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Dear Permittees,

We continue to work politically to preserve our lake levels throughout the summer season. The Tuolumne Utility District continues to request earlier level reductions below the 5608' level now mandated until Labor Day.

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are the Minutes of the March 19, 2016 Board Meeting and a table of Board Member contacts.

WATER CONSERVATION

As you can see in this recent photo by Laurie Cashman our Pinecrest Lake is pretty full. We will need to conserve this supply until Labor Day. The State Water Resources Board has asked all water districts to cut use by varying percentages [from 2013]. We have been doing a good job on a voluntary basis and I assume we will continue to do so. We will need to get down to around 14M gals to comply.



As nearly as I can estimate we provide approximately 100 gals/day per person. This is difficult to ascertain since we are only part time occupied. The restated Emergency Order for 2016 states:

*(6) Each urban water supplier whose average July-September 2014 R-GPCD was 95 or more but less than 110 shall reduce its total potable water production by **20 percent** for each month as compared to the amount used in the same month in 2013.*

YR >	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
gals >>	22,048,328	19,349,740	22,549,430	18,586,720	17,409,460	15,490,058	17,056,589

As you can see we have some work to do and we may need to reduce our base tier to accomplish our goals. Without good conservation efforts we have no good arguments in the public forum for maintaining higher lake levels.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications of candidates were sent to our Nominating Committee for this year's election of Board members. Committee Chair **Paul Schaefer** has notified the Board that the qualifications of **Chris Barth, Allen Green, Tim Fisher & J Rogers** [All Class #1 Cabin Directors], are in order and may appear on the ballots for our July 4th election. Thanks also to our Nominating Committee **Paul Schaefer** [chair], **Bob Miller, Ed Thomas, Doug Downs** and **Keith Hopkins** for their work in vetting our candidates. They have all agreed to vett the 2017 candidates as well.

SUMMER SERVICES

The South Shore will have water and sewer on May 7th. Please remember that you cannot discharge into the sewer system if there is an electrical failure. The pumps will stop and the sewage will back-up the pump station causing an overflow which will risk environmental harm and regulatory fines. If the red light is 'on' the pump station it is not working, stop flushing.

Regular garbage pick-up for all areas will start Monday, May 9th. These weekly pick-ups will continue through mid-September. An additional weekly pick up will begin on Friday, June 10th. This year you will see our trucks with a PPA decal on the doors. Please afford them courtesy & clearance to conduct their work. Recall that maximum can weight is 60 pounds and each container must have two handles so our staff can hoist them into the truck. 'Unbroken' cardboard boxes will not be picked up, break them or burn them, they make great fire starters.

PPA WEBSITE

Many of you have questions from time-to-time. I try to provide information as I receive it on our organization website. The address is >>>: www.pincrestpermittees.org . There is a registration link in the upper right hand corner [the little banner behind the little airplane]. When you register you will be able to establish your own username and password which you can use as long as you wish. You can change it later if you need.

SOUTH SHORE PARKING PERMITS

Your 'forever' parking permits can be re-used from last year. If they are lost there will be a \$35.00 fee for a new one which you can procure at our office. Call first to make sure they are not out fighting a fire or rescuing [965-3234]. The same rules apply as in the past. We are just assuming you don't need the briefing each year. There will be increased USFS enforcement this year. We'll see how this works out.

HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL

One casualty of the ongoing drought is the health of the forest trees. The USFS has established a streamlined process for removing trees which pose a hazard to your cabin. Cabin owners should first make a request to the USFS. USFS Staff will verify the hazardous condition [tree & location] and issue a Permit. The USFS has a list of approved Contractors for the tree removal. The Cabin Owner should select a contractor. If the cabin owner wants the wood, they should discuss it with the Contractor. Removal of the trees, at the owner's request, can be expensive. If, however, the tree is sold for wood to the Contractor, it cuts the cost. If you have questions please contact **Jesika Ellis d'Orsay** at <jmellis@fs.fed.us> or **Jon Busscher** at <jbusscher@fs.fed.us> . You can always call the USFS Office at 965-3434 for direction.

SOLAR POWER

The contract with 'Cool Earth Solar' of Livermore is proceeding to the Building Permit phase. The photovoltaic solar panels will now be located at the sewer plant in location 'C'. The contractor

anticipates work to begin as soon as the weather permits. The plant uses about 300,000 kwh/year, with an annual cost of about \$65,000. We pay around \$0.22 per kwh, depending on time and demand. The USFS approved this alternate site to avoid disturbing the levee at 'A' which may have proven vulnerable to levee leaks.



Our goal is to provide our own power during months when the plant power use & solar exposure is highest. A 105 KW system would provide over 70% of our power needs at a peak periods and replace 91% of our power costs over a full year. The system cost is \$366,240. Our entire Sewer budget is \$422, 200 so the Board feels we can pay for this over time. The financial plan is a six year amortization that keeps our costs close to current power costs with full payment in year 5.8. This is a 30-year system so the remaining 24 system years would virtually eliminate a large part of our sewer plant cost, reducing our sewer fees.

Have a great summer and I hope we will see you on July 2nd at the General Membership Meeting!! The next Directors meeting is at 10:30 on Tuesday, May 31 in the Firehouse. Members are always welcomed !!

Sincerely,

Tim Fisher, Board President

ATTACHED:
Minutes March 19, 20016
Board Members contact info