through groundwater replenishment and through the construction and operation of efficient water supply and delivery systems, today the District serves as the conservator of groundwater resources that are utilized by the cities of Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Santa Paula, and Fillmore, as well as several mutual water districts and numerous farms and individual pumpers. It also provides surface water for agricultural irrigation and provides treated drinking water to the cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme. For more information, visit <http://www.unitedwater.org>*

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