



Canyon Lake Water Treatment Fact Sheet

<p>Responsibility to Meet Federal Mandates for Nutrient Levels</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater runoff carries with it high levels of nutrients including nitrogen and phosphorus that hurt water quality and threaten marine life. • In 1972, the Environmental Protection Agency set specific guidelines to monitor nutrient levels, and these guidelines are known as Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). These guidelines are enforced as water quality regulations by the State through the local Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. • In our region, there is a TMDL Task Force of 20 agencies and organizations that are working together to make sure Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake stay healthy and that the TMDL water quality targets within the lakes are met. • To help comply with current TMDL goals, the TMDL Task Force competitively applied for and has been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the California Department of Water Resources to begin treatment measures to reduce nutrient levels and subsequent algae growth in the main lake and the East Bay of Canyon Lake.
<p>Local Agencies Working Together to Improve Water Quality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since its inception, the Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watersheds Authority (LESJWA) has implemented successful clean-up measures over the last decade to improve the water quality in the over 720-square mile San Jacinto watershed with an emphasis on Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore. • LESJWA, in partnership with Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD) and the TMDL Task Force, will be implementing the comprehensive treatment plan. • The City of Canyon Lake is sponsoring the California Environmental Quality Act process on behalf of LESJWA to evaluate the environmental impacts of water treatment methods to meet TMDL goals in Canyon Lake.
<p>Safe, Commonly-Used Treatments for Lakes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatments being considered for the lake include the aluminum sulfate application as well other technologies. • All treatment options being considered have a proven track-record of success and are safe to both humans and marine life. • Drinking water quality will not be affected by any of the treatment options.
<p>Minimal Impacts to Recreation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whichever treatment option is ultimately selected, Canyon Lake will remain open during the entire treatment process. • Recreational users will experience minimal disruption during treatment application and implementation. • LESJWA will work closely with EVMWD, the City of Canyon Lake, and the Canyon Lake Property Owners Association to ensure that residents are kept up to date about treatment schedule and activities.