

Viral video shows bears in Lake Tahoe

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A cellphone video that has been seen more than 5 million times after KCRA 3 shared it on Facebook Tuesday. It shows a mother bear and her two cubs swimming at Pope Beach in Lake Tahoe, near Camp Richardson.

It's not every day you see a family of bears playing in a public lake – unless you're a biologist.

"At Lake Tahoe, we get bears down at the lake frequently," said Jason Holley, a supervising wildlife biologist with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

In the video, which was shot last week, the mama bear doesn't seem to mind the paddleboarders and other people nearby.

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