

Cascade Connections

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California's Water Control Board Bay-Delta Plan May Significantly Impact Scotts Flat

by NID Director Ricki Heck and NID's General Manager Jennifer Hanson

The California State Water Resources Control Board (Board) is working to update an action plan to save the declining fish populations and improve water quality in the Bay-Delta all of which may significantly impact NID water supplies and water levels at Scotts Flat.

The State Board recently released a draft staff report, which is an environmental assessment of a range of alternate approaches. These include numerous iterations of unimpaired flow (water that flows without diversions) and a holistic alternative called the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program.

The State Board will choose an option, and depending on that decision, NID's viability could be threatened along with the water levels at Scotts Flat.

The proposed state plan recommends a flow-only approach that would require unimpaired inflows of 55 percent from rivers and tributaries to the Bay-Delta, including the Yuba and Bear.

Unimpaired flows would severely limit the amount of water NID would be allowed to capture and store in its reservoirs, such as Scotts Flat. The reduction of allowable diversions storage, would result in large swings of reservoir elevations throughout the year. It would also create water supply constraints, leading to more frequent water rationing, especially for NID irrigation water users.

Unimpaired flows would be sure to trigger detrimental ramifications to NID's customers. Reduction in available supplies would cause an increase in water rates; reduce hydropower generation and impair recreation opportunities. And have a negative impact on our local agriculture.

Due to the significant impacts associated with unimpaired flow, NID supports the alternative approach presented by the Water Resources Control Board to the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program. The alternative approach proposes a suite of actions that are far broader with more benefits and fewer impacts than unimpaired flows. Implementation of this holistic program includes flow contributions, the construction of fish habitat projects, multiple funding sources, and governance, science and adaptive management programs that are more beneficial to fish and NID water users.

As your NID Director, I will continue to keep you apprised of matters that directly affect the lake especially centered on the aforementioned Bay-Delta Plan.

The following, see page 2, is a NID Case Study which examines the impact upon Scotts Flat Lake if the 55% rule was adopted by the California State Water Resources Control Board. As the study shows, Scotts Flat Lake levels would be severely impacted. What follows in the case study specific to Scott's Flat Reservoir in a worstcase scenario. NID; its Board, management and staff are closely monitoring every move by the State, and intend to do everything possible including legal action, lobbying, and other methods to avoid the drastic results modeled below.

Is there something you the homeowners and recreation enthusiasts can do? Yes!

I encourage you to write the State Water Control Board, let them know of the potential catastrophic impacts to Scott's Flat Lake and your property values if the State goes forward with Unimpaired Flows plan. Ask them to focus on the holistic option of the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes alternative.

Letters / E-mails should be addressed to:

State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-0100 e-mail: *SacDeltaComments@waterboards.ca.gov.*

NID Case Study: "Dead Pool" Scotts Flat Reservoir

Water supply impacts under a flow-only approach become even more significant when evaluated by impacted facility. For example, NID's Scott's Flat Reservoir is highly reliant on diverted Sierra water supplies given its own small watershed. Yet, Scotts Flat is essential to District operations insofar as it supplies the water for Nevada County and is the primary source of drinking water supply for NID customers.

In the graph below, April 30 is used to show typical reservoir high point as the season transitions into the high-water use summer months. Under the proposed plan amendments, Scotts Flat Reservoir is effectively at dead pool in many of the drier year types. This term describes the occurrence when the amount of water stored in a reservoir is so low, water can no longer flow downstream.

This means there is effectively no water supply for Nevada County before the high-demand summer and fall water seasons.

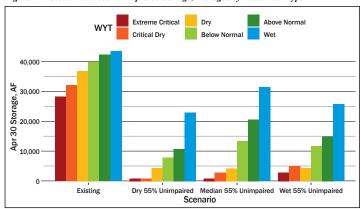


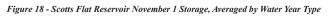
Figure 17 - Scotts Flat Reservoir April 30 Storage, Averaged by Water Year Type

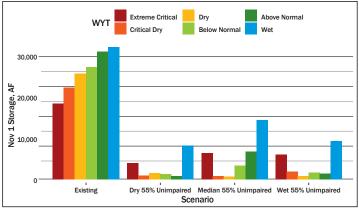
Even in above normal and below normal year types, there are huge water supply impacts of 20,000 to 30,000 acre-feet per year (an acre-foot is the amount of water that would cover a football field in one foot of water).

A supply reduction of this magnitude would result in the rationing of water supply throughout NID's service area:

- Domestic supply would take service priority, thereby leaving the irrigation system with little to no supply and dry irrigation canals
- The loss of irrigation water would be catastrophic to the community from agriculture and fire suppression perspectives

• Loss of supply would have a detrimental effect to the environment with small streams and tributaries suffering from the lack of tail waters of NID's canals.





The BSM Triathlon Returns to Cascade Shores Sunday, September 22 • 1 pm

The Barbara Schmidt Millar W n and 5K Run/Walk is returning to C 4!

Proceeds benefit SN ...n's Wellness Center for wor ...ual mammograms ...ps for graduating girls & procedfrom N...g into the health care field. The road. y busy that morning that is why we are asking , our continued enthusiasm and support of this fund-raising event. Check the CSHA website, www. cascadeshores.org, for more information in September. The route and the boat ramp closure times for Saturday, September 21st and Sunday, September 22nd will be posted. For more information visit www.bsmtri.org.

CSHA Annual Meeting Saturday, May 4 • 1 pm • Firehouse Guest Speaker:

Ryan Murtagh from Suburban Propane

Ryan, the Manager of the Suburban Propane office in Grass Valley, will be on hand to answer your questions. You are encouraged to attend!

Come meet your neighbors and Board members and hear what's going on in Cascade Shores.

President's Message

The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association continues to do well and currently has 133 members. As the Treasurer's report shows, between dues and generous donations, we have adequate funds to maintain our mission with Lost Mine Lake.

As it did last year, the Board of Directors has decided not to go through the effort and expense of having an election of Board of Directors members this year. There are 3 open seats with no candidates to fill them. The current 6 members are willing to continue serving. There is therefore no need to have an election. If anybody wishes to be on the board, they will be welcomed and can simply be appointed.

Last year the Bylaws were amended, changing the annual meeting date to the first Saturday in May. The agenda will be posted on our website when finalized. I hope it will be an interesting meeting. I encourage all CSHA members to join us in the Firehouse at 1 PM on May fourth.

Harry Wander, President

Lost Mine Lake Spring 2024

The focus for the lake this year will be on maintenance. The new play set needs some touch up as do some of the siding and the BBQ. We also have some dead trees that need to be taken down and used for chips and borders.

There were bulbs planted in the parking lot island which were dug up by animals the next day. The planting was repeated, and an application of cayenne pepper stopped further digging. The plan is to add more next fall.

Handrails that match the memorial garden fence will be added to the entrance to the lawn and a bench placed in the designated smoking area.

On Christmas day, eight large bags of trash were left next to the dumpster which caused the dumpster to be full and require premature emptying. There is the constant problem of dogs and fishing on the beach, next to the sign that says no dogs or fishing on the beach and people always acting surprised when so advised.

A dog poop bag dispenser has been installed at the entrance of the hiking trail and Denise Cain placed a dispenser and sign at the main entrance.

An ice cream social was held that was open to all to show off our new play structure that was made possible by a generous donation of one of our members. It was well attended and a fun time for young and old.



A couple of improvements are in the planning stages. Stay tuned for further details.

The lake should be in good shape this year. The aeration of the lake is expensive but has provided a significant improvement in the health of the lake. Kent and Anna Rees take care of the cost for testing of the water for recreational standards each year.

Michael Cotton supplied all the chips for the play set and will also be removing the dead trees.

Cleanup day at LML is scheduled for May 11th, all help is appreciated. It requires a great deal of labor to keep up Lost Mine Lake. Fortunately, there are many members that contribute extra funds to help pay for labor because the volunteer pool is very limited and for the most part senior citizens.

Andrew Guevel and I look forward to making LML a fun and safe place for our members. We are very grateful for the extra contributions and would like to thank the anonymous gift of \$2,300 for the play structure. It is seeing a lot of traffic.

Doug Gloff Vice-president and LML supervisor

7 Thursday Night BBQs at Lost Mine Lake this Year! 6/13,27 • 7/11,25 • 8/15,29 • 9/12 • 6pm

The coals will be ready and the utensils, plates, cups, napkins and condiments will be provided. Lost Mine Lake looks great, come check it out and meet the CSHA board members and your neighbors. Bring something to grill for yourself and a little something to share. *Everyone is welcome!*

2024 Road Rehab Cascade Shores Micro-Surfacing Project

Construction

The construction process for this project will include striping removal, repairs/patching, micro-surfacing, and striping

Construction is planned to take 3-4 weeks between June and early September 2024. Work in front of a residence should only take 1-2 days.

Surfacing is typically conducted one lane at a time to allow residents to come and go as needed. Message boards will be posted 48 hours before work starts to notify residents when and where work is going to occur. Cones and "No Parking" signs will be posted along a given section of road that will be surfaced the day before.

Some traffic delays are to be expected during the construction period due to traffic controls. It is encouraged to plan accordingly. Delays may be approximately 30-45 minutes.

Please follow the instructions of the construction signs and personnel. Your patience during the construction process is highly appreciated.

Wet Paint/Wet Surfacing

The micro-surfacing and traffic striping may be wet up to an hour after placement. There will be signage and cones around wet surfacing or paint areas. If your driveway is on the other side of a wet area, please notify one of the crew members on site and they will be able to direct you to a place to park or verify if the surface has cured enough to be driven on.

Stay Informed

The County's Department of Public Works will provide regular project updates on its Facebook Page at *www. facebook.com/nevcopwsocial.*

Contact Info

Nevada County Elijah Larimer - Assistant Engineer Elijah.Larimer@nevadacountyca.gov 530-559-8521

Home Monitoring Service

The home monitoring service provides weekly checks of your home to make sure that doors and windows are secure, and that no intrusion has been noted. The property is examined for trees or limbs that threaten the home, especially after a storm. Typically, we walk the perimeter of the home and onto decks for <u>vacation</u> monitoring or <u>unoccupied</u> home monitoring. If an irregularity is observed, we will contact the homeowner. If necessary, law enforcement will be contacted. With <u>occupied home</u> <u>monitoring</u>, or if you are here, at your vacation home, we will not disturb you. Past notifications have included serious tree damage, water pipe rupture and garage doors left open to wildlife, or worse, intruders. During inclement weather we will do the best we can to access your property.

Please remember that this service is **NOT** a substitute for law enforcement. If you have issues or concerns about stolen mail, off-road vehicles being driven on residential streets, offensive noise from unruly neighbors or visitors, alarms going off at unoccupied homes, suspicious activity, dogs not on leashes, excessive speeding, or family issues of any kind please contact the appropriate Nevada County authority. They have the legal power to respond and act. Their phone numbers are:

Law enforcement

Nevada County Sheriff's Office: 530-265-1471

Animal Control

Nevada County Animal Control: 530-273-2179

If you are interested in the home monitoring service, check out the CSHA website: <u>www.cascadeshores.org</u> and click on the Home Monitoring Services link on the left side of the screen. The "Authorization for Home Monitoring Services" form is located there. Enhanced Membership is an affordable \$225 per year, which includes weekly monitoring of your home (April 1 to March 31, weather permitting).

Clay Glanz & Leslie Grassi, Home Monitoring Team

Dogs and Lost Mine Lake

Please remember dogs are only allowed on the trail around the lake and in the designated Dog Beach area in the southeastern part of the lake. Dogs are not allowed in the pavilion, picnic table area or the beach area directly next to them. Poop bags are available for your use. It would be greatly appreciated if you can pick up after your dog.

Join CSHA! Your \$125 Annual Membership Includes:

• Dues are voluntary and affordable.

As a CSHA member, you will be part of a community that values safety, quality of life, negotiated low cost propane prices and access and use of the Lost Mine Lake property. The collaboration of the Firewise Committee and the CSHA Board acts in the best interest of the members and whose goal is to provide essential public information updates and announcements.

- A strong, collective voice heard with county officials. Representation at City, County and State venues, and as a conduit to express wishes and grievances of local importance.
- Full use of our private Lost Mine Lake and rental of the pavilion and kitchen for your private events.
- Summer BBQS at Lost Mine Lake: <u>Several Thursday Nights June-September</u> *The coals will be ready and the utensils, plates, cups, napkins and condiments will be provided. Bring something to grill for yourself and a little something to share.*

Everyone is welcome!

- About 40-50% discount on propane The discount varies depending on the season.
- Informative website: <u>www.cascadeshores.org</u>
- Members only Facebook page and community newsletter
- Private home monitoring patrol with "Enhanced Membership"

Go to <u>www.cascadeshores.org</u> for more information.

- Help with code enforcement, fire safety and defensible space
- CSHA membership in the Fire Safe Council offers a chipping consultant to homeowners and scheduled service to chip piles.

Propane Discount

CSHA Membership entitles you to a discount on propane from Suburban Propane. CSHA has preferred vendor pricing from Suburban Propane. If you are a member of CSHA, but not a Suburban customer, call them at 530-273-6113 to change over. They will come to your home, transfer any remaining propane in your existing tank to the Suburban tank and set aside your old tank so that your old supplier can pick it up.

Go to <u>www.cascadeshores.org</u> for more information.

Treasurer's Corner

FY2023 Financial Results and FY2024 Budget

FY2023 Results

Beginning cash balance at 4/1/23 was \$3,440.

Cash receipts of \$23,270 were received (compared to budget of \$19,955 or over by \$3,315), and included membership dues of \$17,150, donations of \$4,860 (of which \$2,300 was a designated donation for a new play structure), and Lost Mine Lake (LML) rentals of \$1,260.

Total cash expenditures were \$20,820 (budget of \$19,505) and are comprised of 1) spending on LML \$13,410 (routine supplies and labor \$3,580, play set supplies and labor \$3,660, liability insurance \$3,640, utilities \$2,000 and property tax \$530). This compares to the LML budget of \$10,940, over by \$2,470 and 2) administrative expenditures of \$7,410 including home monitoring, D&O Insurance, office supplies, member outreach, LML parties, and firehouse rental and cleaning. This compares to the budgeted amount of \$8,565, down by \$1,155.

The ending cash balance at 3/31/24 was \$5,890 (including an emergency reserve of \$4,000).

FY2024 Budget

Receipts are projected to total \$20,680, expenditures \$19,970 including LML spending of \$11,870 and administrative costs of \$8,100. The cash balance at 3/31/25 is estimated at \$6,600 (including an emergency reserve of \$4,000).

Submitted by Cheryl Lester, MBA, CPA CSHA Treasurer and Membership Chair

Christmas in July Hot Dog/Ice Cream Social! July 6 • 12pm • Lost Mine Lake

Last year we had an ice cream social with hot dogs, sodas and of course ice cream, to celebrate the completion of our new play structure. It was such a success that we decided to do it again. So, come down to Lost Mine Lake and meet your neighbors and the CSHA Board of Directors and check out Lost Mine Lake and the facilities.

Everyone is Welcome!

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Important Phone Numbers



EMERGENCIES CALL 911

(area code 530, unless otherwise noted) **SHERIFF**

Reporting 265-1471
Narcotics Tip Line 265-4178
СНР 477-4900
ANIMAL CONTROL 273-2179
WILDLIFE RESCUE 470-2690
WILDLIFE CRIME TIP LINE1-888-334-2258
FIRE (Non-Emergency) 273-3158
BURN DAY (Call before you burn) 274-7928
CAL FIRE (Nevada-Yuba-Placer)
OES (Office of Emergency Services) 265-1538
ROADS, DOWNED TREES, FLOODING 265-1411
ILLEGAL DUMPING 265-7111
SEWER OVERFLOWS, SPILLS 265-1555
FISH & WILDLIFE1-916-445-0411
COUNTY INFORMATION 211
NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT (NID)

Business	
Emergency (M-F 8am-5p	m)
Emergency (Weekends, A	fter Hours) 273-3346
AT&T TELEPHONE OUTAGE	611
PG&E POWER OUTAGE	1-800-743-5002
COMCAST	1-800-266-2278
OUR SUPERVISOR: Heidi Ha	II

email: heidi.hall@nevadacountyca.gov

NEVADA COUNTRY ROAD SERVICE MANAGER

DIRECTOR OF OES FOR NEVADA COUNTY

The CSHA Board of Directors continues to voice the needs of Cascade Shores residents to the powers that be, and we will continue to do so, but we can't always go it alone when it comes to our roads and our ability to evacuate should it be necessary. It's time for all residents of Cascade Shores to speak up! Please use the above list of important phone numbers when the need arises and to voice your opinions should you be so inclined.

Cascade Shores FireWise Committee

Don't forget to return your **tracking your hours** sheet below. This is an important step in maintaining our Firewise Community designation, which is very important to homeowners who receive an insurance premium reduction because of that designation.

Your Hard Work Needs to be Counted -PLEASE HELP!

Our Firewise Community must renew its standing each year in order to be re-certified.

Information programs, community meetings, and our advocacy efforts need to be documented for our application. However, an important part is the work that is being done on each property to improve fire safety, something that only the residents can claim. <u>We need</u> your help to document what you have been doing so that we can complete our firewise renewal.

We are simply asking for a rough estimate of your time and money spent. Please take a few minutes to copy and complete this form and mail to:

Cascade Shores Fire Wise Committee 16528 Pasquale Road, Nevada City, CA 95959 or <u>e-mail this</u> information to <u>cshafirewisecmte@gmail.com</u> Tell us of your efforts for the time period of your own choosing:

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Miles driven to complete any activity above:	

Service Provider List

Michael's Personalized Tree Service

Certified Arborist WE7065A Defensible Space Contractor SCL#723619 10% off any job for members of CSHA Senior Discounts

> Michael Cotton, Owner 530-265-5724 (office) 530-559-2408 (cell) michaelthearborist.com



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Also service/installation and repairs of Home Audio/Video systems and many other electronic devices.

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530-478-9033

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> 530-749-3530 Fax 530-749-3439

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Disappointed in CSHA? If you are unhappy with the Board of Directors or how things are going in Cascade Shores, why not be part of the solution and join the board! Without a resolute and committed board, little can be accomplished each year. If you have been thinking about volunteering, why not become an active leader in the organization? The Association needs CSHA members to join the Board of Directors. Each term is two years and requires a commitment of approximately one hour 9 months a year for board meetings, and support of CSHA's goals and objectives. If you are interested contact any board member or come to any board meeting the 1st Wednesday of the month March-November.





16528 Pasquale Road Nevada City, CA 95959

Cascade Shores Homeowners Association

A homeowners organization dedicated to the protection of our commonly held property, Lost Mine Lake, the promotion of community safety, property values, and the overall desirability of living in Cascade Shores. We welcome and support people of all backgrounds and ethnicity and we depend on each other to create the best possible living conditions in our community. Consideration and respect are encouraged when making decisions that impact our neighborhood and our environment.

Current Board Members 2024-25

President: Roads	Harry Wander	hjwander@comcast.net	530-300-2126
Vice President: Lost Mine Lake Supervisor	Doug Gloff	dgloff12@hotmail.com	530-263-2186
Treasurer: Membership, Propane	Cheryl Lester	clester4300@aol.com	408-656-9382
Secretary: Newsletter, Website, FaceBook	Leslie Grassi	lesgrassi@yahoo.com	530-478-0386
Home Monitoring Service	Clay Glanz, Leslie Grassi	lesgrassi@yahoo.com	530-478-0386
Board Member: Lost Mine Lake Assistant	Andrew Guevel	akguevel@comcast.net	530-264-5020
Board Member: Lost Mine Lake Rentals	Terry McAteer	termcateer@gmail.com	530-273-2776
Firewise Committee Contact	Christina Sloane	ctrimble2@yahoo.se	530-265-2648

Association members are welcome to attend CSHA Board Meetings. Members who wish to present issues to the board shall so advise the President 3 days prior to the meeting. Participation by CSHA Members in board discussions is welcomed.

Come meet your neighbors and help us make Cascade Shores a welcoming place to live. Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm. October-November & March-May at the firehouse, June-September at Lost Mine Lake.