

**GERLE CREEK SUMMER HOME TRACT ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 25, 2005**

The meeting commenced at 12:15 with the Forest Service presentation.

Lorraine Gerchas passed out a green sheet which summarized what she would be discussing at the meeting today. She discussed the Operations and Maintenance Plan (O&M) which is part of our permit. They have been approved and are in the files at the ranger station. She also discussed making sure you have your cabin number visible from the road in case of emergencies. Multiple signs are allowed if needed. This is to ensure that emergency vehicles can find your cabin. It was also suggested that we get a directional sign of cabin numbers near the entrance of the tract.

If a hazard tree needs to be marked, call Lorraine. Trees under 12 inches in diameter can be removed without permission. If you transport the wood off the forest, you need to buy a wood cutting permit at the Ranger Station. It's \$20 for each 2 cords. Affix the tickets to the wood so law enforcement can see them.

Lorraine also mentioned that if you're using anti-bacterial soap in your cabin, it isn't good for the septic systems. If you are using anti-bacterial soap, you may want to add some bacteria to your system. Pine needle disposal was also discussed. There is no longer a dumping site on the forest. Some of you may not be comfortable burning near the cabins, so the advice she gave was to remove it off-forest, or get together as a tract and hire a hauler to remove it off-forest. We could check with our refuse company to see if they're willing to do this.

Off road vehicles were discussed as well. If a vehicle is not street legal, it must have a State of California green sticker on it in order to utilize it on the national forest roads. You can use the highway to reach the dirt road southeast of Airport Flats, but anywhere else you will need to trailer the equipment to that site. Lorraine mentioned that she understands there are numerous user-created roads that the Forest Service is unaware of, but please look for the numbered signs when choosing a road. You may not ride off-road vehicles into campgrounds or picnic areas.

Also, if you will be re-roofing or repainting your cabin, you must send a sample of the paint/roof to Lorraine prior to beginning the work. General cabin maintenance doesn't need approval, but re-roofing needs a building permit from the county. Lorraine has the forms needed before attaining the county permit.

With reference to raking up the pine needles, there is a new state law which has passed requiring 100 feet fire clearance around structures. At this time, the Forest Service is maintaining the 30 foot clearance or to your lot boundary. Cabin owners will be notified if that requirement increases.

Lorraine also mentioned that she was working on a solution to cut back the brush at the turn past the Angel Creek turnoff and on the straight-away near the bridge. The Forest Service doesn't want the county to spray any toxins, so she is attempting to find a crew that can cut it back. As of this morning, she found a crew to cut it back so they will be working on it this season.

Tree removal was discussed. If a small tree is 12 inches in diameter at eye level or smaller and dead, you can remove the tree without Forest Service approval. As far as the larger trees that were marked for removal on or near a particular cabin, it is the cabin owner's responsibility to have the tree removed.

Road maintenance was discussed as well, and it was mentioned that it is our responsibility to maintain our road. Lorraine is going to check into whether or not she will be able to get some road base or gravel either free or at a lower cost for us to use. She felt it was also a benefit for emergency crews to get in and out of the cabin.

Roll was taken and it was determined that a quorum existed.

It was mentioned that Larry Gondola had passed away earlier this year. It was a great loss not only to his family, but to the cabin tract as well. Larry was a real asset to the Board and the tract, he was always happy, smiling, and more than willing to help anyone with anything at any time.

It was also mentioned that Ed Fietsch had passed away last Thursday at 92 years of age. He served a lot of years working in this tract as President. He was the "father" of this tract. John Holmes also put in a few words regarding Ed. Ed used experiences from World War II in putting together the old water system which used ram pumps. He was a wealth of knowledge, skilled as a carpenter, and was always willing to share his knowledge with anyone willing to listen. A moment of silence was held for both Larry and Ed.

It was moved/seconded/carried (Brinsky/Holmes) to accept the minutes of June 26, 2004 as presented.

There has been no update on the appraisals as of yet. We are the lowest appraised within the Eldorado National Forest. Mary Ver Hoff is our representative regarding the appraisals. She is currently on vacation so was unable to attend our meeting. As soon as we get information from her, we will share it with you.

Discussed the need for a third water tank. Purchasing a third tank was placed on hold last year to determine whether it was in fact needed. In order to get another tank, the cost has increased to approximately \$4600+ for the tank, and after checking with several places, that is the lowest. To get the tank to the top of the hill, if it requires enlarging the road or disturbing the ground any more than what we already have, it has to be approved by the Forest Service and the County, along with any studies that they would need to do. If we utilize a helicopter, it is \$4500-\$5000 to get it to the top of the hill. We would also need to have a wide-load truck and vehicle to get the tank from Angel's Camp to our location. It looks like approximately \$12,000, plus the cost of the County permit and inspection. Therefore, the Board voted unanimously that we not put in a third tank. Also, if we put in the third tank, it is a very good possibility that the Forest Service will want to utilize our water to supply water to Airport Flats Campground. They could any way, but with the additional 5000 gallons it becomes a larger possibility.

It was moved/seconded/carried (Colson/Bitterman) that we not purchase the third tank and return the already assessed funds to individual cabin owners.

The assessment for 2005 will be reduced by the appropriate amount.

The speed limit within the tract was brought up. For safety reasons, the speed limit is five miles per hour inside the tract. Please remember that there are often children and pets on the roads going from one place to another and to avoid any accidents, it is important that you adhere to the

posted speed limit. Speed bumps were also discussed. It was mentioned that if the speed bumps are placed at an angle, it will divert the water and possibly save our roads. It was mentioned that Brad Dillon has a tractor that can be brought up and place new speed bumps and re-grade out road. It will be simply road maintenance. Heavy equipment can't be brought up without being permitted, but it can be done inside the tract. The problem is getting it up here because it's pretty heavy equipment. There are several areas in the road that the water has really caused problems with the road and it can be corrected. It will be used specifically for the roads in the tract, not individual driveways, etc.

It was moved/seconded/carried (Bittermna/Goshorn) that we pay for Brad to get the tractor up here for grading the road and creating water bars. There was one opposition to this motion concerning the possibility of making the roads worse. The person in opposition will get together with Brad and discuss.

There were several issues mentioned regarding the speed bumps/water bars in the road. One item had to do with speed. The people within the tract know who the speeders are, and they need to slow down. As mentioned the previous year, there are dogs and children who play/walk in the tract. The speed limit was set as 5 miles per hour for safety reasons and should be adhered to. The water bars/speed bumps will assist in slowing these people down to a safer speed as well as protect our roads from being washed out during the winter.

It was also mentioned that Dave Gondola and his friend, James, should be thanked for work they did on the generator for the pump house. They spent all day servicing the generator by replacing a water pump, new lines and a radiator. Dave Frink and several others also worked on getting the system up and running.

The 2005/2006 budget was presented by Dave Frink. The change made to allow a refund for the monies collected already for the third tank came to approximately \$92.43 per cabin. If you add \$60 to that, it comes out to the same as submitted in the financial report. The \$3790 already collected will be reverted to the 05/06 budget.

It as mentioned that maybe the money should be kept set aside to pay for Brad bringing his tractor up and regarding the roads. It was also mentioned that until we get the okay from the Forest Service, this project couldn't be started, so funds would be collected at another time for that purpose.

It was moved/seconded/carried (Colson/Fetter) that the budget be approved as revised with the new assessment of \$60 per cabin.

It was also mentioned that maintenance of water valves for each individual cabin are the responsibility of the cabin owner to maintain. If you have a faulty valve that needs to be replaced, you can notify the rest of the cabin owners on the road that you will have the main lateral turned off for replacement of the valve. It was also mentioned that each cabin should have a pipe that will be painted red at the top of the pipe to indicate where the box for the water system for individual cabins is located. This year the water was turned on while there was still some snow on the ground, and/or the boxes were covered with needles and difficult to locate. It was also mentioned that it is the responsibility of each cabin owner to make sure that all valves that turn the water on and off to their cabin are turned off each year at the close of the season.

The work parties for 2005 are scheduled for July 23rd, August 20th, and September 17th. One work party will be the road starting at the gate and the gate. The gate needs work because it's

getting harder and harder to open. The concrete is pulling out of the ground, so it is suggested that the concrete be redone and secure the gate better. There also needs to be a work party to caulk the old water system tank and paint the exposed pipe for the old water system. The county is now requiring all exposed pipe to be painted. A work party needs to work at the intake of the old system to raise the elevation of the existing pipe to maintain the flow of water into the pipe. Another is located above Lot 27. There's a break in the system that has appeared every year for the past 2-3 years above that lot. This particular problem may not be corrected until the end of the year when the system is closed down.

Wayne Lile is going to give a presentation on the fire hydrant and it's proper use, so please stick around to participate. Wayne will need 3 volunteers to stretch hose out and squirt a little water.

It was mentioned that the driver for Ferrell gas was talking about flex-pipe that had been outlawed, so they wouldn't light hot water heaters and/or stoves when they were in delivering propane to the tract. It was suggested that maybe we have a Ferrell representative at the next meeting.

Dave Frink has decided not to run for the Board this year. Dave was recognized for his outstanding job as treasurer of this tract and his assistance both as a board member and as the cabin owner. He has donated a lot of his time, knowledge and expertise to this tract.

Nominations for the Board were Wayne Fluke, Greg Kiefer, Fred Mehr and Wayne Lile. It was moved/seconded/carried (Fetter/Holmes) to close the nominations and appoint these four members to the Board.

Presidential nominations were called for. It was moved/seconded/carried (Colson/Fluke) that Bill remain president.

The meeting was adjourned to allow Wayne Lile to conduct his presentation on the fire hose.

Respectfully submitted,

WAYNE LILE
Secretary