



# Newsletter



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## Letter From The Editor

From Phil Humfrey: The Monterey County Water Resources Agency announced in the Reservoir Operations Committee meeting held on May 25, 2017, that they would continue with large releases of water throughout the summer. Recent releases have been in the 400-600 cfs range. However, in some cases, yet to be defined, they would up the releases to 1000 cfs during the overnight hours. The releases, depending on the timing, could take the lake level down 6 to 12 inches per week. MCWRA's plan is to have the lake level down to elevation 760 by October 28, 2017. Those of you who have private docks, or organizations with community docks, need to be vigilant in order to keep docks from going dry.

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## Thank You!

Each month we acknowledge those who freely give of their time and energy to support SNRA and our members. It is not always possible to mention all the efforts from our fabulous community, but please know that your contribution is appreciated!

Many thanks to :

- Leo Kennedy for his endless hours of coordinating our road work
- Michael Frederick's Paving



## FIRE SEASON IS HERE

Grass is tall and dry; Fire danger is high!

- Burn Permit Season is over! **No open fires allowed!**
- Maintain 100' clearance of combustibles around buildings.
- NO off road riding/driving allowed.
- Keep your water tank full. ▪ Mark your 2½" wharf-head fitting with blue reflectors and keep it clear for access
- Make Cal Fire aware of any gate codes and provide them with keys or combinations to gate locks
- Have your "go box" ready with medications, cell phone charger, insurance policies, important account numbers and passwords and irreplaceable items.
- Go to [readyforwildfire.org](http://readyforwildfire.org) for advice on firesafe landscaping, emergency preparation, and firesafe building design and maintenance.

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**SNRA BOARD MEETING**  
**May 21, 2017**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Pres. John Hunter at 9:07AM at the Cal-Shasta Clubhouse.

**Roll Call:** John Hunter (Pres.), Ken Thomas (VP), Chuck Enterline (Sec.), Sue Kennedy (Treas.), Bill Gough, John Runnels & Ken Thomas (Cal-Shasta), Bill Barton (substitute) & Russ Johnson (Private Owners), Leo Kennedy (Run. Deer), Randy Tognazzini & Bruce Talbert (substitute) (Tri-Counties).

**President's Message:** This year's road work is underway. Thanks to Leo Kennedy and Michael Frederick's Paving.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** (4/12/2017) reviewed by e-mail, were presented for any changes. It was noted that Bill Barton had substituted for Jim Shockey.

**MOTION:** Randy Tognazzini made the motion to accept the Minutes with corrections, Ken Thomas seconded it and motion passed unanimously.

**Treasures Report:** March began with \$28,515.74. Income was \$79,597.50. Expenses \$1,838.59 leaving a balance of \$106,274.65. April began with \$106,274.65. Income \$29,422.50. Expenses \$197.78 leaving a balance of \$135,499.37.

There were no invoices to be paid.

For the complete Treasurer's Report go to the SNRA tab of the [lakenacimientosouthshorearea.com](http://lakenacimientosouthshorearea.com) website.

**MOTION:** Ken Thomas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Russ Johnson seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Electric Gate:** No Report

**Membership:** Mark and Naomi Merthe are new members in Running Deer Ranch. They bought property on Tres Vista Rd.

**Budget and Maintenance:** In mid-April an email vote approved the bid from Michael Frederick's Paving for 2017 Road Projects. Leo Kennedy reported that the road work has begun. The initial work has mostly been clearing/replacing culverts and drainage problems caused by the heavy rains this winter. Work will continue into early June with patching and paving.

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**Fire Committee:** Dennis Javens, from Oak Shores, came to talk about the SLO County Fire Safe Council. He was joined by Dan Turner (Executive Director) and Fred Mowrer (Cal Poly Faculty and Council member). They talked about the purpose of the Council, which has representatives from many boards, bureaus and associations concerned with fire safety in SLO County. They suggested that the South Nacimiento area might be interested in forming a Fire Safe Focus Group. The Council, a non-profit, is involved with education, grant writing and funding fire safety related projects. Their website is: [firesafecouncilslo.org](http://firesafecouncilslo.org).

After their presentation, a long discussion occurred on how to proceed. Although no action was taken by the SNRA board, it was decided to find representative from each area who might be interested in looking into our area's involvement.

It was noted that the Burn Permit Season ended on April 30 and no open fires are allowed in the area.

**MOTION:** by Randy Tognazzini and seconded by Russ Johnson to make a sign for the main gate to remind all traffic to remain on the paved roads and no open fires are allowed. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was discussion at a previous meeting about placing a camera at the upper crossing to monitor water levels. Loretta Borges, when asked, said such a camera could be mounted on her property. How to get WiFi connection and power to it is still being researched.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Newsletter items:** Reminders:

- 1) Burn season is over – no open fires.
- 2) Drive only on the paved roads – no off road riding.

**THREE MINUTES FOR MEMBERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** None

**ANNONUCEMENTS:** NARMAC will be selling shirts at the main gate over Memorial Day weekend.

**NEXT MEETING:** is scheduled for Aug. 13, 2017 at the Cal-Shasta clubhouse 9:00am

**NRWMAC'S NEW WEBSITE**

NRWMAC has a new website filled with interesting articles, history, projects, mussel info, lake levels, lake cams and much more. Please visit us at

[www.NRWMAC.org](http://www.NRWMAC.org)

where you can also donate to NRWMAC and purchase "*Save the Dragon*" apparel. Your donations help us in our efforts to represent owners and lake enthusiasts on issues that directly affect us and Lake Nacimiento.

**Nacimiento Reservoir Data**

As of May 30, 2017, Monterey County Water Resource Agency reports:

- Surface lake elevation: 787"
- Capacity: 81%
- Lake water release: 440 cfs

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**RANGERS ON THE LAKE:** We have all heard that Monterey County will no longer have Rangers patrolling the lake after the Memorial Day weekend. Thanks to a great letter writing, email, and phone campaign Monterey County is very aware that we are watching them. They have indicated by return letter to SLO County Supervisor John Peschong that they “will have rangers patrolling our park areas at Lake Nacimiento”.

In another sentence they state: “Additionally, we are developing a plan to provide adequate ranger staffing at the lakes for major holiday weekends”. The “park areas” are not the lake, and staffing Rangers only on the holiday weekends is not enough. It is clear that Monterey County is planning to abdicate their responsibility to provide Rangers for law enforcement, boating safety, and emergency response on the lake as they have done for over 30 years. In the past years Monterey County Park Ranger staff has been reduced from over 20 down to 6. To put a boat on the lake requires 3 people, one at the Marina, and two in the boat. To cover shifts, and days off it takes 7- 8 Rangers to keep a boat on the lake.

While our writing campaign has been successful in getting their attention, we still need to exert pressure on the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will hold a Budget Hearing on Monday June 5, 2017 starting at 9:00 AM in their chambers located at 168 W. Alisal St, 1st Floor, Salinas, CA 93901. Anyone who is in attendance will have the opportunity to speak (for 3 minutes) to the budget item concerning the Rangers. We urge anyone who can attend this meeting to do so and express your opinion on this gross abdication of responsibility of a critical health and safety issue. We should also stress that leaving the lake unattended will greatly increase their liability in case of an accident, emergency, or natural disaster.



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## HONOR FLIGHT

Honor Flight is a non-profit organization that flies veterans to Washington D.C. to see the memorials, at no cost to them. Honor Flight Central Coast California was created in 2012 and have made 8 flights, taking over 160 WWII and Korean veterans.

### **WE WANT YOU!!!**



**WE WANT YOU!**

If you know a WWII or Korean veteran,  
in San Luis Obispo or Santa Barbara counties,  
who has not been on a "Tour of Honor" flight,  
please go to our website:



**WE WANT YOU!**

[Www.HonorFlightCCC.org](http://Www.HonorFlightCCC.org)

and either print our or fill out an application.

Time is critical, so please don't delay.

If you have questions, feel free to call Loretta Borges at 805-238-5066.

**MCWRA TUNNEL PROJECT:** The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) recently held a meeting for the homeowners whose property the tunnel will cross. Unfortunately, there really wasn't any new information substantially different from a meeting they held a year ago. MCWRA still had no answers to questions put forth by the homeowners 18 months ago.

MCWRA continues to plan for a tunnel to connect Lake Nacimiento, and Lake San Antonio presumably to capture flood waters that would normally go to the ocean. MCWRA recently received \$10M from the State to begin the Engineering work. MCWRA has promised to share the modeling data with NRWMAC. Conflict still exists between NRWMAC and MCWRA as to tunnel elevation. MCWRA wants the tunnel at elevation 745, and NRWMAC wants the elevation to be 780. NRWMAC's concern is that if the tunnel is at 745 that MCWRA won't let the lake fill more than elevation 760 (approximately 50% of capacity).

We have been trying to arrange for a public meeting between owners around the lake and the MCWRA. We thought it might be arranged for June 16th, but MCWRA notified us that they wanted it postponed. We will continue our efforts to set up a meeting. This would be your chance to hear what they have to say and voice your opinion. More information to follow as details get firmed up.



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**All SNRA meeting are open to all SNRA members!  
 Our next meeting will be on Sunday, August 13th,  
 Meetings are held in the Cal-Shasta Clubhouse starting at 9:00 AM.**

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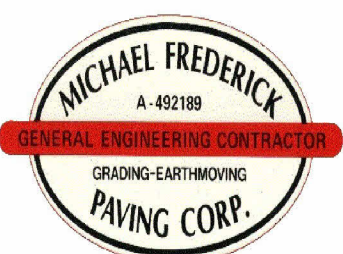


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