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# Press Release



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## **Berenda Reservoir Will Open Thanks to Community Efforts**

**Chowchilla, CA, June 24, 2009:** The Chowchilla City Council voted Monday night, June 22, to open the Berenda Reservoir beginning Saturday, June 27. Although budgetary issues and lack of water had forced the earlier decision to close the reservoir and park area for this summer season, changes have occurred to allow the reservoir to be opened through mid to late July. An unscheduled water release from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has taken place recently and thanks to donations and efforts from volunteers, service clubs, and private citizens, the reservoir will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (times may vary slightly). There will be no entry fee into the reservoir and park area.

The Chowchilla Water District donated \$2,500 to cover daily patrol checks from the Chowchilla Police Department. Utilizing the City's "Adopt-A-Park" program, local Boy Scout Troop #127 will be actively cleaning and preparing the reservoir area and then maintaining it during the season. Donations came in from all over the community reflecting the generosity of our residents, clubs, and businesses. For more information on Berenda Reservoir or to reserve the park picnic pavilion, call the Chowchilla Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department at (559) 665-8640.

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