



## PINECREST PERMITTEES ASSOCIATION

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Dear Permittee,

### ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are;

- Minutes of the December 5, 2014 Board Meeting
- PPA Fees for 2015

We are still trying to reduce our mailing costs and accelerate our transmissions to you. If you wish to receive transmissions via e-mail send a request to Jan Moncreiff our Recording Secretary at [pine\\_crest@yahoo.com](mailto:pine_crest@yahoo.com) . Or go to our website [www.pinecrestpermittees.org](http://www.pinecrestpermittees.org)

### BUDGET

This year's budget is slightly below last years and is reflected in slightly lower assessments. We continue to try to streamline our efforts and keep costs down. We have been somewhat successful over the last few years. We were able to get through the last year with one less staff person which afforded us the opportunity to assist in the purchase of a new 'FIRE BOAT'.



This is a simpler, faster and better equipped boat for our purposes. It will be manned by our FIRE-RESCUE CREWS for Lake and cabin safety. Thanks to all those who donated to the cause.

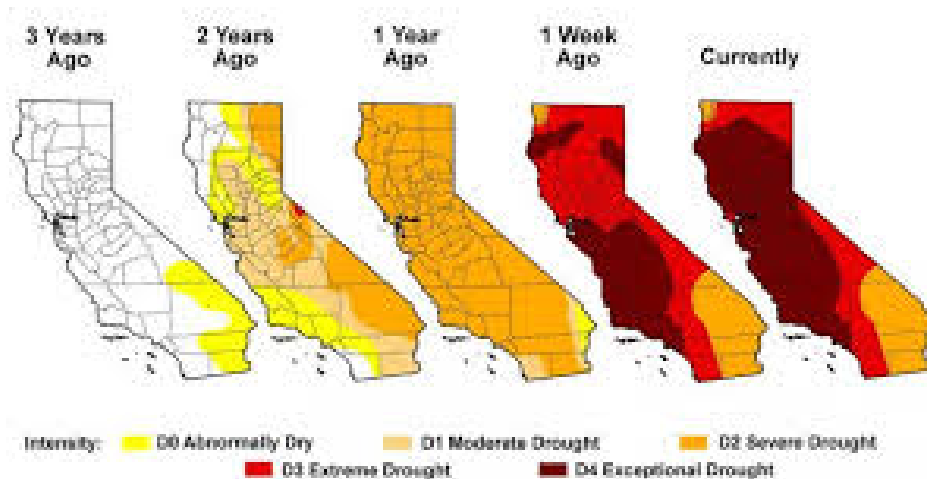
Our fund balances compared to last year are as follows;

Approximate Fund Balances	9/30/2012	9/30/2013	9/30/2014
General Fund	\$408,263	\$574,352	\$616,911
W/W Fund	\$827,436	\$821,634	\$926,608
Snow	\$11,280	\$18,934	\$22,328
Garbage	\$5,204	\$11,291	\$29,014
Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,252,183</b>	<b>\$1,426,211</b>	<b>\$1,594,860</b>

**DROUGHT**

The continued low rain/snow falls are cause for concern and the Board has reacted by implementing water use as a new fees determinate. Water use is directly related to sewer use and as such has been identified in ‘tiers’ to establish fees assessments. We have, by reading meters, determined that 94% of our cabins use less than 50,000 gallons per year, this was set by the Board as the ‘BASE TIER’. Amounts over that amount could be charged at a rate of \$10/1,000 gallons. The Board determined that in this first transition year this surcharge will be noted on your bill but not assessed. We believe this will encourage water conservation. If you have questions about this call or e-mail any Board member.

The ‘currently’ map is July 2014



## **USFS FEES**

At approximately 5:00 pm EST, December 12, 2014, the U.S. Senate passed the **Cabin Fee Act** along with dozens of other lands bills as part of the National Defense Authorization Act. Having passed the House on Thursday, Dec. 4, the bill was signed into law by President Obama on December 19, 2014. Very welcome permit fee relief to cabin owners all across the country. Ring those bells and break out the champagne!!

This milestone achievement coincides with the 100th anniversary of the Recreation Residence Program on National Forest lands. Passage of the Cabin Fee Act ensures the continuation of the Cabin Program for generations to come with stable permit fees, increased only by inflation, while also protecting the value of cabin-owner improvements.

Passage of the Cabin Fee Act completes more than 7 years of work by the leadership of National Forest Homeowners and its partner organizations in the Cabin Coalition 2: Oregon Forest Homeowners, Washington State Forest Homeowners, Lake Wenatchee Summerhome Assoc., Priest Lake Permittees Assoc., Sawtooth Forest Cabin Owners, and Mt. Hood Forest Homeowners Assoc. These volunteer efforts succeeded due to the generous financial support of tract associations [including Pinecrest] and individual cabin owners who contributed repeatedly in support of the cause.

Our efforts as cabin owners, thankfully received early support from Chairman Doc Hastings (R-WA), our sponsor in the House and Senator Jon Tester (D-MT), our sponsor in the Senate. Both gentlemen and their staffs have been extremely helpful and unwavering in their support and dedication throughout this multi-year effort. Additionally, the Cabin Fee Act was co-sponsored in both House and Senate by many key legislators of both parties, as a result of the overwhelming number of emails and telephone calls from their constituent cabin owners. We strongly encourage cabin owners to express a personal thank you to their Representatives and Senators for acting to secure the future of the Recreation Residence Program. Contact information is provided for this purpose on the NFH website [[www.nationalforesthowners.org](http://www.nationalforesthowners.org)].

Finally, crucial to the drafting and passage of the Cabin Fee Act has been the cooperation and assistance of senior management of the U.S. Forest Service. Early on, the Forest Service recognized the inconsistencies and administrative problems in the existing permit fee process (CUFFA) and the opportunity that the Cabin Fee Act presented to eliminate the cumbersome and expensive appraisal-based fee system. The end result, with the passage of CFA, is a more equitable and efficient system. We are indebted to Chief Tom Tidwell and his senior staff for their unwavering support of the legislation on behalf of the cabin community and the American public.

## **ADOPTED PPA FEES/BUDGET**

The Board adopted a budget and fees as outlined below. There is a slight reduction this year as we have been accumulating some reserves and propose less expenditures than in past years. Our concern is that we are adhering to a new method of fees calculations and this may leave us short.

ADOPTED 2015 FEES							
COMMERCIAL BILLING/INCOME	ok to bill quarterly	Cal Camp	Chalet	Chinquipin	PLR & Shell	Sylvester	USFS
INFO	GEN FUND	\$74,894	\$13,827	\$4,187	\$27,105	\$4,972	\$0
	SEWER	\$66,430	\$12,264	\$3,714	\$24,042	\$4,410	\$116,827
	FEE						
	TOTAL	\$141,323	\$26,091	\$7,901	\$51,147	\$9,382	\$116,827
	INCOME				MBR FEES >>	\$235,844	\$TOTAL 352,671
CABIN BILLING INFO/INCOME							
		Town-No Plow	Town-Plowed	South Shore	North Shore		
	GEN FUND	\$765	\$765	\$701	\$230		
ok to bill in 1/2s >>	SEWER	\$680	\$680	\$638	\$0		
	SNOW	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$0		
	GARBAGE	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100		
	FEE						
	TOTAL	\$1,545	\$1,645	\$1,439	\$330		
	INCOME	\$98,880	\$452,375	\$46,040	\$3,960	>>>>>>	\$601,249
						BOTH SOURCES	\$953,920
						BUDGET	\$906,860

**NEXT MEETING**

The Board will meet again on March 20 at 10:30 AM at the Sonora Hills Community Center off Greenley Road in Sonora. We are optimistic that snow will require a lower altitude. If there is no snow, we will meet in the Firehouse.

**BOARD ELECTIONS**

If you have an interest in participating as a Board member please send a letter of interest prior to March 26 to Paul Schaefer at >> [paulnsandy@comcast.net](mailto:paulnsandy@comcast.net) . Or mail it to Paul > 3005 Highgate Road, Modesto, CA 95350

Sincerely,



Tim Fisher, Board President

ATTACHED:

Minutes of the December 14, 2013 Board Meeting  
2015 Fees Assessment [BILL]

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