Quagga & Zebra Mussel WARNING !!!

Keep these invasive species out of Nevada County

Quagga mussels were discovered in Lake Mead in Nevada on Jan. 6, 2007, and later throughout Lake Mead’s lower basin. It was the first discovery of either of these mussels west of the Continental Divide. Subsequent surveys found smaller numbers of Quagga mussels in Lakes Mohave and Havasu in the Colorado River, and in the Colorado River Aqueduct System which serves Southern California. Surveys in August found Quagga in Lake Dixon and San Vicente Reservoir in San Diego County. All reservoirs, lakes and watersheds receiving raw Colorado River water have been exposed to Quagga mussels. The first confirmed find of Zebra mussels in Northern California occurred at San Justo Reservoir Jan. 10, 2008.

In locations where both mussels exist, the Quagga mussel appears to compete with the Zebra mussel, eventually replacing it.

Clean, Drain, and Dry.

If a boat moved from an infested area will be launched in waters that are not infested with zebra or quagga mussels, the general recommendation is to keep the boat out of water and let it dry for a minimum of 30 days after cleaning all equipment and draining all possible sources of standing water. However, such "quarantine" times may be reduced depending on local temperatures and relative humidities. In general, zebra and quagga mussels can survive longer out of water if local conditions are cold and humid than if conditions are hot and dry. For ‘Drying Time Estimator’ see:

http://www.100thmeridian.org/Emersion.asp
http://www.dfg.ca.gov/invasives/quaggamussel/
http://nas.er.usgs.gov/taxgroup/mollusks/zebramussel/

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