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Sweetwater Authority waives fishing fees on Sundays at Sweetwater Reservoir

For the remainder of 2023, community members can visit and fish for free on Sundays

Chula Vista, CA – Sweetwater Authority (Authority) announced a new "Free Fishing Sundays" promotion at the Sweetwater Reservoir Recreation Program. Free access begins this Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and will continue through the end of 2023.

Located at the eastern edge of Bonita, California, Sweetwater Reservoir's Recreation Program is easily accessible to



Authority customers and offers an abundance of outdoor activities, including shoreline fishing and a riding and hiking trail operated by the County of San Diego.

The program's shoreline fishing access stretches along a 2.5 mile stretch on the south side of Sweetwater Reservoir. Anglers can catch a variety of fish, including bass, catfish, bluegill, red eared sunfish and crappie.

The program is currently open Friday through Monday, from 7 am to 4 pm. Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, the program will be open from 7 am to 5 pm. The entrance is located at 3203 Summit Meadow Road, Bonita, CA 91902. A valid California Department of Fish and Wildlife Fishing License is required. Regular fishing fees are still in effect on Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays.

"We recognize that the recent closure of Loveland Reservoir has impacted recreation access," said Authority Board Chair Hector Martinez. "We hope that by offering free access to the program on Sundays, customers and local residents will come out and enjoy these outdoor recreational activities located right here in our own community."

Fifth grade students in the Authority's service area were also provided free fishing passes for the year through their schools. For more information about the Authority's Recreation Program, visit <a href="https://www.sweetwater.org/recreation">www.sweetwater.org/recreation</a>.

Sweetwater Authority is a public water agency providing safe, reliable water to National City, Chula Vista and Bonita.

