

Sierra Recreation Association

June 2003

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

To enjoy the summer.

Be fire safe, clear the needles & slash away from cabins.

Beware of snakes, good & bad.

Drive safely for kids & animals.

Calendar of Meetings

BOARD MEETING: 8:30 a.m. Sat. July 19, 2003

Sierra Park Lodge #376

Lodge meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.

Potluck on – 7/16 Cajun food theme

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING June 22, 2003

Attendance:

President: Fred Coleman	Present	Vice Pres. Robert Snell	Present
Secretary: Norrine Coyle	Present	Treasurer: Richard Bonner	Present
Ed Smith	Present	Sean Kasper	Present
Neil Selman	Present	Roger Townsend	Present

Greg Brown Absent UE

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Fred Coleman.

Invocation by Richard Bonner

By motion (Smith/Selman, unan.) the minutes of the May meeting were approved as mailed.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD: Steve Bordes re: property problem and Yolanda Aldama asked about a driveway through her property.

Correspondence: Note from Mary Ann Notton with a check for the assessment and a “thank you” for making the park “a great place to live;” a “Terrorism Insurance” form from our insurance agent; a “Home Energy Survey” on the caretaker’s cabin from the California Energy commission; and a letter from the State Department of Health Services concerning renewal of Water Distribution Operator Certificates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Water – Selman: We used 1.2 million gallons of water between May 17 and June 17. Simunaci Construction repaired the corner of Jordan West & Deborah on 6/12. On the 18th, Mike repaired a leaky valve in the water box at the Vaughn home, with the help of Larry & Neil. The 2” valve to the box failed, then it was discovered that old 1 inch black tubing was serving the box. During the digging for repair the line was severed by a shovel. Neil has taken all regular water samples, plus a lake sample to AquaLab. All results are good. Richard said Larry Vaughn asked if any consideration had been given to digging a well near the water tank

Timber – Coleman: Fred talked to Will Dorrell about cutting some dead trees, and mentioned that trees have been taken down in the residential area because P.G. & E. have said they have to come out. Either we take them out and make a little money on them or P.G. & E. will have them cut down.

Roads – Snell: We will try to notify people when the road work will be done, but we may not know the exact day until George Reed’s company starts. Wheeler Road will have to be closed on the day it is being oiled. There will be another way to get in and out of the park that day.

Equipment – Brown absent. Richard mentioned that several batteries have been purchased for the pickup in the last year. We need to have the pickup checked to see what is causing the problem.

Health & Safety – Kasper: Sean says he keeps chasing dogs away from the lake. People cleaning up a rental were dumping everything, not just household garbage in the garbage bin. The homeowner has been billed for the expense of getting another garbage bin in less than a week. He stopped some adults from fishing in the lake. **Fishing is for kids 15 years of age and younger.** Be on the watch for **snakes**. Several have been seen already this year. He asked that people **drive slowly** because several of the beautiful squirrels have been killed because they couldn’t get out of the way of fast drivers. The street sign on Deborah needs to be raised up because it can’t be seen when there is a lot of snow.

Be Cautious of Snakes. It seems there are more out this year. 7 or 8 have been killed. They were around the lake, cabins and woodpiles. Learn to recognize the venomous ones and let the “good” ones keep the rodent population down.

Recreation - Townsend: The Fishing Derby was a great success with 92 children registered to fish. Bill Williams made badges for the kids this year and will again next year. A special thank you to the many people who donated prizes, enough that every child there, whether they caught a fish or not, got a prize. Cash donations were received before the derby from M. Hitchcock, Linda Santos, Deena Hague, Dodie Moore, Donald Escallier, Gordon Nicholson and Patrick Anastasio totaling \$445, in addition to donations reported earlier. Another big thank you to all of those people who made cash donations at the derby, at the annual meeting, and who purchased tickets for adult raffle prizes totaling more than \$1,253.

Buildings - Smith: Ed reported that the fencing is finished around the Corp Yard. He thanked Doris Selman and her crew for cleaning up the building and making it look so nice. Roger said the locks have been changed on the cabinets in the kitchen. Fred said the refrigerator in the caretaker's cabin had quit. This is the third used refrigerator we've bought in a short time, so he bought a new one.

Finance - Bonner: The bills for the month were \$21,546.68 for budgeted items. The \$4,837 for the fencing was set aside from last year's money. The cost of workers' comp. insurance this year is \$2,617, including \$1,700 for Board Members, which are now required to be covered. The Timber Fund bill was \$1,632. By motion (Smith/Selman, unan.) bills were approved for payment. Richard reported that 130 of the assessments have been collected so far.

Caretaker's report: Fred said Mike has the soaker system working around the apple trees and has done clean up around the lake area.

OLD BUSINESS- Fred & Dell attended the Board of Supervisors' meeting to request that they designate our roads as public roads for law enforcement purposes only. One Supervisor was absent, and the vote was tied. The matter will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting when the fifth Supervisor will be present and it was felt that it would pass then. Then when we have speeders or reckless drivers, we can call the Highway Patrol or Sheriff's Ofc.

Fred will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tues. with our lawyer and the Wallace's lawyer to look at their property to see if a settlement can be reached about the property line & driveway without going to court.

Randy resigned on May 29, 2003.

We have bought some roofing materials that has been paid for but not delivered. The company will be contacted about delivery.

NEW BUSINESS – Bill Sandman from the Air Quality Control Board had been invited to attend the meeting and said his Board feels that burning in one area would be better than many property owners having burn permits. But, it is a fire issue rather than an air quality issue. It is the California Department of Forestry, not the Air Quality Board that determines when the burning time is over. He suggested a meeting with some members of the Board, someone from C.D.F. and himself to talk about the Park's burn area. Ed, Neil, Roger & Fred will represent the Board at the meeting. Bill mentioned that they have a **rebate** program, starting July 1 for one year, for people who **replace their old wood stoves** with some other heating system. As of **2004, burn barrels**, burning cardboard, paper or other materials **will be prohibited**.

Fred & Richard will talk to the accountant about a policy on vacation & sick leave for the Park's employees. The policy will be brought to the Board for consideration.

We need someone to do lot checks before the CDF comes in to inspect for fire safety.

The meadow is all weeds now and needs to be cleaned out. Will Dorrell has said it needs to be burned, a small area at a time, and then planted with grass seed.

Sean mentioned that he needs to get a backhoe for some work on his property. If the Park would pay half the cost of the backhoe rental, he would also clean up a Park-owned area where there is a lot of brush and debris. Some Board members will take a look at the area and bring this item back for consideration at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next Board meeting will be on Saturday, July 19, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norrine Coyle, Secretary.

Snakes, Yes they are out. Ca. Dept. of Fish & Game recommends: 1. Stick to well used trails & wear over-the-ankle boots & loose-fitting pants. 2. Do Not step or put your hands where you cannot see, and avoid wandering around in the dark. 3. Step on logs & rocks, never over them. Be careful climbing rocks or gathering firewood. 4. Avoid walking through dense brush or thickets. 5. Be careful when stepping over the doorstep as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edges of buildings where they are protected on one side.

2002 Consumer Confidence Report

Water System Name: Oddfellows Sierra Recreation

Report Date: 1 Jul 03

We test the drinking water 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, 2002.

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua beber. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Type of water source in use: Groundwater

Name and location of sources: Wells 5 & 6 and "standby" No. 2

Drinking Water Source Assessment information: N/A

Time and place of regularly scheduled board meetings for public participation: 2nd Saturday
Board Room

For more information contact: AquaLab at 209-586-3400

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.

Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS): MCLs 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.

ND: Not detectable at testing limit.

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.

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).

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

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

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

ppt: Parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/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 animal 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*, which 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 byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- *Radioactive contaminants*, which 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, USEPA and the State Department of Health Services (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 must provide the same protection for public health.

Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 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 requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. 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 (to be completed only if there was a detection of bacteria)	Highest No. of detections	No. of months in violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	0	More than 1 sample in a month with a detection.	0	Naturally present in the environment.
Fecal Coliform or <i>E. coli</i>	0	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 (to be completed only if there was a detection of lead or copper in the last sample set)	No. of samples collected	90 th percentile level detected	No. Sites exceeding AL	AL	MCLG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	5	12	1*	15	2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppm)	5	.17	0	1.3	0.17	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

TABLE 3 - 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)	2002	1.4	1.29 - 1.42	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits

- Any violation of an MCL or AL is asterisked. Additional information regarding the violation is provided below.

TABLE 4 - 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)	6/02	0.7	0.3 - 1.1	5	N/A	Soil Runoff
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	6/02	187	174 - 200	1000	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Specific Conductance (micromhos)	6/02	278	276 - 280	1600	N/A	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Chloride (ppm)	6/02	2	ND - 4	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Sulfate (ppm)	6/02	6	ND - 11	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Iron (ppb)	6/02	110	100 - 120	300	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Manganese (ppb)	6/02	225	200 - 250	50	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits

TABLE 5 - 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 Contaminants
Sodium (ppm)	6/02	14	11-17	None	None	Generally found in ground and surface water.
Hardness (ppm)	6/02	106	102-110	None	None	

Summary Information for Contaminants Exceeding on MCL or AL, or a Violation of any Treatment or Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

Lead Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Never consume water from the "Hot" water faucet setting; only use water from the cold side. Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level may experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children may show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink it over many years may develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Additional General Information On Drinking Water

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of 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 appropriated 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).

CHECKS DISBURSED JUNE 2003

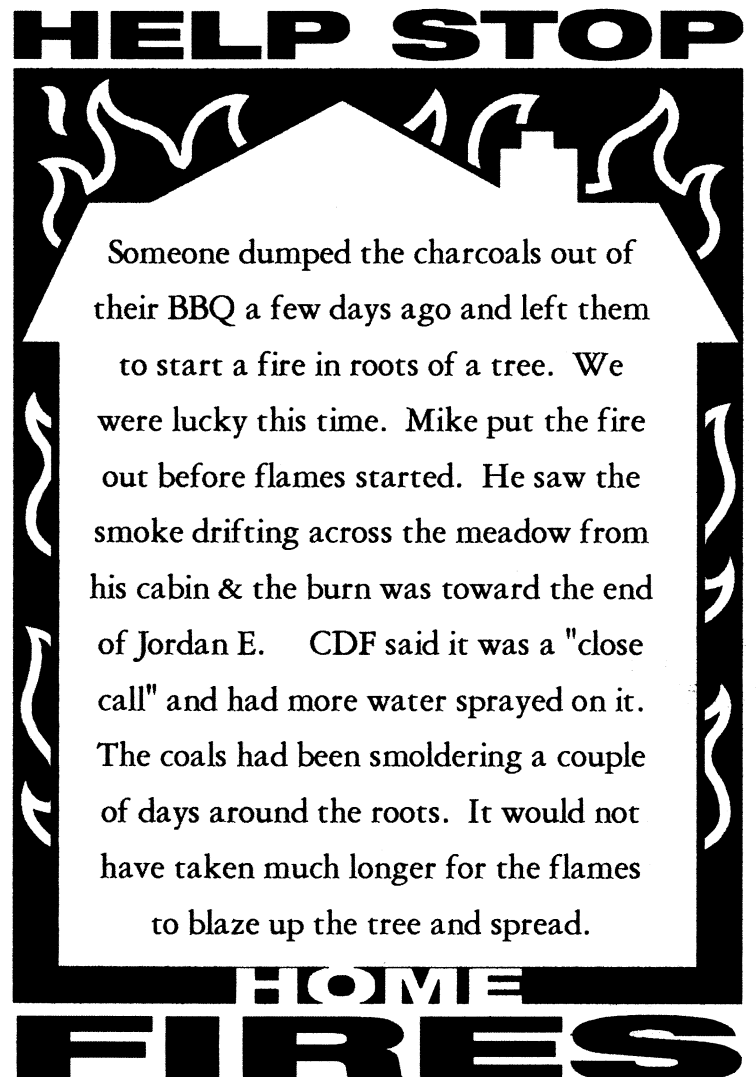
<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEMO/ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5/19/03	10767 *	El Dorado Savings	Timber Fund	\$100,000.00
5/19/03	10768 *	West America Bank	Timber Fund	100,000.00
6/7/03	10769	Randall J Tolbert	vacation pay	564.71
6/7/03	10770	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll June 15	649.39
6/7/03	10771	USBank - Taxes	Taxes Payroll	1,390.57
6/7/03	10772	Employment Deveol	Taxes Payroll	114.41
6/9/03	10773	Algeo's	Mntn Bldgs/ Fridge for caretkr	568.73
6/9/03	10774	Calaveras Trout	Fish for Derby	1,000.00
6/12/03	10775	Glenn S Caldwell	Workman's comp Ins	2,617.00
6/22/03	10776	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll June 30	649.38
6/22/03	10777	Eric A Carlson	Accounting	750.00
6/22/03	10778	Duane St. Clair Trkg	Roads/ deliver rd base	306.00
6/22/03	10779	George Reed Inc	Gen'l Pk Mntce/ road base	308.04
6/22/03	10780	Michael W. Caropresso	Empl Bene/ May medical	8.74
6/22/03	10781	Doris Selman	Supplies/ Fish Derby prizes	150.00
6/22/03	10782	Union Democrat	Advertise for caretaker	63.75
6/22/03	10783	Deena Hague	Hlth & Sfety/ annl mtg copies	52.48
6/22/03	10784	Doris Selman	Membr comm. Nwsltr 2003-04	500.00
6/22/03	10785	Glenda Bonner	Accounting 2003-04	500.00
6/22/03	10786	Postmaster	Membr comm. Nwsltr	250.00
6/22/03	10787	State Farm Bank	Payroll deduction- Mike	100.00
6/22/03	10788	Twain Harte Lumber	Gen'l Pk Mntce & shop suplys	205.95
6/22/03	10789	Zak's	Equip. mntce battery	289.81
6/22/03	10790	Roger A Brown	Prof. Serv	1,347.60
6/22/03	10791	PG &E	Caropresso home	58.59
6/22/03	10792	General Plumbing	Water sys. Mntnce	396.11
6/22/03	10793	W H Breshears	Fuel	787.34
6/22/03	10794	AquaLab	Water Testing	86.00
6/22/03	10795	SBC	Telephone	56.17
6/22/03	10796	Village Mail & Printg	Member comm/newsltr	54.38
6/22/03	10797	Mark Alderson Equip	Fencing	4,837.50
6/22/03	10798	Joanne Caropresso	Fishing derby expense	5.77
6/22/03	10799	A & A Portables	Hlth & Sfety	182.96
6/22/03	10800	Cal Sierra Disposal	Garbage	764.20
6/22/03	10801	J.S. West Propane	Propane	255.66
6/22/03	10802	PG &E	Utilities	1,155.69
6/22/03	10803	Richard Bonner	Auto mileage	63.88
6/22/03	10804	Neil Selman	Water & fishing derby	69.32
6/22/03	10805	Robert Snell	Fishing derby expense	234.70
6/22/03	10806	Norrine Coyle	Auto mileage	52.56
6/22/03	10807	Void		0
6/22/03	10808	Roger Townsend	Auto mileage & fish derby	99.29
6/22/03	10809 *	California Reforestation	Timber Expense	1632.00
		* From timber reserve		
			TOTAL EXPENSE	21,546.68

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION & EQUIPMENT

(Excerpt from State & Federal Laws PRC 4291)

Clearances around structures: Any person that owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains any building or structure in, upon, or adjoining any mountainous or forest, brush, or grass covered lands, or any land covered with flammable material, shall do all the following:

- a. Maintain around and adjacent to building or structure a fuelbreak for a distance of not less than 30 feet on each side or to the property line, whichever is nearer. This does not apply to single trees, ornamental shrubbery, or similar plants, which are used as ground cover, if they do not form a means of rapidly transmitting fire from the native growth to any building or structure.
- b. Maintain around & adjacent to any building or structure additional fire protection or firebreak which is located from 30 to 100 feet from such building or structure or to the property line, whichever is nearer, as may be required by the Director, because of extra hazardous conditions. Grass & other vegetation located more than 30 feet from such building or structure & less than 18 inches in height above the ground may be maintained where necessary to stabilize the soil & prevent erosion.
- c. Remove that portion of any tree, which extends within 10 feet of the outlet of any chimney or stovepipe.
- d. Maintain any tree adjacent to or overhanging any building free of dead or dying wood.
- e. Maintain the roof of any structure free of leaves, needles, or other dead vegetative growth.
- f. Provide & maintain at all times a screen over the outlet of every chimney or stovepipe. The screen shall be constructed of nonflammable material with openings of not more than one-half inch in size.



Please read important safety information inside.

Park Philosophy

In any community rules are necessary in order to create a safe environment and promote harmony between all residents. By following the rules and helping in the enforcement of them, all residents will contribute to making our mountain community a pleasant and enjoyable place. Members are responsible for understanding and following the rules as well as being responsible for the actions of family members, guests and renters.

Don't forget ROAD WORK is to start about mid-month.

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