



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 5/24/2017
Person Contacted: Karl Whitcomb (Pilot in Command)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA17CA301

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the individual named above:

- He reported that the accident occurred on 4/30/2017, around 3:30PM local at Lake Berryessa, Napa, CA. The flight departed Concord airport (KCCR).
- He reported that he and the other pilot onboard completed multiple low approaches and touch-and-go's on the lake preceding the accident landing.
- He reported that he was the pilot flying for the accident landing and planned to do a "quick step" touch-and-go.
- He reported that he visually checked the water for any debris or obstacles and did not see anything prior to the landing.
- He reported that almost immediately after the touchdown, about 1 to 2 seconds later, the airplane abruptly nosed over.
- He reported that he and his passenger performed an emergency evacuation while under water.
- He reported that he may have struck a submerged object with the right float.