



Alder Creek Tract Summer Home Owner's Association Labor Day Weekend Meeting September 2, 2018

The September 2, 2018, meeting of the Alder Creek Tract Summer Home Owner's Association, held at Lot 26, was called to order by President Tracy Carlson at 11:05 am.

An attendance sheet was passed and updates to the roster were requested.

Those logged on Sign-In Sheet were: Lot 1 Barb Farfan; Lot 2 Jack & Mary Pat Gayaldo; Lot 3 Jagjeet, Darshan & Jogendra Khalsa; Lot 10 George & Carroll Yandell; Lot 12 John & Karen Ward; Lot 13 Paulette Erfert; Lot 15 Sue Gaudio; Lot 16 Rick & Michele Cahall; Lot 18 Steve & Nicole Quinn; Lot 19 Bob Massone, Diane Massone Harbin & Elaine Lucia; Lot 20 Gail Coney; Lot 21 Jack & Shannon Collins; Lot 22 Jim Travis; Lot 23 Marcia Crawford & George Steneberg; Lot 24 Diane Fiddymont; Lot 25 Herb & Katherine McDuffee & Janet Emmett; Lot 26 Kiefie & Art Breuer, Tracy Carlson & Mary Boies.

The minutes of the May 2018 meeting were read and approved. Verbal introductions were made.

The treasurer's report begins with the May balance of \$4,308.72. We had receipts of \$1399.91 in dues plus \$0.83 in interest for a total income of \$1400.74. The expenses were \$37.74 for PG&E. Our balance as of the September meeting is \$5,671.72. The treasurer's report is approved as read.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

WATER: Rick Cahall reports that the work for the main water line from the well to the tank has been verbally approved by Nancy Platt of the Forest Service. After walking the water line with her she noted that there were no surprises, so no permit and no inspections would be required. There will be one more walkthrough with the plumbing contractor to review the changes that have come up since his initial walkthrough. Earlier in the summer Nick & Art Breuer, Ryan Chaney, George Yandell and Rick Cahall uncovered a section of the water line to assess the extent of the job. The trenching should go easily and will happen sometime in September or October. The verbal, initial quote from the plumbing contractor was \$3,000 but it will go up for the final bid due to changes in the work for crossing the EID road and the cost of the higher grade piping and liner that should be used. EID has been approached about coordinating the work across their road and there's a possibility that they may do the work themselves, but it is unconfirmed. Rick estimates the actual bid to come in around the \$3,500 range with a potential for costs to go up to a ceiling of \$5,000 if any surprises pop up during the work. After discussion about the cost and the monies available in

our bank account, it is moved and seconded by Bob Massone and Rick Cahall to assess \$75 from each cabin to provide the funds to cover the project. If it is found that the \$75 is more than what's needed to cover the project, then our dues for next spring will be lowered to account for the difference. The motion passes and \$75 per cabin is now due and payable.

NEW BUSINESS:

HIGHWAY 50 FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT: The South Fork American River Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy has adopted a project which will clear a 300-foot buffer along the north side of Highway 50 from Ice House Road all the way to Echo Summit. The project is projected to take 3 years and is reported to be a means of mitigating wildfire hazards. This work will result in piles of limbs which will either be chipped or burned. The piles will be gone by summer each year. (<http://sofarcohesivestrategy.org> has a video with more information)

PG&E DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Details of the PG&E Debris removal program are presented, but it is further noted that the landowner is the only one who can request specific details for how to dispose of debris on our lots that was or will be caused by PG&E. The landowner in our case is the United States Forest Service. Therefore, whenever PG&E is removing trees on our lots, we have to arrange for the Forest Service to ask for specific requests of what is to be done with the debris. (pge.com/trees)

NORTHERN SIERRA SUMMER HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION: For those of you who are not the direct contact for your cabins within the confines of the USFS, let it be known that you can find much good information about cabin life from this local association. They post information ranging from fire danger to water issues, from campfire permits to ranger and the forest service.

DAY USE AREA ACROSS THE RIVER: While meeting with Nancy Platt, the issues of the day use area were listed as follows: overnight camping, campfires, and human waste. Nancy contacted Forest Service law enforcement, fire prevention and recreation staff and asked them to increase the frequency of their visits. Forest Service immediately posted new signs to raise visitor awareness of the fire restrictions, no campfires, no overnight camping, and pack out your trash. Nancy asked that we help with the problem by reporting all illegal activity to the 911 number that goes directly to our area (530-626-4911) but to report the nuisance activity (camping) directly to her at the Forest Service cabin phone (530-647-5354). She was very grateful for the help from our tract to be alert to the activity and to help clean it up. For our safety, she asked that we not approach people on our own but rather call to report the issue. If we see overnight camping we are to report the make, model and license plate of the vehicle(s) and a description of the people. Regarding the human waste, she hoped more frequent patrolling might help cut back on this but also the idea of installing porta potties was risen.

After a quick discussion, the idea of supporting a porta potty was squelched.

YELLOW JACKET NEST: Beware of the yellow jacket nest at John's Lake on the backside of the log as you climb from the lower area to upper area. It has been stepped on more than once and the bites are reported to be painful.

GARBAGE: The garbage bin is scheduled to be removed for the year on the Wednesday after Labor Day weekend. It is noted that the latch has not been consistently closed; please be sure to close it properly.

With all of the debris around the cabins it was noted that years ago a large container was provided free of charge to do the initial spring clean up of limbs and other material. Bob Massone had the contact for that service and offered to look into it. It's noted that with the PG&E removal of 26 trees from around the wires on the Ward and Erfert lots, that there is much loose dirt that needs organic coverage to prevent rains from washing the loose dirt down the road. Please share any pine needles and other small debris with them so they can cover that loose dirt.

HILLSIDE DRIVEWAY: Gail Coney requests a meeting of the cabin representatives from 26, 25, 24, 20 and 21 to discuss the road issues on the steep section of the shared entry road.

SAFETY WARNING: In the early summer, a Quinn brother-in-law broke his leg and ankle while enjoying our cabin area and was taken out by helicopter. After waiting a month for surgery he is finally healing. Please be careful while enjoying our wilderness.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Boies

Secretary/Treasurer