

Meeting Date: July 12, 2024

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

To: Rueter Hess Recreation Advisory Board
Thru: Ron R. Redd, P.E., PWSD District Manager
From: Maleia Good, Project Manager for PWSD
Title: 2024 Fishery Update – Aqua Sierra

Discussion items for the RAB:

- Spring 2024 has been a challenge due to weather swings for Aqua Sierra to conduct their spring assessment.
- Angler survey data shows only one size class of walleye being caught.
- Aqua Sierra is still going to assess habitat and spawning evidence ASAP.
- Aqua Sierra recommends stocking 14,000 6-inch size blue gills as soon as they can get them acquired (and weather permits introduction into the reservoir).
- This year's Aqua Sierra budget will be spent (equally between PWSD and Recreation) on stocking, habitat, consulting, and angler survey data collection.
- **Aqua Sierra strongly recommends ALL CURRENT angler restrictions stay in place at least until after Labor Day, and then can be reevaluated.**