



## Tri- Dam's Responsibilities

- Tri-Dam Project operates Tulloch Reservoir under the guidelines of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license number P. 2067. As part of our license requirements, Tri-Dam created an Aquatic Nuisance Vegetation Management Plan.
- As ordered by FERC "the goals of the plan are to: (a) manage Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum Spicatum*) and Brazilian elodea (*Egeria*) (*Egeria densa*), the two dominant aquatic nuisance plants in the Tulloch reservoir, so that these plants do not interfere with project operation, navigation or recreational uses; and (b) to provide homeowners, dock owners, or homeowner associations with approved methods for managing these two aquatic nuisance plants in the coves, shallow areas, and around boat docks of developed portions of the shoreline."
- Maintenance of privately owned shoreline facilities is the responsibility of the private land owner. Tri-Dam Project is NOT responsible for the removal of aquatic nuisance weeds from Tulloch Reservoir.

## About Us

Tri-Dam Project is a joint venture (partnership) between the Oakdale Irrigation District and the South San Joaquin Irrigation District. Together they developed, operate, and maintain the Beardsley, Donnells and Tulloch projects including the dams, tunnels, penstocks, powerhouses, communications systems, and general offices. These facilities are located on the Middle Fork of the Stanislaus River in Tuolumne County, California.

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# Tulloch Reservoir

*Aquatic Nuisance Vegetation  
Management & Permitting*



Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum Spicatum*)

## Aquatic Weeds

Invasive aquatic plants have the potential to invade Tulloch reservoir. Typically, these plants were introduced to the United States for use in aquariums and water gardens, and have since spread across the country and into our waterways over time. With no natural controls in the environment, they rapidly spread and can quickly begin to impact our aquatic ecosystems. Invasive aquatic plants can quickly take over, leaving little room for swimming, fishing, and boating. They even pose severe risks to intakes used for drinking and irrigation water, and power production.



Brazilian elodea (*Egeria*)

Unfortunately, the presence of Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum Spicatum*) and Brazilian elodea (*Egeria*) have been detected in Tulloch Reservoir.

## Help prevent the spread of invasive aquatic plants

Invasive aquatic plants can easily spread from lake to lake on boats, boat trailers or by individuals dumping unwanted aquatic plants into the lake.

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Here are a few tips to help keep aquatic invaders out of local water bodies:

**Clean:** Inspect your gear before entering the lake for aquatic plants and before you leave. Don't let aquatic plants hitchhike!

**Drain and Dry:** Be sure to drain the motor, bilge and any other areas that may harbor aquatic plants.

**Dispose:** Do not dump unwanted aquarium or water garden plants into the lake. Throw them away. Anglers should also take care to dispose of unwanted, bait, worms and fish parts into the trash.

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## Winter Drawdowns Help

Lowering lake levels during the winter can be an effective way to control some invasive species of aquatic vegetation.

Every winter Tri-Dam Project drops Tulloch's the water level to assist with flood control measures. This exposes the dormant plants in the sediment to sub-freezing temperatures during winter months, decreasing their survival.



Example of Bottom Barrier Mat

## What can property owners do?

If your property boundaries extend into Tulloch Reservoir, and you have observed invasive aquatic weeds, you can apply for a Tulloch Encroachment Permit to install bottom barrier mats on your property within the reservoir.

The mats are limited to an area not to exceed 800 square feet, and to those areas under docks and/or navigation channel areas to enhance the navigability of the subject property. Vegetation along the shoreline is to be preserved. The purposed barriers must stay within the subject property boundaries, and the managed area is at the sole discretion of Tri-Dam.

Please note that the installation or modification of any facilities, including bottom barrier mats, within the FERC project boundary (the 515' elevation contour and below) requires the approval from Tri-Dam Project, and the issuance of a Tulloch Encroachment Permit.

The permit application fee is \$300 per property. Tri-Dam Project does not supply the bottom barrier mats. For more information on this process, please go the Tri-Dam Project website.