

GERLE CREEK SUMMER HOME TRACT ANNUAL MEETING
June 25, 1994

The Annual meeting of the Gerle Creek Summer Home Tract Association was called to order at 12:15 pm, June 25, 1994 with President Ed Fietsch presiding. A roll call was taken, 26 cabin owners were present in addition to 6 proxies representing a total of 32 votes. Cabin owners absent with no proxy issued: Lots 5, 9, 17, 18, 19, 20, 34, 41, and 42.

John Holmes and Tony Angelo presented Ed Fietsch a plaque on behalf of the Gerle Creek Cabin Owners for 29 years of dedicated service to the Association.

President Fietsch thanked everyone for all their efforts through the years and for the friendships that have developed.

Forestry Service Issues: Recreational Officer, Lorraine Gerchas, with the Eldorado National Forest, Pacific Ranger District spoke on the following concerns:

1. **HAZARDOUS TREES:** There are a couple of options regarding the hazardous trees in the tract. It is the Association's decision of how to handle it.
 - A. **Individual Cabin basis:** The forestry representative marks the trees and issues a permit and if it is over so many cords, the cabin owner needs to go to the information center office and get a permit to keep the wood.
 - B. **Timber sale:** The forest service can do a timber sale in the tract. The Association has to decide if we want to do this. The forest service will be having someone from the timber office come out and mark the trees in July. They will be using two different symbols. Hazardous trees with commercial value will be identified with a dot; hazardous trees with no marketable value will be identified with an H. If the G.C. Association decides to have a timber sale, the loggers will come in and take down only the hazardous trees with marketable value. **Only the trees that are dead or are dying will be marked.** The loggers are bonded that work within the forestry land. The forestry service will be working with the Association on this matter.
2. **Planting trees:** Check with a nursery for the proper trees to be planted. Call Lorraine Gerchas, Rec. officer for more information.
3. **Water System:** Christine Mearse, El Dorado County Water District is willing to wait to see if the new bill passes. Until then, we have to comply with the 1974 Act. It is important that whatever GC Association decides to do, that we give Lorraine Gerchas

enough notice, to get the specialist up here, i.e., archeologist, biologist, environmentalist, botanist. Anything that is ground disturbing has to be looked at that can affect animals, plants or archeological types. Each specialist in addition to the forest Recreational Officer has to submit a report.

4. **Operations and Maintenance Plan...fire clearance.**
Sue Gethren, Fire Prevention Technician, is the only FPT for the entire Pacific Ranger District. It is important that we all do our part to comply with the regulations regarding clearance and fire prevention.

Everyone should have received the form regarding the clearing of their lot. A 30' clearance around all structures is required. 15' clearance around small sheds; if flammable containers are in there, then the 30' clearance rule applies. Make sure roofs are cleared and the decks are enclosed.

High Fire Season this year. We have a 20" decrease in precipitation this year.

Rod Browning, Lot 15, asked about getting the CCC to come in and clear the area between the Ice House Road and the lower road in the tract. Sue Gethren, said it takes several months of planning and coordination to get the CCC to an area. Since we are in the fire season, they are already assigned to fire stations and the best time to schedule them is for the Fall and early Spring.

Both Gerchas and Gethren gave their approval to paint the fire hydrants red for easier identification.

5. **Airport Flat:** This project is still in the planning stage. There is nothing to report at this time. Dick Rogers asked about the excessive shooting problem in the flat area. Rec. Officer Lorraine Gerchas will report the problem to the Sheriff's Dept.

MINUTES: It was M/S/P (Goshorn/Vosburg) that the minutes of the 1993 Annual Meeting be approved as presented and distributed last summer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Elmo "Bud" Irish, Lot #29 distributed the report which will be filed for audit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **HYDRANTS:** Discussion followed regarding what would be most appropriate in providing the best fire protection and location of hydrants, length of fire hose, and type of housing for the hoses. It was recommended that Phil Fittings, Lot #11, Rod Browning, Lot #15, and Tom Cooney, Lot #36 work together and come up with a plan to be presented to the Board.
2. **Cleaning up of the tract.** Please haul the pine needles out to the burn area outside of the gate in the Airport Flat area.

There was discussion regarding the cabin owners who have not cleaned up their lots. It was M/S/P (Frink/Bitterman) to impose a sanction that the properties be cleaned within a specified time; if not, the cabin owners will be billed for the cost of having the lot cleared. This will be followed up by the Board.

3. Garbage Bin. PLEASE...Only wet garbage is to be placed in the dumpster. NOT BUILDING MATERIALS, REFRIGERATOR PARTS, ETC. The garbage truck comes at 6 AM on Monday mornings, holidays included.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

WATER COMMITTEE: West Dillon, Lot #35, reported first.

President Fietsch and West sent a letter to Congressman Doolittle in Washington. Congressman Doolittle's comments were that they were very favorably impressed with our unique situation. The bill was S2019, Safe Drinking Water Reauthorization. Latest action was Senate passage 95-3 on May 19, 1994. The next likely action is the House Energy and Commerce Committee which is unscheduled.

Background: The bill would overhaul a 1974 law last amended in 1986. Relaxed testing and monitoring requirement were contaminants and authorize a new revolving loan fund. We might be able to tap that for a grant. Congressman Doolittle's office said they would try to get relief for small systems such as ours. "They would write an addendum to bill S2019; if we could not get this on the senate bill, they would bring it up on the house floor." West summarized the bill. A copy of President Fietsch's & West Dillon's letter sent to Congressman Doolittle was also sent to the State of California. West spoke to the man who supposedly controls all water systems on 6/24/94 and he said "I am very impressed with this letter. As a matter of fact I am so impressed that I intend to take this letter and meet with the EPA next week and see if they will do something, not waiting for the outcome of this bill, to relax the conditions for people in such a unique situation as you people are." He asked West to get back to him within 10-14 days and he should have some type of an answer for us.

Filter: West spoke with the West Coast Representative, a lady from 3M. She stated that 3M has a brand new filter, a stainless steel, cartridge-type filter that handles 22 lbs of residue. It plugs into a diaphragm that can be set on a concrete pad. The cost of this diaphragm is \$1500.00. The filter is \$367.00. Her comment was that unless the turbidity is very very bad, this filter would hold us for the 5-6 month season. West was told by a competitor (an engineer in small water systems) of this 3M filter. If Gerle Creek can get that filter, "that would be like dying and going to heaven" for you people. It would meet and satisfy all your needs. He said even though they are competitors, at this time they do not have anything that compares. West spoke to someone at the State and gave him the name of the 3M representative, which he has contacted. They are now discussing with

a senior engineer at the state level who is one of the final decision makers in determining this type of filtration for a small unique system such as our. Christine Mearse said this would be fine with us. If the state accepts it we will go along with it.

Monitoring requirements: We might get an exemption. There is a lot of flack going on currently. Christine Mearse said in her letter of October 12, 1993, "for a system like yours, it may be possible to have an arrangement for someone certified to be called whenever problems arise. West questioned what problems could arise? Do we need someone squatting over this system, like a state engineer? She said that is an unreasonable thing. He further asked her for the worse scenario, and she replied...any problems we could not work out with our own system, like Chlorine samples, or something of that nature. West has the name of a State Qualified Operator from Kyburz, to which he has spoken. The man said he would be happy to come up and would expect to be paid for his time and gas.

Reports: During the time our system is shut down for the winter months and not in use, there would not be any requirements for reports or monitoring.

West thanked those who compiled information for our water system. He said in addition to Bud Irish, Clay Hemphil and Bill Dillon have put in a lot of hours in collecting information.

Further conversation with Christine Mearse is that the 3M and the Culligan Filters have not been ruled out. Every situation is on a case by case basis. She also mentioned we would probably be receiving a notice of compliance by the end of 1994. He questioned what if we received the notice of compliance in October..., we close down in October. No problem. Notify her EPA office and they certainly are not going to try and push us into anything.

West presented some discussions he had with people at Kyburz regarding the problems and costs incurred in their well system.

TANKS: Regardless of what the tract decides, either a well or a filter system, we need new tanks.

Bud Irish, Lot #29, Water Committee Member reported on the latest information he has received regarding installation of a well since our October 13, 1993 meeting in Sacramento.

1. Lange Well Drilling Company did the wells for Clements at Robbs Resort and Stone Seller.
2. Jerry Miller, a back hoe operator, who was moving rocks at Loon Lake for the forestry service, is available for \$25.00/hr. if we need him.

3. Discussed solar powered pumps, to which the forestry has no objections as long as they are dark panels.
4. Conferred with Kevin Taylor from Harrington Industrial Plastics in North Sacramento about tanks and they quoted an estimate of \$8360.00 for two tanks. They were also questioned regarding Harmco filters. Harmco filters do not meet EPA standards.
5. **Cost estimates for drilling a well.**

Well drilling to 300'	\$6000.00
Water Jack or Jack pump	\$4000.00
Connections and so forth	\$1000.00.
Twenty solar panels	\$6000.00.
(They would be storable in the winter time.)	
A standby generator	\$3000.00.
Hose for the pump and generator panels	\$1000.00;
Permits, piping and over-rides	\$5000.00
Total	\$26,000.00.

Bud wholeheartedly agreed with West, that we do nothing until we get all the facts.

West added that everyone should be writing their congressman. It is better to have 40 individual letters, rather than a petition with 40 signatures.

OTHER:

1. Someone borrowed a pry bar from Ed Fietsch and he would like to get it back.
2. **ADDRESS CORRECTION:** Jerry Virtue, Lot #47
12001 Arno Rd., Galt CA 95632

1994 ASSESSMENT FEE: \$80.00

ELECTIONS: The nominating committee recommended Phil Fittings, Ray Bitterman, and Larry Gondola for the Board. Nominations were opened from the floor. Rod Browning was nominated. Ballots were distributed. There being a tie, nominations were opened for President. Members nominated for President were Bill Dillon, Ray Bitterman and George Weimer.

1994 Board and Officers:

President: Bill Dillon
Treasurer: Phil Fittings
Board: Rod Browning, Ray Bitterman, Phil Fittings, Larry Gondola, George Weimer, Wayne Fluke.

1994 ASSESSMENT FEE: \$80.00 Please mail to Treasurer Phil Fittings

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TANKS: West Dillon stressed the tanks need to be replaced. It was M/S/P (Gondola/Bitterman) that the Board of Director look into replacement.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.



Patricia Goshorn, Secretary