

EAST BAY ACTION TAKES A PAUSE!

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Alameda County – Spring is here?? Despite some of the lowest temperatures of the winter, there are signs everywhere that spring is already on the way. The East Bay Lakes are in perfect condition, water levels are up, weeds are down, recent plants have been solid, but after a couple of weeks of solid action, things have taken a pause. It's not a blow out, but things definitely slowed down.

This week Lake del Valle, Contra Loma, Chabot and Quarry all received fish. Temescal also received a surprise plant that included a good number of lightning trout. This was certainly a bonus despite their somewhat diminutive size. They were smaller than we had enjoyed in the past, but it was good to see some gold in the water!

So what's going on?? There is not one regular angler who hasn't been challenged this season, and by now, it's hard to pinpoint exactly why. Despite these challenges, there are still a couple standout lakes. Lake del Valle and Shadow Cliffs remained the top producers this week. Del Valle action has stepped up to what should be expected during this time of year. Fish numbers and size are both pretty good. We have not seen the monsters that we saw last year, nor the gold, but action remains fairly consistent, and you can probably expect to take a few fish if you give it a chance.

Shadow Cliffs slowed but remained nearly as consistent as in past weeks. There is still a nice mix of both Lassen's and DFW's to be had, and there was a 7+-pounder taken mid-week, but numbers are down. The most recent plant should give things a boost and a bump in the temperature should put these fish back on the bite.

Quarry Lakes has been a bit frustrating as well...there are plenty of fish, but the bite just hasn't matched up. There are still fish to be had, but you'll have to work for them.

Lake Temescal conditions are about as good as they can be, but these fish have lockjaw! Despite a solid plant on Wednesday that included lightning trout, most stringers were limited to a fish or two only. Despite the low numbers, there was an 8+-pounder taken from the main dock.

Lake Chabot action remains a challenge. There have been a few trout taken, but not what might be expected. There is still a moderate bass bite ongoing and there was a solid 10+ pound cat also taken.

Contra Loma is starting to produce but the numbers are just not that impressive.

With what looks like spring right around the corner, I hope that the change in season, gets these fish back on the bite!

Please drop me a line, tell me how you're doing and send me your pictures. Everything helps with these reports and anglers love seeing the pics! Thanks, Chuck. Ctw1930@gmail.com. Or by text at 571-481-8040.