

SLO County Running Deer Ranch Company Inc. Spring Quarterly Update

The Lake: We had a good start to the rainy season, but as you all know the rain has been scarce over the last couple of months. The lake elevation is at 737' and is at 29% of storage capacity. There are several hazards lurking in the low water, use extreme caution while boating. Monterey County is currently releasing 30CFS, which hopefully will continue throughout the summer.

NRWMAAC sponsored a Town Hall Meeting in Heritage Ranch where Monterey County Water Resource Agency (MCWRA) attempted to answer questions about their Interlake Tunnel between Nacimiento and San Antonio. The tunnel would be installed at the 745' elevation level in Lake Nacimiento and gravity feed to Lake San Antonio. There were many more questions brought up at the meeting than answers given. Contact NRWMAAC to stay informed and help protect Lake Nacimiento.

The Point: The Point is in good shape. There have been attempts to reduce the squirrel population, but they repopulate faster than rabbits. Use caution while strolling around on the point.

The Launch Ramp: The ramp is in good shape. There has been minor erosion on the uphill side, the downhill side has held strong do to rock placement last year. Currently the water is 63 linear feet up the ramp. Use caution launching as the water retreats. Every year several vehicles get stuck in the mud at the end of the concrete.

A certified mussel inspector **MUST** properly inspect ALL watercraft prior to launching. There is a sign up board at the point gate for all certified mussel inspectors to place their contact information to help out with mussel inspections.

Gates must be locked at all times when not actively launching. Please be respectful to private property and do not trespass on property outside the right-of-way easement and point easement.

Aluffo Road: The first 1/3rd of the road from the point gate to Ahrens property has been completed and is in great condition. This year the middle 1/3rd will be completed and the final 3rd will be completed in 2016. We will send out the dates and areas that will be impacted. Remember the proper speed on all roads is 25 mph or less depending on conditions.

Docks: Unfortunately there are many docks that are not enjoying any moisture due to lack of rainfall. This is the time for dock owner's to bring their docks up to Monterey County dock requirements or remove docks from the point. SLO County RDR Company Inc. can no longer allow docks on the point that do not meet requirements. Monterey County has sent out letters to dock owner's stating if your dock is not floating you do not need to pay the permit fee. However, if it floats anytime before May 31, 2016 you owe the entire 2015 permit fee.

Fire: This will be another extreme fire danger season. With the early rains and a lot of winter sunshine the flashy fuels are flourishing and will soon die off. Fuel reduction is a must around all structures. Be sure to do your mowing and weed abatement prior to 10 AM to prevent sparks from igniting the grasses. Cal Fire will be conducting fuel clearance inspection and will issue citations if your property is not in compliance. Spark arrestors are mandatory on all equipment. Monitor BBQ's at all times. The water trailers will be available for emergencies starting May 1st. Cal Fire is in the planning phase of starting fuel reduction work on the roads throughout the area and placing a fire danger rating sign on Running Deer Rd.

Mussel Program: ALL watercraft MUST be CLEANED, DRAINED, DRIED and INSPECTED prior to using the RDR launch ramp. If your watercraft has been on any infested lake with-in 30 days prior to coming to Lake Nacimiento you will not be allowed to launch. Inspectors are receiving updated CF numbers monthly from boats launched at Lake Piru. Every watercraft owner needs to be vigilant and continue to protect our lake.

Point and Launch Ramp Locks: The locks and keys have been changed. If you paid your dues and signed the CUP you should have received the new keys. If you need to pay your dues you can still mail in the form and CUP, pay at the Memorial Day general meeting or contact Leo Kennedy.

Main Gate: Gate is in good working condition. Security cameras are also in good working order.

Memorial Day Weekend: General Meeting will be held on May 23rd at Lobo's on Whispering Pines Ln at 9:00. Bring a chair. There will be updates presented by each Board Chairmen, Treasures report and future plans. Members will give direction to the Board for the upcoming year. There will be a vote for new board members. Jerry Reese, Kelly Lobo, and Jesse Felgenhauer terms expire.

The normal restriction for the Memorial Day weekend will be in effect. Trailers will NOT be allowed to park on the point. There will no security, passes, or special restrictions this year. Volunteer mussel inspectors will have their contact phone numbers on the white board located at the Point gate. This is a call out to all certified mussel inspector to please place your contact information on the board to help with inspections. BOTH gates must remain LOCKED at ALL times when not actively launching. There will be one porta-pottie at the Point. Please take all trash with you when you leave.

Meeting: Please review the By-Laws, CUP, Rules and regulations prior to the meeting. Share this information with family and guest.

RDR Board
President Jerry Reese