I wanted to alert you that the East Bay Regional Park has been testing the water at the kayak launch point in the Big Break Regional Shoreline. Last week on Thursday (August 26) in Hal's weekly report, he identified they found microcystin toxin levels above 50 ppb with their CAAS machine. Hal's staff will be monitoring again this week but I thought you should be aware of the high concentrations being observed. This is above the DANGER trigger threshold of 20 ppb. I'm showing the location of Frank's Tract as a reference point only on the map.

Here is a map showing the location, in case you are not familiar with it.
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As a follow-up, Hal's staff will be out there again this Tuesday. They will collect a sample in the middle of the bloom and then outside of the area of the bloom to see if it is localized to just the immediate shoreline. Signs are posted at the site prohibiting water contact and to keep pets out of the water. Once I get the results later this week I will let you know.
Thanks.
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