

Orland Water Users Make Proposal To Negotiate On East Park Reservoir

COLUSA — The Orland Unit Water Users Association is willing to negotiate for the operation of recreational facilities of the East Park Reservoir, but without surrendering any of the

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rights and privileges of the association, Ray Gollnick, president, has written Rep. Robert L. Leggett of the 4th District. The letter, a copy of which was received by the

Colusa County Board of Supervisors, was in answer to the congressman's request Colusa County and the association enter into arbitration over a long-term agreement under which the county would operate the recreational facilities at the reservoir near Lodoga in northwestern Colusa County.

"We have learned with regret," Gollnick wrote, "that the Colusa County Board of Supervisors has withdrawn from any future negotiations or arbitrations concerning the future recreational uses of the East Park Reservoir.

Gollnick said the recreational potentials of both facilities have long been recognized and that the association is anxious to make them available to the public, but that this cannot be done at the expense of the association "which already is burdened with annual payments of \$82,000 to the federal government for the repayment of construction and rehabilitation costs and for the additional cost of operation and maintenance of the Orland Project."

"We are still most willing to enter into negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation, the County of Colusa, or any other public agency who will be willing to assume the operation, maintenance and control of the recreational facilities on East Park Reservoir for a mutually agreeable consideration to the association," Gollnick advised.