



Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This Board of Director's Meeting is the last meeting which O.F.S.R.A. owns and operates the Park. Effective June 1, 2013, all property owners will be represented by Director's of the two corporations replacing the O.F.S.R.A. inside the subdivision. Our Board of Director's encourages you to give them your undivided support. Keep in mind the first couple of years there will be a certain amount of trial and error, a "honeymoon" period, a year in which the new Board of Director's answers for it's own decisions. Not until the third year (June 2016) can you step back and see the benefits of change and evaluate the improvements.

The Park is a beautiful place to visit and live. Give our two new Board of Director's an opportunity to make it even better. As for the O.F.S.R.A., we will continue to manage the 434 acres of timberlands and be a good neighbor. Thank you for your past support.

~Del Wallis



Rebekah's Corner



Due to current environmental regulations the trout farm is unable to provide fish in time for this years' scheduled Fishing Derby. We are assured that this issue can be resolved in plenty of time for next years' derby, so that our Parks' time honored tradition can go on. However, to continue to celebrate this day, we will provide a barbecue picnic at 11:00am on June 15th, free of charge.

Thank You for your support,
Dogwood/Rebekah's #200

2012 Consumer Confidence Report

Water System Name: **ODDFELLOWS SIERRA**

Report Date: 6 MAY 2013

We test the drinking water quality for many constituents as required by state and federal regulations. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 - December 31, 2012.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Type of water source in use: GROUND WATER SYSTEM 5510016

Name & location of source: Wells No. 5 & 6

Drinking Water Source Assessment information:

The source is considered most vulnerable to the following activities associated with contaminants detected in the water supply: Historic waste dumps - landfills. (Iron and Manganese are associated with historic waste dumps - landfills, junk / scrap / salvage yards and naturally occurring). The source is considered most vulnerable to the following activities **not** associated with any detected contaminants: Septic systems - high density (> 1 /acre).

Time and place of regularly scheduled board meetings for public participation: 3rd Saturday Boardroom

For more information, contact: Mark Phone: 768-8872

TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

Public Health Goal (PHG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS): MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS): MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.

Regulatory Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

ND: not detectable at testing limit

ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L)

pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- *Microbial contaminants*, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- *Inorganic contaminants*, such as salts and metals that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- *Pesticides and herbicides* that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- *Organic chemical contaminants*, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.

- *Radioactive contaminants* that can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA and the state Department of Public Health (Department) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 list all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the most recent sampling for the constituent. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The Department allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, are more than one year old.

TABLE 1 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF COLIFORM BACTERIA

Microbiological Contaminants	Highest No. of Detections	No. of months in violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
Total Coliform Bacteria (TESTED MONTHLY)	ND	0	More than 1 sample in a month with a detection	0	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform or <i>E. coli</i>	ND	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample detect total coliform and either sample also detects fecal coliform or <i>E. coli</i>	0	Human and animal fecal waste

TABLE 2 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF LEAD AND COPPER

Lead and Copper	No. of samples collected	90 th percentile level detected	No. sites exceeding AL	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb) JUN 2012	5	ND	0	15	2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm) JUN 2012	5	0.26	0	1.3	0.17	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

TABLE 3 – SAMPLING RESULTS FOR SODIUM AND HARDNESS

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	07 2012	4.7	4.7 – 4.7	none	none	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (ppm)	07 2012	60	58 – 61	none	none	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring

TABLE 4 – DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	2009	ND	ND - ND	15	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Nickel (ppb)	07 2012	51	46 – 56	100	12	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal factories

*Any violation of an MCL or AL is asterisked. Additional information regarding the violation is provided later in this report.

TABLE 5 – DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Turbidity (Units)	07/2012	1.0	0.6 - 1.5	5	N/A	Soil run-off
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	07/2012	144	140 - 148	1000	N/A	Run-off/ Leaching from natural deposits
Specific Conductance (micromhos)	07/2012	467	442 - 492	1600	N/A	Substances that form ions in water; Seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	07/2012	8	6 - 10	500	N/A	Run-off/ Leaching from natural deposits; Industrial wastes
Iron (ppb)	07/2012	* 419	291 - 546	300	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Manganese (ppb)	07/2012	* 320	264 - 376	50	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits

VIOLATION OF A SECONDARY MCL

*Iron and Manganese were found at levels that exceed the secondary MCL of 300 ug/L and 50 ug/l respectively. The MCL was set to protect you against unpleasant aesthetic effects (e.g., color, taste, and odor) and the staining of plumbing fixtures (e.g., tubs and sinks) and clothing while washing. The high levels are due to leaching of natural deposits.

Additional General Information on Drinking Water

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Lead - If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Oddfellows Sierra is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Wallis. Board members present: Velayas, Ordwein, Wallis, Adams, Barrett, and Hawke. Board members Cloak and Peter, excused.

INVOCATION: Given by Director Hawke.

Please note that no recordings of the meeting are allowed.

HOMEOWNERS AND OTHERS PRESENT: Homeowners John Morganroth and Nancy Hawke, CSD Ad Hoc Committee members Chris Kiriakou and Heidi Ordwein.

CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary Velayas reported that there was a lot of correspondence. There were several letters and emails providing contact address changes or changes of ownership. Thank you to all who provided these address changes; it is important that we have accurate contact information for the community members. Some people were concerned that the water breaks of April were not mentioned in the newsletter, but the newsletter had been published prior to the water breaks. Had the breaks occurred prior to publication of the newsletter, it would certainly have been mentioned. Boil water notices were posted on all cabins and at the front gate. Several emails from Charles Varvayanis were received with complaints about our water system; he also sent complaints to the California Department of Public Health regarding our water system. These complaints have been reviewed.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS of April 2013: Hawke moved that the minutes be accepted with no corrections. Director Adams seconded, motion carried.

CARETAKER'S REPORT: Beach and bark in playground were rototilled. Firebreak was created. Equipment was maintained; mowing was started. Willows were removed near pond. Needles were cleared in Park areas. A big thank you to Mark and his family for all their efforts repairing the water lines during the breaks. Mark put in a lot of extra time, and his children ran the boil notices throughout the Park. While they worked, they were supervised by an adult; only once were they subjected to profanity and a display of anger by a resident.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

WATER-HAWKE: There were 4 Park water line breaks since the Apr 14th meeting. One was a 2-inch diameter line and three of them were 4-inch diameter lines. Since the number of breaks were within a short period of time and several sections of the water system were exposed to the atmosphere, our Water Operator, Mark, in conjunction with members of the California Department of Public Health, CDPH, decided to issue a "Boil Water" Notice as a **PRECAUTIONARY** measure. [It was **not** an emergency. None of the lab tests indicated any contamination of the system at any time.] The notice was issued and posted on April 19th. During this time, again as a precautionary measure, the system was chlorinated by chlorinating the water tanks. The chlorinated water was then drained though the system. After the system was flushed free of the chlorine, water samples were taken to the water lab for testing. All samples were found to meet state standards. Our Water Operator, again in collaboration with the CDPH, issued a notice rescinding the "Boil Water" notice.

While the water breaks were being repaired as rapidly as possible and efforts to restore the system to full operation were in progress, Charles Varvayanis, Fred Coleman and Steve Wallace filed several complaints with the CDPH. The complaints have been reviewed.

On the other hand, several Park people stepped forward to assist solving the problems. Notably, Bob Cloak and Del Wallis assisted in many valuable ways in addition to Mark working as late as 3 AM followed by resuming his efforts 4 hours later at 7 AM. Furthermore, a contractor, Brendan Simunaci, dropped his other jobs and joined the effort as soon as he could get his equipment moved from Columbia to the Park. The “Boil Water” notices and its “Rescinding Notices” ably posted on every Park dwelling’s front door by rapidly running boys, Mark’s sons, Markus & Anthony, accompanied by Mark or Larry Jones. This required 6 plus hours for each notice. [The notices were also posted at the entrance gate.] Also, Aqua Lab was very responsive in water sample testing to certify our system had remained safe throughout the project. The teamwork, on the job and interfacing with the CDPH, is greatly appreciated!

On May 4th, two members of the Fresno branch of the CDPH visited the Park for our tri-annual inspection. [The last one was in Oct 2010.] It was a cordial and informative exchange. No immediate actions are required. We expect a written report within the next few months.

Our water-testing lab filed our annual Consumer Confidence Report, CCR. It is being sent with this newsletter and will be posted on our website. Also, the Electronic Annual Report, EAR, for 2012 was filed.

Numerous communications and submission of documents have been in process as we transfer the water system over to the new Sierra Park Water System Incorporated.

Water pumped for the month of April 2012 was 766,500 gallons.

Owners are encouraged to keep their phone numbers and addresses up to date by sending changes to the new water corporation:

Sierra Park Water Company Inc. PO Box 424 Mi Wuk Village, CA 95346

Respectfully submitted by Ron Hawke, May 18th, 2012.

BUILDINGS-BARRETT: Nothing to report.

ROADS-ADAMS: Director Adams said he has the bid requests completed and are ready to be mailed out. They will be provided to the new corporations so they can proceed with road maintenance.

EQUIPMENT-PETER: Caretaker Higgins reported that the equipment is running well, and scheduled maintenance will begin shortly.

TIMBER – WALLIS: President Wallis reported that the thinning to provide better fire protection has begun. Thinning is being paid for almost entirely using a grant arranged by Gloria Harvey. Director Wallis reported also that he will present the timber plan at the Annual Meeting.

GATE -- ORDWEIN: Director Ordwein reported that there were no problems and there was about \$220 in gate income for the month. The receiver for the gate “clickers” was moved to increase the range for opening the gate. The batteries were also replaced, and the gates were adjusted to ensure smooth operation.

HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ADAMS: Director Adams had nothing to report. Rattlesnakes were discovered during the thinning. Please be cautious when out and about, because there is a bumper crop of snakes this year.

RECREATION: We are all looking forward to the Father’s Day Fish Derby. The fish have been ordered, and the Rebekahs are gearing up for a good party.

RECREATION FACILITIES: There is nothing to be done at this time.

FINANCE -- ORDWEIN: Director Ordwein reported that this month’s bills amounted to a little over \$30,000. Year-to-date we are approximately on budget. Director Velayas moved to pay bills; Director Barrett seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Director Wallis would like to receive approval from the Board to get an audit of the OFSRA finances for the year ending 5/31/2013. Director Ordwein made the motion to obtain the audit; Director Hawke seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

LEGAL ACTIONS:

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PLAINTIFFS: Fred Coleman, Ruth Dargitz, Steve Wallace and Larry Vaughn

DEFENDANTS: Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association, Inc.

COMPLAINT: Odd Fellows Homeowner's Association ("OFSHA") is a non-profit mutual benefit corporation whose Director's are democratically elected by owners of all 281 lots within the Odd Fellows Sierra Park. The water for all the lot owners is supplied by the Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association (OFSHA). The water system is required to be regulated by the CPUC under California Public Utility Code 2701 and 2702, but it is not. OFSRA consists only of Odd Fellows and Rebekah's; OFSRA provides no financial transparency concerning costs it incurs in providing water to lot owners.

DISPOSITION: Conference call set for 7/1/2013 between the judge, plaintiffs and defendant.

Case No. CVL58100 in Superior Court of California.

PLAINTIFFS: Odd fellows Sierra Recreation Association, a California corporation,

DEFENDANTS: Charles P. Varvayanis and Patricia Jones; Freddie Glen Coleman and Barbara Ann Coleman; Jewel Ruth Dargitz; Larry Lee Vaughn and Karin Louanne Vaughn; Steven P. Wallace; Rudy Aldama, Glenn Dalzel, Christine Foreman, Juan Tovar and Mae Tovar; Harold Babb and Mary Babb; Philip Barthman, Susan Bolt-Barthman, Richard Quinn, and Christine Quinn; Joseph G. Bonjean and Gloria Bonjean; Patricia L. Bremicker, Eric Canales and Catherine Canales; Gregory J. Collins, Sr. and Heidi M. Collins; Jose Angel Garcia and Deborah L. Garcia; Larry V. Giacomino and Jill S. Forester; Louis J. Kazas and Cleo Kazas; Mildred Kern; Onita Pombo and Dorothy K. Leighton; Gerald W. Johnston, Steven G. Johnston and Sharon Lorenz; Deanna G. Mooney; Joseph M. Nelson, Jr.; Michael J. Perry and Katherine M. Perry; William D. Piech and Clare Thompson; Timothy J. Plaza and Darann P. Plaza; Betty L. Salomon; Joseph F. Schultz and Karin V. Schultz; Scott R. Thomas and Brandi L. Thomas; John David Weitzel and Nancy Anne Weitzel; and does 1 through 30 inclusive.

COMPLAINT: Complaint for Damages for: (1) Quantum Meruit; (2) Maintenance of Right of Way Easement; (3) Common Counts-Account Stated; (4) Common Counts-Open Account. (This is the complaint filed against the property owners who have delinquent assessments.)

DISPOSITION: Delinquent homeowners are currently being served papers.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUC has been notified of the intent to be under their jurisdiction. The complaint is still ongoing. the lawsuit regarding unpaid assessments is still ongoing. Five of the thirty people included in the lawsuit have paid their assessments in full but not paid the legal counsel portion of the lawsuit.

The Rebekahs have a bid to replace the basketball courts, and the total is \$20,999. The Rebekahs have requested that the OFSRA pay half; the Board will bring the decision to the Main Meeting. Director Velayas moves to bring the decision to the shareholders to vote on it; Director Hawke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

In regard to the complaint about Nicholson Spring being a safety hazard, the Board thinks that the old basketball court should be broken up and used to fill the spring to eliminate the drowning hazard. If the new basketball court is not approved by the shareholders, then rock should be used to fill the spring. Director Hawke made the motion; Director Velayas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bids have been received for needle removal. The total was \$17,740, which is cheaper than in prior years when Cover did the removal. The contractor would be able to come out right after Memorial

Day. The pine needles were not removed last year because of a scheduling conflict, so there is nearly twice the usual amount of pine needles to be removed. In previous years, Cover has charged in the neighborhood of \$20,000 for removing one year's worth of needles, so we are getting a good deal on the removal this time.

President Wallis made the suggestion that the shareholder records be reviewed and compared with the tax records for each of the properties to make sure the records are accurate. Director Velayas will look into the work required and the expense of bringing the records up to date.

Proposed OFSRA bylaw changes will be discussed at the annual meeting. Please review the proposed changes and decide whether you approve them or would like to see changes.

President Wallis would like to a motion to bring Mark current with his remaining vacation and/or holiday pay. Director Hawke made the motion; Director Ordwein seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board has been asked to loan some startup money to the new corporations. President Wallis would like a motion that the OFSRA loans \$32,500 plus loan expenses to each of the new corporations with an annual interest rate of 0.5% and to be repaid within 150 days or when assessments received total three times the loan amount (whichever occurs first). Director Barrett so moved; Director Ordwein seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

THE NEXT REGULAR OFSRA BOARD MEETING WILL BE IN JUNE BUT WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Executive Session was convened at 11:21.

Director Hawke made a motion to increase Mark's salary by \$1.25/hour effective beginning of his current pay period. Director Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The presidents and HR directors of the two new corporations will be acting as committee chairmans reporting to the OFSRA until such time as the new corporations are fully operational.

There being no further business, President Wallis adjourned the meeting at 1:33 P.M.

Claire Velayas, Secretary

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