

# Sierra Park Services

## News and Updates

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### Board of Directors 2013-2014

President	Michael Lechner
Vice President	Heidi Ordwein
Secretary	Wanda Lenhardt
Treasurer	Bill Ordwein
Equipment	Yvonne Peter
Directors at Large	Ray Coyle Friedhelm Peter

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## President's Message

### Low and dry, maybe all summer...

Walk across a lake? We did the first week in March, or close to it. Halfway to the Pinecrest Lake dam from the parking lot we took a right turn from the trail and walked across the dry lake bottom to the cabins on the other side. Gives you a good idea of how deep it is when full - but that won't happen for a while.

As many of you know, PG&E owns that lake and typically drains it over the winter, but this is by far the lowest we've ever seen. In checking with them, we learned they have started to fill the lake. However, given this year's slim snow pack they cautioned not to expect much in the way of 'filling' this year.

Closer to home, the spring flowers in the Park are starting to come into their own. The apple trees have been pruned and should be blossoming out soon, if not already.

A couple of quick heads-ups: 1) with the warmer weather more kids are out and about at the playground, basketball court, pond and beyond; please go a little slower on the roads and keep an eye out; 2) there is free firewood at the old campground for the cutting and taking; and 3) please control your dog(s). Keep them on a leash or run them in the dog park, pick up after them as needed, and control them even on your property - an unrestrained, barking dog, even if it stays in your yard, can scare the bejesus out of Park walkers.

-- **Michael Lechner**



### Kids' Fish Derby June 14

Plans are to stock around 500 pounds of fish this year so there's plenty of "catching" for all. Hot dog picnic to follow, and prizes will be awarded. Details next month.



# Sierra Park Services Company Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 by President Michael Lechner.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Lechner, Yvonne Peter, Ray Coyle, Heidi Ordwein, Bill Ordwein and Wanda Lenhardt.

**SHAREHOLDERS PRESENT:** None

Pledge of Allegiance - Michael Lechner

Inovcation - Ray Coyle

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **Email:**

- One email was received requesting a remote to the gate.
- Three were regarding stock purchasing.
- One property owner provided a telephone number and requested it be connected to the gate.
- An email was received requesting information about payment plans for property owners.
- There were concerns expressed regarding the location of the basketball court and the potential for the balls to end up at the lake.
- One email was received requesting the agenda for this meeting in advance.
- One property owner emailed with concerns about not receiving their stock document and then emailed again saying it arrived.
- One email was received requesting information about how much Sierra Park pays in property taxes.
- A property owner had questions regarding billing.

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING:** Yvonne Peter made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2014 Sierra Park Services Board of Directors Meeting. Ray Coyle seconded that motion which was then unanimously approved.

## **DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

**Secretary** - Wanda Lenhardt All of the stocks have been sent to the shareholders. All property owners were notified regarding the need to purchase stock prior to March 28<sup>th</sup> in order to vote in the May 25<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. The February Newsletter was also sent out.

**Treasurer** -Bill Ordwein - The bank account balance at the end of February 2014 was approximately \$96,438. The bills for the month of February were approximately \$7,800. There are approximately forty property owners who have outstanding balances for their 2013/2014 bills. Yvonne Peter made a motion to pay the bills. Heidi Ordwein seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved. We have not paid the Sierra Park Water Company for the services the caretaker has provided so far this year. Bill will take care of paying for these services within the next month. Prior newsletters included a one page financial statement. A second page inadvertently was not included. Wanda will make sure that the second page is included in all subsequent newsletters.

**Roads** - Heidi Ordwein - Communication with the contractor has been continuing and when he feels the weather will hold he will give us a schedule of work in the Park. This was work that could not be done due to the Rim Fire and weather conditions late Fall 2013. The bids will go out in April for road work to be done in the 2014-15 fiscal year. There have been two employees cleaning out the culverts and ditches. The snow stakes have been put in.

**Caretaker's report** - Heidi Ordwein - The caretaker has returned to work.

**Gate** - Bill Ordwein - The gate is in the fixed open position at CalTrans' request. This is being done due to a complaint that was made regarding the gate. The gate will remain open until this matter is resolved.

**Equipment** - Yvonne Peter - The generator has been moved to the firehouse. It has been tested and is in good working condition. The backhoe repairs have been done.

**Buildings/common areas** - Yvonne Peter - Installation of the snow stakes has been completed. The flushing of the culverts is 90% complete. PG&E is continuing to top/remove trees as needed in the Park. The corp yard has been cleaned and organized, the gates fixed, and the door repaired.

**Health and safety** - Yvonne Peter -A dead tree needs to be removed from Park property due to safety concerns .

**Recreation** - Michael Lechner - The fishing derby permits were filled out and sent to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**OLD BUSINESS:** It is time to review the insurance policy.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Annual Meeting will be held on May 25, 2014. Preparations for that meeting include beginning a budget committee and securing inspectors for the meeting.
- Friedhelm Peter has been appointed to the board for the remainder of this term.
- The next board meeting will be held on April 12, 2014.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:39 to discuss legal, personnel, and financial matters.

Executive Session ended at 2:35. There was nothing to report from executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59

SIERRA PARK SERVICES INC.  
BUDGET REPORT  
PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2014

	NINE MONTHS ENDED <u>02/28/14</u>	2013-2014 <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>% OF BUDGET EXPENDED*</u>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
MAINTENANCE INCOME	\$ 176,571	\$ 196,920	\$ (20,349)	89.67%
EASEMENT LEASES	46,100	46,100	-	100.00%
GATE INCOME	1,570	4,000	(2,430)	39.25%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	583		583	
FISH DERBY DONATIONS	2,225	2,000	225	111.25%
TRANSFER FEES	700		700	
INTEREST INCOME	-	200	(200)	0.00%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>227,749</b>	<b>249,220</b>	<b>(21,471)</b>	
<b><u>MAINTAIN AND REPAIR ROADS</u></b>				
ACCOUNTING	11,911	2,369	9,542	502.79%
CONTINGENCY		3,193	(3,193)	0.00%
CREDIT CARD CHARGES	1,421	1,500	(79)	94.73%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		4,397	(4,397)	0.00%
EMPLOYEE PAYROLL		25,865	(25,865)	0.00%
EMPLOYER PAYROLL TAXES		2,587	(2,587)	0.00%
FRANCHISE TAX EXPENSE		824	(824)	0.00%
HEALTH & SAFETY	3,866	4,120	(254)	93.83%
INSURANCE	25,219	21,067	4,152	119.71%
INTEREST EXPENSE	57		57	
LEGAL CONSULTING	7,572	15,000	(7,428)	50.48%
MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS	704	1,236	(532)	56.96%
MISCELLANEOUS		5,000	(5,000)	0.00%
PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING		12,875	(12,875)	0.00%
PROPERTY TAXES	1,932	3,399	(1,467)	56.84%
TAXES AND LICENSE	25	412	(387)	6.07%
<b><u>MAINTAIN ROADS AND SNOW</u></b>				
MAINTENANCE	10,677	15,000	(4,323)	71.18%
REMOVAL	427	36,050	(35,623)	1.18%
ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVES		5,000	(5,000)	0.00%
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ROADS FUEL	5,827	7,416	(1,589)	78.57%
ROADS SUPPLIES	1,340	773	567	173.35%
<b><u>CLEAN UP WORK</u></b>				
CLEAN BAR CULVERTS		8,400	(8,400)	0.00%
CLEAN DITCHES		8,235	(8,235)	0.00%
CLEAN DRIVE CULVERTS		-	-	
<b><u>MAINTAIN GATE</u></b>				
GATE EXPENSE	1,270	3,989	(2,719)	31.84%
TELEPHONE	564	1,236	(672)	45.63%
<b><u>REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL</u></b>				
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		362	(362)	0.00%
EMPLOYEE PAYROLL		2,130	(2,130)	0.00%
EMPLOYER PAYROLL TAXES		213	(213)	0.00%
GARBAGE	11,062	14,420	(3,358)	76.71%

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<b><u>PINE NEEDLE MANAGEMENT</u></b>				
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		181	(181)	0.00%
EMPLOYEE PAYROLL		1,065	(1,065)	0.00%
EMPLOYER PAYROLL TAXES		107	(107)	0.00%
NEEDLE EXPENSE	24,560	19,000	5,560	129.26%
<b><u>MAINTAIN COMMON AREAS</u></b>				
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		91	(91)	0.00%
EMPLOYEE PAYROLL		533	(533)	0.00%
EMPLOYER PAYROLL TAXES		53	(53)	0.00%
FISHING DERBY		2,000	(2,000)	0.00%
GENERAL MAINTENANCE	10,109	-	10,109	
LODGE SUPPLIES		103	(103)	0.00%
MAINTAIN LAKE	3,403	5,000	(1,597)	68.06%
MAINTAIN STRUCTURE	984	3,000	(2,016)	32.80%
<b><u>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</u></b>				
BANK CHARGES		300	(300)	0.00%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		124	(124)	0.00%
EMPLOYEE PAYROLL		727	(727)	0.00%
EMPLOYER PAYROLL TAXES		73	(73)	0.00%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	855	-	855	
FUEL		464	(464)	0.00%
INSURANCE		-	-	
OFFICE EXPENSE	1,183	1,545	(362)	76.57%
RECREATION	844	2,000	(1,156)	42.20%
UTILITIES	7,231	721	6,510	1002.91%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES BEFORE DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>133,043</b>	<b>\$ 249,155</b>	<b>\$ (116,112)</b>	
DEPRECIATION	22,860			
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>155,903</b>			
<b>NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 71,846</b>			

CHECKING ACCOUNT                      \$96,438



# Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for these get-togethers coming soon.

- April 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am Sierra Park Services Co. Board Meeting  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am Sierra Park Services Co. Board Meeting  
May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 **First Annual Shareholders' Meeting - plan to attend or assign your proxy for voting**  
June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Fish Derby

## We Need Your Park Photos!

Have some great shots of our Park, or people enjoying it, that you're willing to share? We hope to feature them in a slide presentation as backdrop to the annual meeting. Recent or long past - all photos are welcome! A few ideas might include:

- Park scenery and seasons
- Fish derby, ball games, picnics and potlucks
- Parties at the Lodge
- You name it!

To share your photos, please email to [sklechner@earthlink.net](mailto:sklechner@earthlink.net), or leave a message on the Park office phone, 209-586-3098. Thanks for your help!



## Bingo Night's Big Winners...

...included our own pond. The evening was a fundraising success, raising over \$200 for this year's Fish Derby. The ten winners each took home a "pot of gold," and it was fun for all.

We learned from folks who've been coming to the Park since the beginning that in earlier days there was bingo every Thursday night, and Saturday night dances for the teenagers! If you have more stories about Park history, or thoughts on what activities folks young and older would enjoy today, please send them to us via the website or call the park office. Your ideas and memories would be welcome.



*Spring has come to  
the Park*

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