

Lake Elkhorn Update for the CA Website
December 8, 2009

Construction on the area that will function as the primary “staging” or work area for dewatering and hauling away the sediments that are removed from Lake Elkhorn is continuing. The area extending from the existing parking lot has been leveled and the contractor has begun preparing the site to be paved. The Contractor has placed additional stone and geotextile fabric to reinforce the pad. The inclement weather and frequent rain events have conspired to delayed the staging area preparation. Therefore, the site cannot be paved until the site is thoroughly dry. The near future forecast does not look favorable for drying the site and the subsequent paving. As we near the end of the year, it is likely that there will not be sufficient time to set the dewatering equipment and begin dredging. If this occurs, dredging will commence on or about March 115, 2010. The work areas will remain surrounded by a fence structure and the parking lot will be closed until further notice.

A new access road has been created at the southern end of the Broken Land Parkway parking lot. This access road will route the trucks from Broken Land Parkway to the staging area and dewatering pad where they will be loaded with sediments. The trucks will then exit from the staging area using the existing parking lot driveway.

The Contractor has completed the “pipe fusing” operation and set several long lengths of floating plastic pipe into the lake. It is through this pipe that the dredge will pump the lake bottom sediments to the dewatering equipment that will be placed at the “staging” area. The water removed from the sediments will be returned to the lake through a separate pipe. During the winter shut-down, the pipes will remain floating on the lake, supported by bouys and tied to fixed objects to anchor.

The dredge and supporting barge will remain anchored in Lake Elkhorn for the winter shut-down.

As a reminder, the areas that are temporarily or permanently closed for construction are work zones. Please, play it safe and do not enter the construction areas. Remember – for your safety - *“Respect the Work Zone”*.