



**PINECREST PERMITTEES ASSOCIATION**  
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Dear Permittee:

September 14, 2015

**ENCLOSURES**

Enclosed are the minutes of the September 4, 2015 Board Meeting; a full compilation of our water use over the last few years & our annual ‘outside audit’.

**BOARD ELECTION/OFFICERS**

A hand tally of 143 attendees at the General Meeting on July 4 re-elected Class 2 Board Director **Mike Yaley** [organizational camp] & Class 3 Director **Laurie Cashman** [Commercial] and Class 1 incumbent **Andy Brechwald** , new Board Member **David Gibbs** [cabins] from the South Shore was elected. The terms of Class 1 [Cabin] Directors **Chris Barth, Tim Fisher, Allen Green & ‘J’ Rogers** expires next year. If you have an interest in running for the Board please send a letter of your interest and a short paragraph citing your background/qualifications to **Paul Schaefer** [our Nominating Committee Chair] prior to March 24, 2016 [100 days prior to our July 2, 2016 General Meeting]. Paul’s address is: **3005 Highgate Road, Modesto, CA 95350** or [paulnsandy@comcast.net](mailto:paulnsandy@comcast.net).

The election of Board Officers was accomplished at the last meeting and we have no changes of officers on the Board this year.

President ..... **Tim Fisher**  
Vice-president ..... **Howard Kirk**  
Secretary-Treasurer .... **Ken Irwin**

**WATER USE/FEE ASSESSMENTS**

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

This year’s water production was back up to former levels. We are doing a good job at conserving during these drought times but we had about 4.5 M gallons of either line leaks or wonky meters. Unfortunately, this will be an added cost shared by all. The good news is that in prior years, leaks were attributed to cabin owners only but with the meters we are able to ascertain the actual cabin use rather than estimating leaks and shifting the remainder to the cabin use. We will review upcoming expenditures and assess our expenses on October 10 to set our DRAFT budget. This DRAFT budget will be distributed to all Permittees for comment. We will review your comments at the December meeting & will incorporate revisions based on your comments. At that December meeting the Board adopt a budget with appropriate fee assessments

to pay for the budgeted expenditures. Please feel free to comment by e-mail or letter to any board member [see address below].

### **BUDGET ISSUES**

As of the end of July our cash accounts remained healthy. This includes a major expenditure for a new lift station at Camp Blue. The Cal Camps typically pay almost 18% of our sewer fees based on their annual water use.

PPA Cash Balances	12/31/2014	7/31/2015
General Fund [water/roads]	\$ 570,765	\$657,685
Sewer Fund	\$ 887,956	\$ 1,007,202
Snow Fund	\$ 20,884	\$ 41,650
Trash Fund	\$ 14,875	\$ 28,587
Total	\$ 1,494,480	\$ 1,735,125

### **SERVICES**

As of September 21 we will be on the ‘Winter Garbage Schedule’. All the garbage cans have been placed back up in the vicinity of your cabin during that final pick up unless you requested winter garbage service. If your can is placed back at the road with garbage we will assume you have requested service. The charge for winter garbage service is \$75.00 for the cabins throughout the ‘Town’ area. There is no Winter Garbage Service for the North & South Shores. You may call the PPA office (965-3234) to request this service or just move your cans to the road. **IMPORTANT >>** Members who relocate garbage cans back near the street for single pick up service will be charged the full winter garbage rate, it is a one time charge ... once charged; our staff will check and pick up your garbage all winter.

Also, Permittees served by the Seasonal South Shore Water & Sewer Systems are reminded that these systems will be shut down at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 for the winter season. No discharge into the system is allowed until next May when the system is brought back on-line. Discharge into the system during these off-season months will result in sewage spills, which result in heavy fines from the regulatory agencies.

This good info from **Mark Bauhaus** at 156 Rustic regarding our Verizon phone service. He was told by Verizon the best way to improve mobile phone coverage in the Pinecrest area is for more of us to call “611” and say ‘I want to file a trouble ticket for the consistently bad mobile phone coverage in zip code 95364 and would like you to improve it’. Verizon might accelerate plans. Squeaky wheel theory at work.

### **TREE WATERING**

We had a short discussion at our Board meeting about the watering of trees to prevent tree deaths. It is tough to balance our desire to ‘save’ nature from its own devices or allow it to play out. If a tree is within striking distance of our cabin we tend to the ‘water it’ fix. This is not allowed under our USFS Use Permits. There is some thought that this puts Permittees in a bad position, especially when the other option is to pay for having the dead tree removed. This tree removal process is our only legal way to protect our property. It isn’t a great option but it is optional. Our commercial members, our corporation, PG&E and even the USFS are limited to this option. The alternative is to let it stand and hope it falls the other way ... risky.

## CAUTION

With the approach of winter and freezing conditions please 'winterize' your water systems to avoid broken pipes and leakage of great amounts of water. This will have an adverse effect on our fees and could result in a surcharge to your cabin.. our staff is out in Pinecrest throughout the winter and can advise you if they notice any issues with your cabin. If you would like them to notify you, please give **Pat Smith**, our General Manager, your emergency contact information if you have not done so.

Water leakage is a costly issue; please thoroughly drain all water systems. Do not leave a valve running to prevent freezing.

Finally .. have a great fall and look for a budget coming out of out the October 10, 2015 meeting. We will be mailing the Board recommended budget and fees to you for comment shortly thereafter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of the Board members or me at the contact locations shown below!



Sincerely,

Tim Fisher  
President

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