

Floating Dock Structures on the waters of Nacimiento Reservoir

For those who live along Nacimiento Reservoir, the idea of having a private boat dock can be attractive. However, specific laws, rules and procedures go into installing and operating a boat dock, and it's important to be aware of the process.

Applicants are responsible for submitting plans for proposed privately owned docks that conform to the size and engineering standards specified in this section. Applicants are required to submit accurate drawings with dimensions of all proposed facilities. A site plan prepared from information that is taken from a boundary survey is also required. This shall include a combination of a boundary survey and a topographic survey and will be used to depict the proposed private dock improvements to the parcel of land.

- a) Private Docks shall be single slip or with additional slips and for residential application, and provide a solution for operations with fluctuating water level. The dock flotation, frame and decking shall create a stable floating dock system that requires minimal maintenance.
 - a. The dock floats shall consist of a one-piece rotational molded seamless construction, which eliminates seams that could result in separation and leakage.
 - b. The frame shall be constructed of an aluminum frame system. The system shall be made with marine grade corrosion resistant aluminum frame and an all-welded design. Marine contractors have concluded that an aluminum frame provides the best solution when building a dock system. Aluminum is a strong material that is well suited for outdoor exposure in fresh water environments. Aluminum docks are resistant to aquatic conditions, free from rust or splintering and maintains its aesthetic and functional integrity.
 - c. No frames consisting of wood or pressure treated wood are allowed. Wood tends to rot, warp, splinter, crack, and suffer harm from insects. It is a relatively soft material that can easily be damaged by boat impacts and extreme weather conditions. Wood docks require frequent repair and must be treated with wood preservatives or paint to prevent deterioration.
 - d. The dock decking shall be constructed low-maintenance vinyl, composite or aluminum materials.
- b) Roofs over docks are allowed on the Reservoir.
- c) Second stories on covered docks may be constructed as open decks with railings but shall not be covered by a roof or enclosed with siding or screening.
- d) Covered docks may not include open or enclosed siding.
- e) Access walkways constructed over water shall not exceed six feet in width.
- f) Docks shall not have more than 1 storage box up to 96 cubic ft.
- g) Docks shall not contain items that denote habitation such as grills, refrigerators, sinks, cabinets, stoves, and home furnishings. Carpet may not be placed on deck surfaces at any time. No canopies or roofs, except those permanently installed may be placed on docks.