



SNRA NEWS



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President's Message

We are all expecting a glorious springtime at the lake this year. Our road committee, headed by Chairman Leo Kennedy, has everything in place to complete this year's road repairs and maintenance before Memorial Day Weekend.

Fire season is upon us and soon it will be time to prepare for another dry year. All of our communities have come together and are working with Cal Fire as well as individually to make our area an accredited "Firewise Community". Russ Johnson has been very active in organizing the charge. You will be reading more in each SNRA Newsletter about what Russ & others in our communities and Cal Fire have planned to reduce the threat of wild land fires.

Drive carefully and look for workers and equipment on the roads within the next few weeks.

John Hunter, SNRA President

Thank You!

Each month we acknowledge those who freely give of their time and energy to support SNRA and our members. This month we'd like wish to offer our sincerest appreciation to ...

Thanks to :

- NRWMAC & Phil Humfrey for raising awareness of planned aggressive water release by MCWRA.
- Kitty Ressler and Doug Jones for their generous donation to SNRA.
- Dave Wood, Jerry Reese and everyone who helped clear tree limbs and debris from the roads after the rains.
- Russ Johnson and volunteers from our communities for heading up efforts to become a Firewise USA Community
- The amazing Leo and road crew!

If you are one of those that helps behind the scenes, please know that your contribution is also appreciated!

WATER LEVEL ALERT!

Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) will be releasing huge amounts of water starting this week. The lake is currently at 44%. Their plan is to have it down to 20% by Memorial Day, and down to Minimum Pool (elevation 687) by July. The Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee (NRWMAC) has written an on-line petition that will be sent to the State Water Board, the SLO Board of Supervisors, the Monterey Board of Supervisors, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, and others to stop the mismanagement of this precious resource. Below is the link to the petition:

<http://nrwmac.org/save-the-dragon/lake-nacimiento-water-release-petition/>

WATER LEVEL ALERT!

Save The Dragon apparel will be available for purchase this Memorial Day Weekend at the main gate!

Wear It... Say It!

SNRA Board Members

John Hunter - President	543-8970
Ken Thomas - Vice President	481-9069
Sue Kennedy - Treasurer	635-7074
Chuck Enterline - Secretary	239-1228
John Runels - Cal Shasta	440-9759
Ken Thomas - Cal-Shasta	481-9069
Cindy McGee - Cal-Shasta	440-6276
Brent McClurg - South Shore	688-7081
Bill Barton - Private Property	239-4513
Russ Johnson - Private Property	260-0670
Randall Tognazzini - Tri-Counties	448-8108
Faron Goodwin - Tri-Counties	423-5734
Carl Steinkraus - Running Deer	237-1182
Leo Kennedy - Running Deer	635-7074

SNRA BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2018

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Pres. John Hunter at 9:01 AM at the Cal-Shasta Clubhouse.

Roll Call:

John Hunter (Pres.), Ken Thomas (VP), Chuck Enterline (Sec.), Sue Kennedy (Treas.), Cindy McGee, John Runels & Ken Thomas (Cal Shasta), Bill Barton & Russ Johnson (private owners), Carl Steinkraus & Leo Kennedy (Running Deer), Brent McClurg (South Shore), Bruce Talbert (substitute) (Tri-Counties) Randy Tognazzini -Absent

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

(1/21/2018) were presented for any changes.

MOTION: Ken Thomas made the motion to accept the Minutes with no corrections, Cindy McGee seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasures Report:

January began with \$43,801.69. Income: \$3,380.00, expenses: \$6,937.83, leaving a balance of \$40,243.86. February income: \$34,710.00, expenses: \$303.82 leaving a balance of \$74,650.04. For the complete Treasurer's Report go to the SNRA tab of the LakeNacimientoSouthShore-Area.com website.

Invoices to be paid: None.

MOTION: Ken Thomas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Leo Kennedy seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

Phil Humfrey sent a report, via email, to Board members regarding the Monterey Co. release schedule for Lake Nacimiento, dated Feb, 21, 2018. It projected Dead Pool of 670 feet by October, also Monterey County has cut back ranger staffing on the lake and it is at an all time low with only a part time ranger.

Committee Reports:

Electric Gate: Carl Steinkraus gave us the current codes. No issues with either gate. John Hunter will get the signs for the emergency gate.

To be put on the list for monthly Contractor/Guest gate code, contact Leo Kennedy at: kenne-dyrir@gmail.com.

WILDFIRE IS COMING....

ARE YOU READY?

Be prepared for when wildfire strikes with Ready, Set, Go!

Here are two ways to get READY!

CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE—Creating and maintaining defensible space is essential for increasing your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. It's the buffer that homeowners are required to create on their property between a structure and the plants, brush and trees or other items surrounding the structure that could catch fire. This space is needed to slow the spread of wildfire and improves the safety of firefighters defending your home. Two zones make up the required 100 feet of defensible space:

Zone 1—Extends 30 feet out from buildings, decks and other structures.

- Remove all dead plants
- Remove dry leaves from yard, roof, rain gutters
- Trim trees to minimum of 10' from other trees
- Remove dead branches over roof and 10' from chimney
- Relocate exposed woodpiles outside of zone 1
- Remove flammable plants near windows
- Remove flammable vegetation/items from around decks
- Create a separation between vegetation and flammable items such as patio furniture

Zone 2—Extends 30—100 feet from buildings and other structures.

- Cut/mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4"
- Create horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees
- Create vertical spacing between grass, shrubs and trees
- Remove fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark, cones and small branches.

Both Zones—1 to 100 feet from buildings

- Mow before 10 a.m., but not when dry or windy
- Use caution when using equipment with metal blades
- Use spark arresters on all portable, gas-powered equipment.

HARDEN YOUR HOME—Flying embers can destroy homes up to a mile ahead of a wildfire. Here are some things you can do to harden your home:

- **Roof** : Your roof is the most vulnerable part of your home. Build or re-roof with fire safe materials such as composition, metal or tile.
- **Vents** create openings for flying embers. Cover all vent openings with 1/8' to 1/4" metal mesh. Protect vents in eaves with baffles .
- **Eaves and Soffits** should be protected with ignition-resistant or non-combustible materials.
- **Windows**: Heat can cause windows to break even before the home ignites allowing embers to enter. Install dual-paned windows with one pane of tempered glass whenever possible.
- **Decks** should be build with non-combustible materials. Remove all combustible items from underneath deck.
- **Exterior Walls**: Build or remodel your walls with ignition-resistant building materials such as stucco, fiber/cement siding, or fire-retardant treated wood.
- **Rain Gutters** should be enclosed with screen to prevent accumulation of debris.
- **Patio Cover** should be made with same materials as a roof.
- **Fences**: Consider using non-combustible fence materials .

Material taken from Cal-Fire's Ready, Set, Go! campaign. For more information please visit:
<http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Ready-Set-Go-Campaign/>

WILDFIRE IS COMING....

GET SET

with a wildfire action plan including the following:

- Designate an emergency meeting location outside the fire area.
- Practice several different escape routes from both your home and community.
- Have an evacuation plan for pets and livestock.
- Establish a family communication plan that designates an out-of-area friend/relative as a point of contact.
- Have fire extinguishers on hand and know how to use them.
- Ensure your family knows where your gas/electric/water main shut-off controls are.
- Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit including the six P's.
 - People/Pets
 - Papers/Documents
 - Prescriptions/Eyeglasses
 - Pictures/Memorabilia
 - Personal Computer
 - Plastic (credit/atm cards)
- Keep the SNRA fire call list near your phone AND in your emergency kit.
- Have an extra Emergency Supply Kit in your car in case you can't get to your home.
- Have a portable radio/scanner and phone with charger.

GO!

Follow pre-evacuation preparations and take action immediately:

- Gather flammable material from outside and bring inside or place in swimming pool.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Move propane appliances away from structures.
- Connect garden hoses to outside spigots and fill buckets with water.
- Do NOT leave sprinklers/water running.
- Leave interior and exterior lights on.
- Put Emergency Supply Kit in vehicle.
- Back car into driveway with vehicle loaded and doors/windows closed.
- Have ladder placed at the corner of your house for firefighters to access your roof.
- Monitor property and fire situation. Don't wait for evacuation order if you feel threatened.
- Check on neighbors and make sure they are preparing to leave.
- Shut all windows/doors, but leave unlocked.
- Remove flammable window shades.
- Move flammable furniture to the center of the room.
- Shut off gas at the meter; turn off pilot lights.
- Shut off air conditioning.
- Locate/prepare animals for transport.
- Cover up to protect against heat and flying embers. Wear long pants, long sleeve shirt, heavy shoes/boots, face cover, eye protection.

When immediate evacuation is necessary, follow these steps as soon as possible to get ready to GO!

Membership:

New members, Mike and Barbara Kiwitt, bought property in Ranchos del Lago, previously owned by Beall, Stowell and Davis.

Applications for fee discounts for unimproved property were presented.

MOTION: Leo Kennedy made a motion to approve and John Runels seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget and Maintenance:

Leo Kennedy presented options for the 2018 contractor road work. The Road Committee will meet immediately after this meeting to walk the roads and prioritize the repair and maintenance projects.

Fire Committee: Russ Johnson reported on the Fire Focus group. They have a goal of making our area a Fire Wise Community. More information will appear in the Newsletter.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Newsletter Items:

Thank You To:

Kitty Ressler and Doug Jones for their generous donation.

Everyone who helped clear tree limbs and debris from the roads after the rains.

Three Minutes for Members to Address the Board: None

Announcements:

- *NRWMAAC will be selling shirts Memorial Weekend at the main gate.*
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2018 at the Cal-Shasta club house at 9:00am.

Adjournment:

Motion: Ken Thomas moved we adjourn, Bill Barton seconded it. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:16am.

Chuck Enterline (SNRA Sec.)



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Nacimiento Reservoir Data

As of March 11, 2018 MCWRA reports:

- Surface lake elevation: 754'
- Capacity: 44%
- Lake water release: 60 cfs



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Our next SNRA Board Meeting will be on Sunday, May 20th.
All SNRA Members are welcome to attend!
Meetings are held in the Cal-Shasta Clubhouse at 9:00 AM.






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