



Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are all very grateful to Cal-Fire for their quick response to the fire that occurred in the back country south of Rancho Del Lago. For those of you who weren't here, they responded with 7 air tankers, 2 helicopters, and 400 fire fighters. Because of the steep terrain, it took 6 days to put it out, but they were able to hold it to 150 acres. The fire was started at a remote marijuana farm. Since the fire was put out, five more farms have been discovered. Please be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Department.

There is a new Fire Call List posted on the website www.lakenacimientosouthshorearea.com. Go to the tab labeled Road Association and click on the Emergency Call Lists. Print out the list and keep it handy for when it might be needed.

For the upcoming 2015-2016 year the Board of Directors voted to keep the assessment the same as last year. In fact, the assessment has not changed for several years.

For next year's road maintenance the Board solicited bids from five suppliers. Of the five, only two submitted a bid. Upon review of the bids the Board determined that the bid submitted by Michael Frederick provided us the best value, as well as the best price.

The proposed Road Maintenance Budget for 2015-2016 is included with this newsletter. The Board recommends approval of the budget by the membership at the October 11, 2015 General Membership Meeting.

Also at the October 9, 2015 General Membership meeting we will discuss changing the gate and "clicker" codes to improve out security in light of the recent fire and discovery of the marijuana farms.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. See you at the October meeting.

Phil Humfrey

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Faron Goodwin—Tri-Counties	238-1593
Carl Steinkraus-Running Deer	237-1182
Leo Kennedy-Running Deer	226-0697

FOR THE LATEST....

For the latest information on what's happening on the south side of Lake Nacimiento be sure and visit our web site

www.lakenacimientosouthshorearea.com. There you will find tabs for Cal-Shasta Club, Rancho Del Lago, Running Deer Ranch, South Nacimiento to Road Association (SNRA), South Shore Village, and Tri-Counties Club. The tabs provide information and contact info for the different groups as well as additional lake info and links to other sites of interest to Lake Nacimiento enthusiasts.

WILDFIRE SPARKS EXTREME CAUTION

In these "Extreme Wildfire Conditions" Cal Fire urges people to exercise extreme vigilance in the countryside to avoid sparking a wildfire.

SPARK ARRESTERS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL mowers, chain saws, welders, tractors, harvesters, motorcycles, and ATVs and ALL other gas-powered equipment in wildland areas.

MAINTAIN EXHAUST SYSTEMS and spark arresters; keep them free of carbon buildup. Keep the engine free of oil and dust, and the mower free of debris. Use the recommended grade of fuel and don't top it off. NEVER let your brake pads wear too thin.

NEVER PULL OVER on dry grass or drive into dry brush. Hot exhaust pipes and mufflers start fires.

NEVER use lawn mowers in dry vegetation. Use a string weed trimmer to cut vegetation.

NEVER use electric or gas-powered equipment in dry vegetation after 10 a.m. or on windy days. Do all yard maintenance that requires a gas or electrical motor before 10 a.m., but never when it's windy.

NOTE RED FLAG WARNINGS or **FIRE WEATHER WATCHES** issued by the National Weather Service. A Red Flag Warning is the highest alert issued for weather events within 24 hours that may result in extreme fire behavior.

A Fire Weather Watch is issued when weather conditions could exist in the next 12-72 hours.

NEVER mow or trim dry grass on a Red Flag Warning Day.

ALWAYS keep a 46" long round point shovel, fire extinguisher, and cell phone nearby.

DANGER: TOWING CHAINS - Make sure they don't drag on the road, throwing sparks while you drive.

CAUTION: TARGET SHOOTING - Shoot only in approved areas, using only lead ammunition, and never at metal targets.



CAL-FIRE GRANTS

Cal-Fire has received a substantial grant to reduce the fire load on the south side of Lake Nacimiento. Over the next several months you may see contractor crews clearing brush along the sides of the roads. They have already done some work near South Shore Village. The goal is to reduce the fire load on the roads behind the Running Deer Ranch gate. This is a very welcome activity, and we appreciate all that Cal-Fire does to protect us.

THANKS!!!

Each month we try to acknowledge those who freely give of their time and energy to support SNRA. SNRA has no employees. Everything is accomplished by volunteers who give generously of their time and talents. Many of the things we take for granted just wouldn't happen if it weren't for people like these.

- **Thanks to all the firefighters** who helped fight our recent fires.

?? Who have we missed?? There are surely others who are expending effort to support SNRA, with no expectation of reward. If you know of someone who has not been recognized, please give Brenda Brooner a call (312-3268) so they can be included in this column next month.

SNRA MEMBERS BALLOT for the
PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

APN# or Affiliation _____

Note: One vote per paid membership.

Vote on the Budget:

I **APPROVE** the 2015 - 2016 Budget _____

I **DO NOT APPROVE** the 2015 - 2016 Budget _____

You can vote at the October 11, 2015 General Members meeting **or** mail this ballot in advance of the meeting. Ballots will be counted at the meeting.

**If you wish to mail it, please mail to:
SNRA, 4242 Allen Rd., Paso Robles, CA 93446.**

Please write “Ballot” on the envelope.

Mail-in ballots must be received by Oct. 9, 2015 to be counted.

For Member Approval

**** These funds are donations only and are not part of the assessments.**

SNRA BOARD MEETING

Aug. 9, 2015

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Pres. Phil Humfrey at 9:02 am

Roll Call: Phil Humfrey (Pres.), Ken Thomas (VP), Chuck Enterline (Sec), Sue Kennedy (Treas.), John Hunter & Ken Thomas (Cal-Shasta) Russ Johnson (Private Owners), Leo Kennedy & Jerry Ahrens-sub. (Running Deer), Brent McClurg (South Shore), Faron Goodwin (Tri Counties).

President's Message No message

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (May 17, 2015) reviewed by e-mail, were presented for any changes. There were none.

Motion: Russ Johnson made the motion to accept the minutes, John Hunter seconded it and the motion passed.

Treasures Report:

Sue reported one bill for gate repair from Carl Steinkraus for \$22.64. **MOTION; Faron Goodwin made a motion to pay the \$22.64, Russ Johnson seconded it and the motion carried.**

May began with \$146,010.83

Income: \$3886.50 Expenses: \$114,436.20

June began with \$35,461.13

Income: \$443.75 Expenses: 480.11

July began with \$35,424.77

Income: \$2000.00 Expenses: 244.84

Ending Balance for July: \$37,179.93

MOTION; Brent McClurg moved we accept the Treasure's report, Leo Kennedy seconded and the motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Electric Gate: Jerry reported the gate was open for several days due to the fire, otherwise no issues. He indicated the importance of insuring our gate be OPEN for all emergency traffic.

Leo suggested it was time to change all the codes for the main gate. This will become a membership issue at our next meeting. Leo suggested we purchase some software which we could use to maintain the system "online" for about \$70 a year. The software can also be used to open the gate remotely in case of a fire or other emergency.

MOTION; Russ Johnson made to motion to pay for such software, Faron Goodwin seconded it and the motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP: Pruitt's property sold and we are waiting for the names of the new owners.

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FIRE COMMITTEE: Leo indicated all is working fine. Phil detailed what he knew about the pot farms which were responsible for the last big fire. He indicated 5 more farms were discovered and removed. Along with each farm, they leave all kinds of trash, empty propane tanks and pollution.

When the fire occurred, some of the responding units didn't know which way to go on our roads. Leo will get prices on some signs that can be placed, in the case of a fire or other emergency, to direct first responders.

A discussion occurred on ways to improve security.

Budget and Maintenance:

Russ Johnson: There were 5 attempts to get bids, 2 responded: Michael Fredricks and Viborg. Fredricks was the clear winner, not only in value, but in their "scope of work". The plan is to wait till all the rains have stopped, begin work and have it completed prior to the 2016 Memorial weekend. The board must approve the annual assessments, review the Proposed Budget and recommend it to the General Membership to approve the Budget.

Motion; Brent McClurg moved we keep the assessments at current levels for the SNRA budget, Leo Kennedy seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Motion; Faron Goodwin moved we approve the Proposed Budget as outlined and Russ Johnson seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Motion; John Hunter moved we accept Leonard Sutherland's bid for Michael Frederick Paying Corp dated Aug. 8, 2015, Jerry Ahrens second the motion and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The "snail mail" effort to get out our newsletter to everyone worked with minor issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Nix (not present) asked the board if he could place a series of solar panels across the road from his house (on Running Deer Rd. at the first Gage Irving entrance). This falls within the SNRA easement. Phil suggested we check with our attorney concerning any issues. It was the consensus of the board to NOT recommend such action and have Tom Nix find other places on his 49 acres to put the solar panels.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: A "Thank you" letter to all the fire fighters who helped fight our recent fires.

THREE MINUTES FOR MEMBERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None. (Except for one large Lab which was deemed out of order)

NEXT MEETING: was set for Sunday, Oct 11, 2015 at 9:00am in Cal Shasta Clubhouse. This will be the SNRA's Annual General Membership Meeting.

Adjournment: **Motion: John Hunter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Leo Kennedy seconded, motion passed.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:44 am.

Chuck Enterline (SNRA Sec)

EMERGENCY CALLING LIST

rev. July 2015 See reverse for Fire Safety Information

Instructions For Fire

In the event of fire inside Running Deer Gate, first **call 911**. Then call one person at the top of the list. If you can't reach either person, proceed to the lower levels, especially in the area closest to the fire, until you reach someone who will **call the rest of the list**. Or, you can do the calls. If you help to fight the fire please wear closed shoes and long pants. If you are hurt, firefighters must tend to you instead of the fire. **Station people at intersections to guide emergency crews; the fire crews who respond may not be local!**

CALL 911 FIRST!

Steinkraus 237-1182
McAlister 238-1591

(All phone numbers are 805 area code unless an alternate code is given.)

Ken Whinery 238-0132

Running Deer Ranch

Bullard ♦ 239-0454
Enterline 239-1228
818-319-2628 c. 712-1054

Urbach c. 610-9555

Lindsey 237-2759

Private Owners

Tri - Counties

Ranchos Del Lago

South Shore

Cal Shasta ♦

Reese 402-6155
J. Shelter 227-6776
open RDR gate

Kennedy 226-0697
Hamilton 674-4776

Woodworth 237-2769
c. 610-2938

Boe ♦ 238-2294
c. 235-8964

LoCicero 237-0607;
238-6944

R. Johnson ♦ 237-8608
c. 260-0670

Lee Johnson 237-0399

Lehmann ♦ 712-6342
455-7409

Borges ♦ 238-5066
423-1976
Crass 320-5928
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Wood 400-5286
400-5449
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626-674-9284

Lundbeck & Summers 226-9103

Compton 238-4758

Van 237-0122

Shockey ♦ 227-6752
Kinnan 610-6635

Thomas 458-1426

Eyraud ♦ 227-6519
Liminger ♦ 227-6512

Key

- ♦ Fire Trailer Location
- ♦ Heavy equipment available
- ✕ Will open Cal-Shasta gate for access to helicopter pad

Fire Trailer Locations:

Running Deer: 7025 High Meadow Way, off Running Deer Rd.; 5525 Whispering Pines Ln.

Cal Shasta: On Hendricks Ranch Rd near Gage Irving Rd. (under shelter just inside Cal Shasta gate)

Ranchos del Lago: Call Russ Johnson @237-8608 for location
Telford Road: Call Jim or Celia Shockey @ 227-6752

Use 4X4 full-sized ¾ ton p.u. or larger to pull water trailer.

Important Numbers:

Templeton Sheriff Station: 434-4290;

Las Tablas CDF: 238-4592;

Poison Control: 800-222-1222;

Oak Shores Rescue/Fire: 472-9548;

Lake Rangers: 238-2376.

Additions or corrections to list, call Leo, 226-0697.

July, 2015

BEFORE THE FIRE SEASON

- Make Cal Fire aware of any gate codes and provide them with keys or combinations to gate locks.
- Post your address in 6" high, reflective numbers. - Maintain 100' clearance of combustibles around buildings.
- Keep your water tank full. - Mark your 2½" wharf-head fitting with blue reflectors and keep it clear for access.
- Keep family medical information available (attached to your refrigerator door is best).
- Have your "go box" ready. It should contain medications, cell phone charger, insurance policies, important account numbers and passwords, irreplaceable items like picture albums, etc. Better yet, use a safe deposit box. More info is on websites. Go to readyforwildfire.org for advice on "firesafe" landscaping, emergency preparation, and firesafe building design and maintenance.

IN CASE OF A FIRE

- **Call 911:** call people at the top of the Emergency Calling List (it's at www.lakenacimientosouthshorearea.com.)
- Open the main RDR gate, Gage Irving (emergency exit) gate and other gates leading to the fire.
- Station people or post signs at intersections to help fire crews find the fire; responders may not be from local stations.
- If you are evacuating, use Gage Irving Road out of Running Deer so firefighters can move equipment freely.
- If overtaken by fire, stay in the vehicle as long as possible to save oxygen and protect yourself from heat.
- "Sheltering in place", staying in your home, may be best if your house is of firesafe construction and has 100' of clearance.

Priority #1 is safety. Protect or aid people first. Try to avoid being downwind or uphill from a fire. Evacuate if necessary.

Priority #2 is facilitating the entry of Cal Fire. Open gates; provide guidance at intersections; keep roads and fire access clear.

WHEN RESPONDING TO A FIRE

SAFETY FIRST!

- **Always wear** sturdy leather shoes, long cotton pants and shirt. It is suggested that you wear a heavy cotton jacket and leather gloves and bring a dry bandana to protect your face.
- **Bring drinking water.** **Bring tools** to fight the fire: McCloud, shovel, rake, etc.

Water Trailer locations are indicated on the Emergency Calling List. Conserve water: fight lighter fuels and work the perimeter. Keep fire away from heavier fuels. Don't soak the area; spray at the base of the flames.

When you arrive at the scene:

- Park away from the fire, not in grass or brush or uphill from the fire. Park so that you can escape in your vehicle rapidly. Leave **plenty** of room for fire equipment to get by. Treat all power lines as dangerous.
- Plan an escape route to a safe area (preferably downhill) and rethink your escape route frequently.
- Be aware: stop often to **look up, down and around**. Tree branches or power lines may fall. Winds may shift dangerously or the fire may flare up again or jump to a new area. Bad terrain or embers underfoot may endanger you. Communicate with other firefighters. **Pay attention to your own fatigue.**

Goal #1 is keeping the fire from spreading. Attack the perimeter. Keep fire out of heavier fuels.

- If the fire is spreading slowly in light fuel you can cut a line at the edge of the fire by digging material toward the fire. Try to keep one foot in the black, burned-out area. Don't get downwind or uphill from a fire.
- If the fire is in heavy fuel it is best to cut a fire line farther away, in lighter fuel. Dig material away from the fire; work well back from the fire to avoid moving burning material into unburned areas.
- In either case dig down to mineral soil if possible.

Goal #2 is property. Burning vehicles and structures are extremely dangerous. Explosions, falling power lines and collapsing walls and chimneys are possible. It is easy to be trapped fighting structure fires. Be very careful and keep escape routes in mind. Protect the area of origin of the fire so the fire department can determine how the fire started. It may be a crime scene.

When the fire department arrives, follow their orders. They are now in charge of the scene. Do as they tell you. Remember: Cal Fire's #1 priority is human safety. If you are hurt you will take firefighters away from the fire. If you are prepared and follow the guidelines set above, your chance of being injured is decreased and this will allow Cal Fire to do their job of fighting the fire.

Other websites that should be visited for more information: www.calfireslo.org, and www.fcslo.org have house safety, landscaping and fire prevention ideas.

Nacimiento Reservoir Data

As of : August 17, 2015

- Surface lake elevation: 727.3
- Capacity: 23%
- Lake water release: 60CFS
- www.mcwra.co.monterey.ca.us (for more information)

Reminders

- **Please** drive safely. Max speed limit is 25 MPH. Don't litter the roads.
- Notify your SNRA Board member of changes in ownership so records can be kept current. Letting us know who sold and the name and address information of the new buyer will insure our statements go to the right people.
- **Please** watch for cattle and horses on the roads, especially at night.

SNRA Newsletter Advertising

In order to help defray the cost of the monthly newsletter, the SNRA Board has decided to accept some advertising to help defray the cost of the newsletter. Business Card ads will be accepted from SNRA members in good standing to advertise their businesses. Cost for these ads will be \$10 per ad, per month. Additionally we will accept ads (as we have done in the past) for members to sell personal items, i.e. boats, cabins, etc. These personal ads will be at no charge. The ads will be run on a space available basis. Obviously, too many ads will make the newsletter more costly to print than the revenue generated by the ads. Ads can be submitted to your SNRA representative..





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Open Invitation

SNRA 2015 Meeting Schedule

October 11

All Meetings will be in the Cal-Shasta Clubhouse, start at 9:00 AM, and are open to all SNRA members.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 11 2015 at 9:00 am in the Cal-Shasta Clubhouse.



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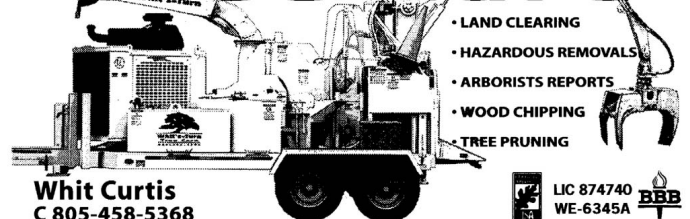


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