## 31st Annual Vista Bonita Recreation Association Meeting



# Agenda

☐ Board member introductions — All
☐ President's report and 2022 accomplishments— Larry Dick
☐ Treasurer's report and dues increase impact – Michael Warring
☐ Capital Projects List – Michael Warring
☐ Lake Ecology Committee Report – Larry Dick
☐ Legal/Business issues — Lance Smith
☐ Board member's status — Todd Lund
☐ Baker Lake Park overview — Shelah Fred
☐ Website report – Arlyn Atadero
☐ Community events/needs — Shelah Fred
☐ Water report & on-going water supply challenges — Larry / Michael
☐ Wrap up and general questions — Larry Dick

## **Board Member Introductions**

☐ Larry Dick – President / Lake Water Fill Manager
☐ Michael Warring – Treasurer
☐ (Your name here)- Secretary
☐ Ross Houk - Lake Ecology & Park Grounds Maintenance
☐ Shelah Fred - Communications Director, Park
Reservations, July 4 <sup>th</sup> Coordinator
☐ Arlyn Atadero - Website Manager
☐ John Sheahan - Park Oversight
☐ Lance Smith - Business Contracts and Insurance
☐ Todd Lund - Trails Adviser
☐ Kara Seeber - New on-lake, replacement for Rich Feller

## **President's Report - Larry**

- □ With the major pandemic restrictions behind us in 2022, the Board got back to business as usual. Unfortunately, the year was anything but normal. We made improvements to the lake and park with sustaining programs and a few new actions. However, the greatest challenge and largest time consumer was the dire water situation that has evolved over the last couple of years. It is mandating major changes in how we maintain Baker Lake water level. Our water management approach for 2023 will be the last item for discussion at this meeting as it is the largest issue to go over.
- We were able to deal with some turnover on the Board by finding qualified, willing and able replacement volunteers. Thank you. However, while no Board members term ends this year, there is a growing need for new participants on the Board. Please consider how you may become involved in helping to maintain this great place to live, work and enjoy life.

## President's Report continued - Larry

Given what we see with the water situation this year, membership and lawn irrigation dues are increasing. The new membership dues are in line with inflation since the last time they were raised and are still quite modest. The result of these changes will be covered in the Treasurer's report and are targeted for Baker Lake water management.

☐ Our financial position remains sound with all our obligations budgeted for and covered. However, the fundamental change in managing water for Baker Lake will have a negative effect on us in the short term and the long range.

# **Accomplishments in 2022 - Larry**

Ц	Developed a short-term plan to secure a water supply for Baker Lake
	Did an analysis of future monetary needs and correlated to dues
	increases
	Secured 5 days of rental water for the final lake fill of the season
	Dredged muck from the cove to improve the boat landing
	Planted two large, donated trees in the park
	Moved the former paper Community Directory to the upgraded VBRA
	website
	Installed a dog waste cleanup station in the Park
	Had a tremendous volunteer turnout for the annual Park Cleanup Day
	Added a new, secure Dropbox behind the bulletin board in the park
	Added several cleats to the dock for securing water toys and boats
	Held an enhanced July 4th community brunch; Fire truck, Grand
	Marshal
	Held a community centric car show

# **Looking Forward for 2023 - Larry**

With the uncertainty of the water supply issues this year, the Board has
decided to pause spending funds on capital projects in order to
preserve money that may be needed to purchase water. This is new
territory for the Board with a lot of financial unknowns.
This will not affect sustaining programs such as:
lacktriangle maintaining the fish population in the lake
continuing the muck mitigation program
☐ maintenance of the park grounds
maintaining the park facilities
water testing for safe swimming conditions
☐ the July 4th community brunch
Given the complexity of securing water for the Lake, the Board hopes
to draw upon the knowledge and expertise of community members to
help us implement a <u>long term</u> solution for maintaining Baker Lake.

#### Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/2022 - Income (Michael)

Normal Dues including Irrigation \$ 11,970

Miscellaneous - Transfer Fees, etc. 90

Donations 3,285

Total Income \$ 15,345

Dues were up slightly, miscellaneous income was down (irrigation company refund timing, donations were up).

Overall - down slightly - \$320

#### Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/2022 - Spending

Park and Entrance Maintenance & Improvements (1)	\$ 6,543
Insurance (2)	4,501
Muck Mitigation	2,696
Utilities	1,128
5 days of water "rental"	1,000
Irrigation Fees	900
Web and email (5 years of hosting and domain reg)	<i>875</i>
Office supplies (1,000 of 2 sizes preprinted envelopes)	<i>726</i>
Legal (Easement and property issues)	202
Brunch (includes 3 new canopies)	160
All other	 759
	\$ 19,490

- (1) \$4,500 to dredge park cove, balance is maintenance, additional sand, etc.
- (2) Includes regular general liability insurance (\$2,680) plus 2022 Directors and Officers Insurance (\$898) plus all of 2023's Directors and Officers Insurance (\$923)

#### Treasurer's Report as of May 10, 2023

#### **2023 VBRA Financials at 5/10/2023**

#### **Earmarks**

	<u>\</u>	/TD		<u>YTD</u>
Beginning Cash 1/1/2023 Income:	\$	21,077	Lake Ecology Fund Maintenance Fund Park Upgrade Fund	\$ 0 0 105
Normal Dues including Irrigation		5,580	Rental Water Fund	7,823
Miscellaneous - Transfer Fees, etc.		595	Entrances Fund	<u>2,467</u>
Donations		1,508	Total Earmarks	10,395
Total Income	\$	7,683	Available	\$14,350
Expenses:				
Lot/Entrance Maint. & Improve.		450		
Insurance		0		
Irrigation Company		900		
PVREA		476		
Postage & Office Supplies		417		
Fisheries		1,505		
All other		308		
Total Expenses	\$	4,056		

#### Treasurer's Report – 2023 Dues Increase

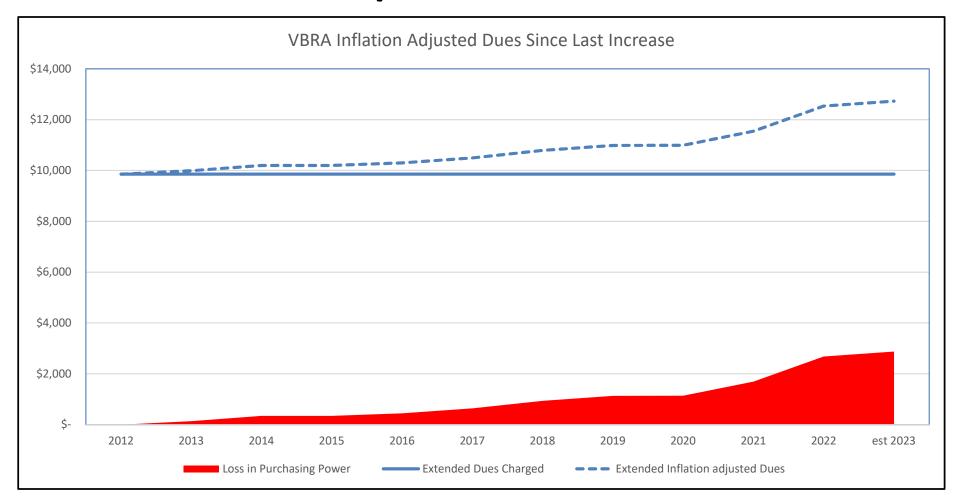
Off Lake:was \$45.00 annually, will now be \$60.00 annually On Lake:was \$90.00 annually, will now be \$120.00 annually Irrigation:was \$90.00 annually, will now be \$200.00 per season

Dues <u>NOT</u> collected based on inflation (does not include irrigation)

				Ext	ended Inflation	Loss in Purchasing
Year	Dues Charged	Inflation adjusted Dues	Extended Dues Charged	a	djusted Dues	Power
2012	\$45/\$90	\$45.00/\$90.00	\$ 9,855.00	\$	9,855.00	\$ -
2013	\$45/\$90	\$45.61/\$91.22	\$ 9,855.00	\$	9,988.59	\$ 133.59
2014	\$45/\$90	\$46.58/\$93.16	\$ 9,855.00	\$	10,201.02	\$ 346.02
2015	\$45/\$90	\$46.56/\$93.12	\$ 9,855.00	\$	10,196.64	\$ 341.64
2016	\$45/\$90	\$47.04/\$94.08	\$ 9,855.00	\$	10,301.76	\$ 446.76
2017	\$45/\$90	\$47.92/\$95.84	\$ 9,855.00	\$	10,494.48	\$ 639.48
2018	\$45/\$90	\$49.26/\$98.52	\$ 9,855.00	\$	10,787.94	\$ 932.94
2019	\$45/\$90	\$50.15/\$100.30	\$ 9,855.00	\$	10,982.85	\$ 1,127.85
2020	\$45/\$90	\$50.20/\$100.40	\$ 9,855.00	\$	10,993.80	\$ 1,138.80
2021	\$45/\$90	\$52.71/\$105.42	\$ 9,855.00	\$	11,543.49	\$ 1,688.49
2022	\$45/\$90	\$57.23/\$114.46	\$ 9,855.00	\$	12,533.37	\$ 2,678.37
est 2023	\$45/\$90	\$58.12/\$116.24	\$ 9,855.00	\$	12,728.28	\$ 2,873.28
			\$ 118,260.00	\$	130,607.22	\$ 12,347.22

2023 \$60/\$120 \$ 13,140.00

#### Treasurer's Report – 2023 Dues Increase



<u>**ALL**</u> irrigation dues will be applied towards the cost of accessing rental water first, followed by muck mitigation programs, water testing, and lake health programs.

#### Vista Bonita Recreation Association - Capital Projects List

	1	12/31/22		2023		2024		2025		2026		2027
Beginning Cash Balance	\$	25,222	\$	21,077	\$	17,443	\$	18,043	\$	19,143	\$	20,743
Dues (1)		11,970		17,340		18,200		19,100		20,100		21,100
Donations - RENTAL WATER		-		-		-		-		-		-
Donations - Lake Ecology		1,505		800		800		800		800		800
Donations - Maintenance		1,040		500		500		500		500		500
Donations - Park		433		500		500		500		500		500
Donations - Entrances/Other		307		500		500		500		500		500
Transfer fees/Web Ads/Misc.		90		500		500		500		500		500
Revenue		15,345		20,140		21,000		21,900		22,900		23,900
Non-earmark expenses (2)		(9,291)		(8,000)		(8,200)		(8,400)		(8,700)		(9,000)
RENTAL WATER		(1,000)		(7,000)		(7,000)		(7,000)		(7,000)		(7,000)
Non-project earmark spending (2)		(4,699)		(5,000)		(5,200)		(5,400)		(5,600)		(5,800)
Normal Expenses		(14,990)		(20,000)		(20,400)		(20,800)		(21,300)		(21,800)
Unspent Earmarks		(2,774)										
Available after expenses and earmarks	\$	22,803	\$	21,217	\$	18,043	\$	19,143	\$	20,743	\$	22,843
Capital Project Spending												
Dredge Park Cove		(4,500)									\$	(4,500)
Entrance repairs & maintenance			\$	(2,774)								
Park Improvements & Repairs (trees)			\$	(1,000)								
Other - TBD												
Total Capital Spending	\$	(4,500)	\$	(3,774)		<b>;</b> -	Ş	<del>-</del>		\$ -	\$	(4,500)
Available Cash Balance	<u> </u>	10 202	\$	17 / / / 2	\$	10.042	\$	10 1 42	<u>,</u>	20.742	۲	10 242
Desired Reserve:	<u>\$</u> \$	18,303	Ş		<b>\</b>	18,043	Ş	19,143	\$	20,743	\$	18,343
Desired Reserve:	Ş	6,000		okay		okay		okay		okay		okay

- 1 DUES 5% annual increase...could be just irrigation dues increase
- 2 3% annual cost increase beginning in 2024

## **Lake Ecology Report – Larry**

☐ Using CSU's testing services, we tested water three times
in 2022.
Two of the tests are for chemical content used to
determine domestic drinking water guidelines.
The first test was based on samples taken on
5/12/2022 BEFORE we first added water to the
lake
The second test was based on samples taken on
7/8/2022 after the lake was filled
☐ The third test was based on samples also taken on
7/8/2023 and testing for E. Coli and Fecal Coliform
(swimming and recreational guidelines) in three
locations — the cove, the park and the Trails beach.

# Lake Ecology Report – Results of 5/12/2022 Domestic Water Tests

Source:: Well

#### **DOMESTIC WATER ANALYSIS**

LAB Sample ID: 2022W113

CUSTOMER Sample ID: Park

Date Received: 5/12/2022 Date Reported: 6/9/2022

Water Parameters	Results	Drinking Water Guidelines
Electric Conductivity (EC) mmhos/cm	1.98	N/A
рН	7.99	6.5 to 8.5
	mg/L	mg/L
Calcium	156.1	N/A
Magnesium	9.55	N/A
Sodium	66.74	N/A
Potassium	7.88	N/A
Carbonate	0.00	N/A
Bicarbonate	176.20	N/A
Sulfate	0.23	<u>&lt;</u> 250
Nitrate	<0.001	≤44.3
Nitrate-Nitrogen	<0.001	<u>&lt;</u> 10
Nitrite	<0.001	<1
Nitrite-Nitrogen	<0.001	
Total Alkalinity		
as CaCO₃	144.4	<u>≤</u> 300
Total Hardness		
as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	389.8	<u>≤</u> 120
Total Dissolved Solids		
	1236.0	<u>&lt;</u> 500

Water	Results	Drinking Water Guidelines				
Parameters	mg/L	mg/L				
Phosphorus	<0.001	N/A				
Iron	<0.001	<u>&lt;</u> 0.3				
Manganese	<0.001	<u>&lt;</u> 0.05				
Zinc	<0.001	<u>&lt;</u> 5.0				
Copper	<0.005	<u>&lt;</u> 1.3				
Boron	0.292	<u>&lt;</u> 2.4				
Aluminum	<0.001	<0.2				
Arsenic	<0.001	<u>&lt;</u> 0.01				
Barium	0.144	<u>&lt;</u> 2.0				
Cadmium	<0.001	<u>&lt;</u> 0.005				
Chromium	<0.001	<u>&lt;</u> 0.1				
Fluoride	0.168	<u>&lt;</u> 4.0				
Lead	0.027	<0.15				
Mercury	0.048	<u>&lt;</u> 0.002				
Molybdenum	<0.001	<u>&lt;</u> 0.07				
Nickel	<0.001	<u>&lt;</u> 0.02				
Selenium	<0.001	<u>&lt;</u> 0.05				
Ammonium	*	N/A				

<sup>\*</sup> Not requested

# Lake Ecology Report – Results of 7/8/2022 Domestic Water Tests

#### **DOMESTIC WATER ANALYSIS**

LAB Sample ID: 2022W237

Source: Surface - Lake Water

Date Received: 7/8/2022 Date Reported: 7/28/2022

**CUSTOMER Sample ID: BLP** 

Water Parameters	Results	Drinking Water Guidelines
Electric Conductivity (EC) mmhos/cm	1.29	N/A
рН	7.95	6.5 to 8.5
	mg/L	mg/L
Calcium	90.43	N/A
Magnesium	4.954	N/A
Sodium	33.1	N/A
Potassium	1.604	N/A
Carbonate	0.00	N/A
Bicarbonate	141.21	N/A
Sulfate	389.7	<u>&lt;</u> 250
Nitrate	<0.001	<u>&lt;</u> 44.3
Nitrate-Nitrogen	<0.001	≤10
Nitrite	<0.001	<1
Nitrite-Nitrogen	<0.001	
Total Alkalinity		
as CaCO₃	2.3	≤300
Total Hardness		
as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	223	<u>&lt;</u> 120
Total Dissolved Solids		
	809	<u>&lt;</u> 500

Water	Results	Drinking Water Guidelines		
Parameters	mg/L	mg/L		
Phosphorus	0.514	N/A		
Iron	<0.001	≤0.3		
Manganese	0.008	<u>&lt;</u> 0.05		
Zinc	<0.001	<u>≤</u> 5.0		
Copper	0.002	<u>≤</u> 1.3		
Boron	*	<u>&lt;</u> 2.4		
Aluminum	*	<0.2		
Arsenic	*	<u>&lt;</u> 0.01		
Barium	*	<u>&lt;</u> 2.0		
Cadmium	*	<u>&lt;</u> 0.005		
Chromium	*	<u>≤</u> 0.1		
Fluoride	*	<u>≤</u> 4.0		
Lead	*	<0.15		
Mercury	*	<u>&lt;</u> 0.002		
Molybdenum	*	<u>&lt;</u> 0.07		
Nickel	*	<u>&lt;</u> 0.02		
Selenium	*	<u>&lt;</u> 0.05		
Ammonium	*	N/A		

<sup>\*</sup> Not requested

#### Lake Ecology Report – Results of 7/8/2022 Domestic Water Tests – Result Comments

This water is considered objectionable because it does not meet the SMCL of 250 mg/L for sulfate. Water with sulfate in excess of the SMCL may have a salty taste. Sulfate concentrations greater than 1000 mg/L may have a laxative effect.

This water is considered objectionable because it does not meet the upper limit guideline of 120 mg/L for hardness. Calcium and magnesium are the primary components of water hardness and are essential nutrients. High water hardness can result in scaling of bathtubs, water heaters, pipes, and other plumbing fixtures as well as soap not lathering well

This water is considered objectionable because it does not meet the SMCL of 500 mg/L for TDS. High dissolved solids can leave deposits on glasses and fixtures, cause staining or give water an undesirable taste.

# Lake Ecology Report – Results of 7/8/2022 E.Coli and Fecal Coliform –SAFE FOR SWIMMING

#### LABORATORY RESULTS REPORT

#### **Project Overview:**

Sample(s) were submitted to Environmental Quality Laboratory for analyses on July-11-2022. We performed the following tests: Total E.coli Count SM: 9222-D, 9222-G, 21st Ed (Num. of samples 3); Total Fecal Coliform SM: 9222-D, 9222-G, 21st Ed (Num. of samples 3).

#### **Project Sample Results**

Project Number: 22-162P

EQL ID	Client ID	Site Name	Samp Type
22-366		Cove	Lake
		Test Performed	Results
		Total E.coli Count	18 per 100 mL
		Total Fecal Coliform	20 per 100 mL
EQL ID	Client ID	Site Name	Samp Type
22-367		BLP	Lake
		Test Performed	Results
		Total E.coli Count	31 per 100 mL
		Total Fecal Coliform	33 per 100 mL
EQL ID	Client ID	Site Name	Samp Type
22-368		Trail Beach	Lake
		Test Performed	Results
		Total E.coli Count	20 per 100 mL
			20 per 100 mL 25 per 100 mL

#### **Project QA/QC Report**

EQL ID	Collected	Received	BY	Run	BY	Reported	BY	Samp. Cond.	Samp. Pres
22-366	7/8/2022	7/11/2022 10:59:00 AM	DAR	7/11/2022	DAR	7/12/2022 11:00:00 AM	DAR	Good	4C
22-367	7/8/2022	7/11/2022 10:59:00 AM	DAR	7/11/2022	DAR	7/12/2022 11:00:00 AM	DAR	Good	4C
22-368	7/8/2022	7/11/2022 10:59:00 AM	DAR	7/11/2022	DAR	7/12/2022 11:00:00 AM	DAR	Good	4C

#### **Project Conclusions:**

The State standard for swimming lakes is <235 E. coli / 100 mL

#### **Lake Ecology Report - continued**

We	did not do any stocking in 2022.
	Our normal suppliers were no longer available
	It was too late in the season by time we identified alternate sources
We	continued the 'muck' mitigation program in started in 2020, using
pel	lets that are dispersed several times over the season in three location
– tł	ne cove, the Main Baker Lake Park cove and the Trails beach/dock are
Eac	h area is between one to two acres.
	The primary treatment used is Airmax <sup>®</sup> MuckAway <sup>™</sup> TL (formerly
	Pond Logic®).
	Muck away is a pellet about the size of a quarter containing natural
	beneficial bacteria to aid in the muck decomposition.
	The pellets are environmentally neutral other than
	consumption/conversion of bottom sediment ('muck').
	We measured bottom muck before the first dispersion and again a
	month after the last dispersion
	Results are positive, though vary throughout each location, with
	anywhere between a 25% to 90% decrease in muck depth

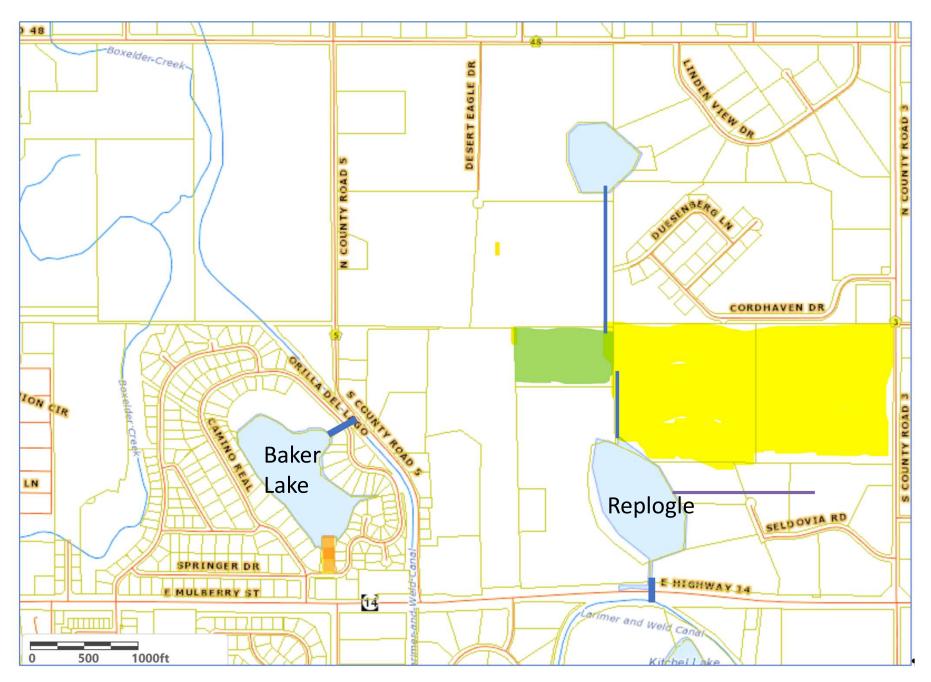
#### **Lake Ecology Report - continued**



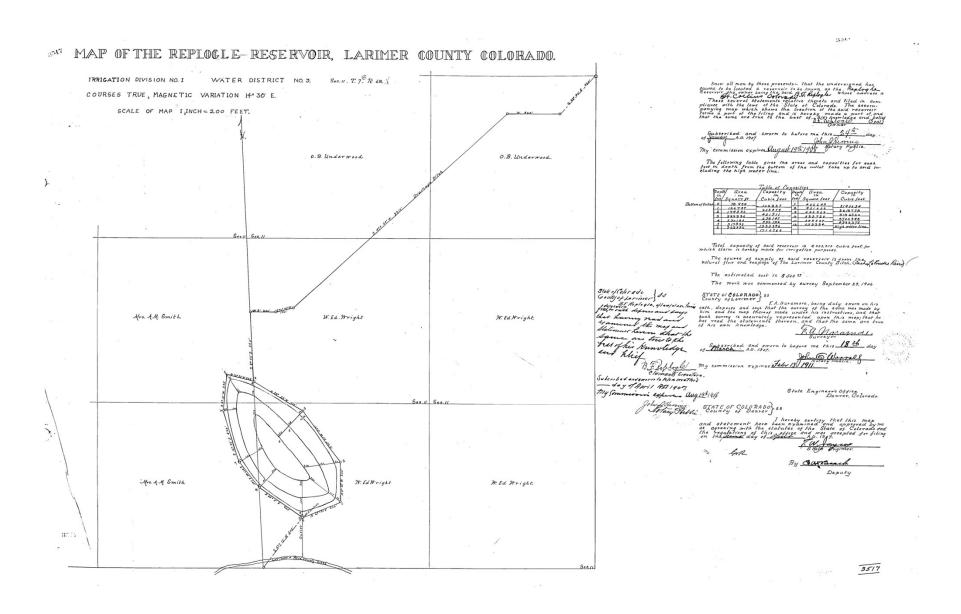




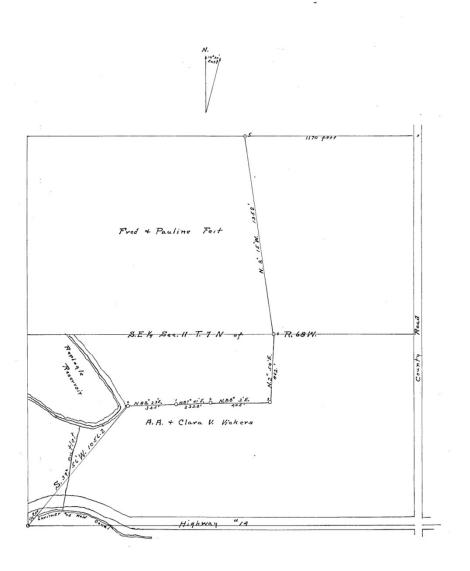
#### **Legal/Business Issues – Overview of Assets - Lance**



#### **Legal/Business Issues – Historical References to Assets - Lance**



#### **Legal/Business Issues – Historical References to Assets - Lance**



map

#### FRASER DRAIN

WATER DISTRICT No. 3 IRRIGATION DIVISION No! Scale 1" = 200' magnetic Va. 14°30 E

statement of claim

Know all man by these presents: That the under signed Alice S. Fisher claimant, whose postoffice address is fort Collins, Colorado, has caused to be located the Fraser Drain as hereinafter mentioned, has made these several statements relative thereto, and filed the same in compliance with the laws of the State of Colorado. The accompanying map shows the location of said drain and forms a part of this filing

The outlet is located at a point on the high water line of the Reptogle Reaservoir from whence the 4 corner on the South line of Section No. I Township No. 7 North of Range No. 68 West of 45 P.M. Larimer County Colorado, bear 3.39 56 W a distance of 1056.2 feet

Second: The Frager Drain is a so inch tile of sufficient depth in the ground to collect the supplies water in the soil through which it is placed. The grade of said tile is \$5 test per soon feet.

The lareth of said tile is \$507.8 feet.

Third: The carrying apparity of said soil tile is \$100.8 cubic feet per second of time for which claim is hereby made for irrigation purposes.

Fourth: Work was commanced by survey for filing on the ct day of March 1953.

Fifth: The water from the Fracer Drain is used by exchange with the Laviner on Weld Canal.

Sixth: The Frager Drain is located in the cache La. Poudre drainage.

alice 5. Fisher Claimant

STATE of COLORADO) COUNTY of LARIMER )

W.J.M. Anelly being Suly sworn on his oath, deposes and says that he is the engineer of the France Drain; that the map thereof were made by him and that such survey is accurately represented upon this map: that he has read the statements thereon, and that the same are true of his own knowledge.

Subscribed and sworn to before the this 11th day of March HD 1853.

My Commission expires Tournber 13, 1856 Telen M. Morinitore Public

Accepted for filling in the office of the State Engineer of Colorado on the 19th day of March 1958

## Legal/Business Issues - Lance

- Weld County Water project on hold for this summer review map
- ☐ In 1992 the Association was deeded ownership of tile drains and water collection system North and East of Replogle. (see map 2/3)
- ☐ Articles/By-laws regarding the disposing of assets (Water Rights / Replogle Lake / Park lot)
  - ☐ Strictly speaking, the disposing, conveying, selling, leasing, or dedicating of any asset owned by the Association requires "assent of ninety percent (90%) of all Members of the association."
  - ☐ Not an easy threshold to attain.

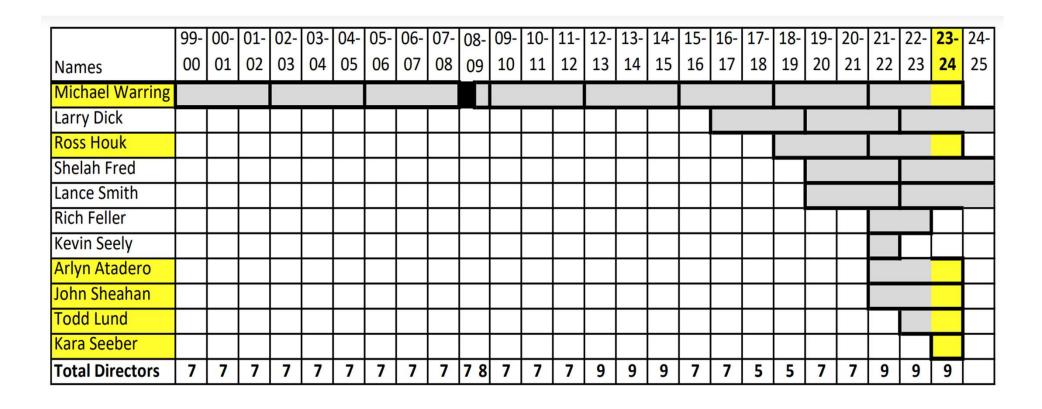
# Legal/Business Issues - continued

- Bylaws state that the Board "shall maintain the property and water rights and make repairs and replacements as may be required to keep the same in a good state of condition and repair."
- Articles/By-Laws concerning the acquiring of assets (future water shares) is spelled out in line Q of the bylaws and grants the board complete discretion and ability to acquire (by gift, purchase, or otherwise) property and water rights pertaining to the association.
- ☐ So, it's much easier for the Association to get into new projects than to get out of them.

### **Board Member's Status – Todd**

Ц	There are no Board replacements this year
	There have been 43 different Directors in the 31 years that we've existed
	In the last 12 or so months, two Directors have resigned mid-term,
	resulting in our recruiting replacements – of which I am one!
	The longest serving current Director is entering his 24th year
	6 of us up here will complete our current terms by this time next year
	We always need new Directors <u>and volunteers</u> from the community –
	we may need up to six new Directors next year.
	The commitments are easy, as it turns out
	☐ There are maybe 6 or 7 meetings a year, lasting about 2 hours each
	☐ Each Director should serve as the point person in some area
	☐ Some roles are specific to the Board, with defined tasks —
	President, Vice President and Treasurer for instance
	☐ Other roles lend themselves to additional volunteer community
	involvement and assistance – Lake Ecology for instance
	☐ Some tasks are shared, with a point person – the neighborhood
	brunch, clean up day, the car show
	☐ We ask that Directors commit to a three-year term

#### **Board Member's Status – Todd**



#### **Baker Lake Park Overview – Shelah**

☐ We are seeing more vandalism at the park and need help in policing it
Rocks from the shoreline are always being tossed into the lake,
creating risks to swimmers and exposing the shoreline to erosion
☐ Signage is being damaged – a "thin ice" sign was broken off,
leaving a very dangerous post sticking up out of the ground
The goose fencing is being damaged regularly
The dock broom to clean up the goose dung regularly goes missing
The locks on the shed get tampered with
The toys in the play area "walk off"
The porta-potty is "misused", creating a real mess to be serviced
☐ Policing is as simple as taking pictures, calling the sheriff and calling
out bad behavior when you see it. Every member should help with
policing – not just Board members – its OUR neighborhood and OUR
property.

#### **Baker Lake Park Overview – Continued**

Any	one can:
	Help keep the goose fence in place
	Report damaged property and vandalism
	Help clean up – there's no garbage service at the park, folks
	should pack out whatever they pack in
	Use the dog waste bags, they are right there at the sign
	PICK UP COTTONWOOD PODS THAT HAVE DROPPED FROM THE
	TREES BEFORE THEY "EXPLODE" and become free floating
	cottonwood
Oth	er:
	We are rethinking the porta-potty: it is quite expensive (\$100+
	per month) and invites use/abuse from nonmembers. All for?
	There is a drop box behind the sign at the park for dues (save a
	stamp!) and messages you might want to leave
	Over time, we anticipate thinning out the cottonwoods, as they
	draw an incredible amount of water and are messy year round

# Web Page Report

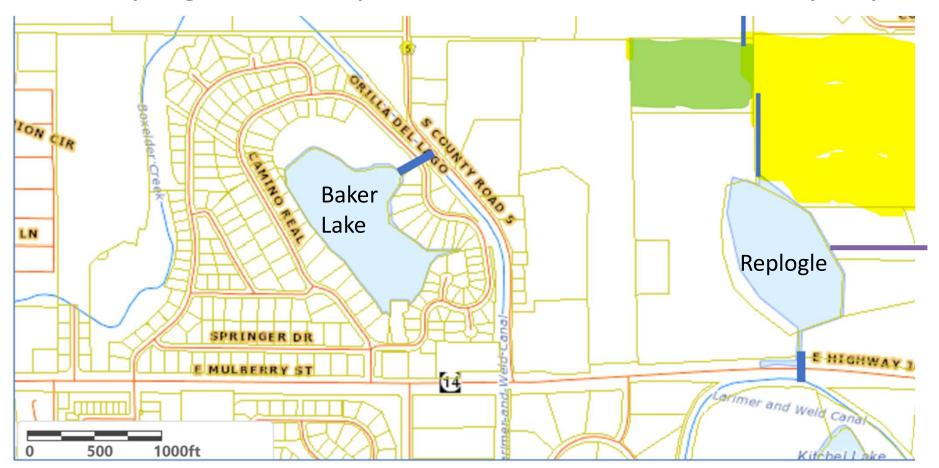
- ☐ Sign-in Page by Invitation
- Directory Integration
- ☐ When Directory is Publish Submit Changes as Needed

#### **Community Events / Needs - Shelah**

July	4th Picnic and Parade
	The 4th of July is just around the corner.
	We are looking for volunteers to help make it a spectacular
	community celebration.
	If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Shelah Fred at
	970-817-2220.
Nei	ghborhood Links
	Community group that welcomes new residents to the
	neighborhood
	We are looking for someone who can lead the group.
	We already have many volunteers to do the hands-on / day to day
	work.
	Need someone who can organize the volunteers and lead meetings.
VBR	A sponsored events to foster community involvement and enjoyment,
such	n as the Car Show. <b>Second Annual Car Show on July 3</b>

# Water Report - Larry Where/how we get water:

- ☐ We own one share of Larimer & Weld Ditch Co. water and one share of Windsor Reservoir water.
- ☐ Used Replogle to "swap" water with the Ditch Company

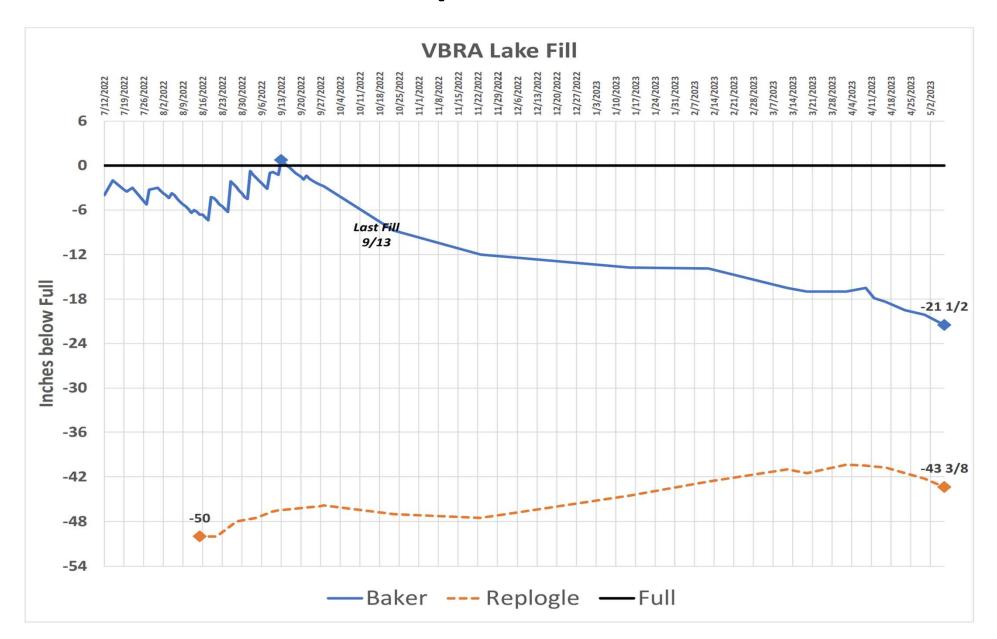


#### **Water Report - Continued**

#### **Baker Lake Fill Record for 2022:**

The Lake began the season down 28", substantially lower than previous years.
The first fill was on May 10 <sup>th</sup> . For 2022, our water share only allowed a weir
setting of 2.6 compared to roughly an 8-9 setting from previous years. Yearly
water allocation is set by the Ditch Co. and affects how much volume we receive.
For the first run we decided to use Replogle swap water knowing that it will
impact the reservoirs ability to recover. The first fill used 34" of Replogle water.
We did not use Replogle again for the remainder of the season.
Replogle went from 17" down at the start of the season to 51" down after the 1st
fill. As of today, it is currently down 41".
Over the course of the season we added water to Baker Lake 10 times, for a total
of 52" of water using our water shares, swap water and purchased rental water.
The last fill from our water share allocation was early September. We then
purchased 5 days of Rental water for \$1000 from the Ditch Co. and were able to
bring Baker Lake to the full mark on <b>Sept. 12</b> th, which was the last water run.
Starting in July, weekly lake level readings were taken to establish a baseline of
water requirements for future planning purposes.

#### **Water Report - Continued**



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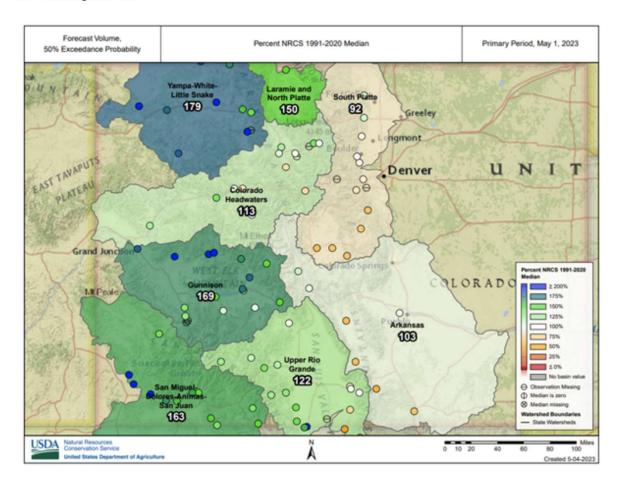
# Replogle before 2022 draw down

# Replogle AFTER 2022 draw down

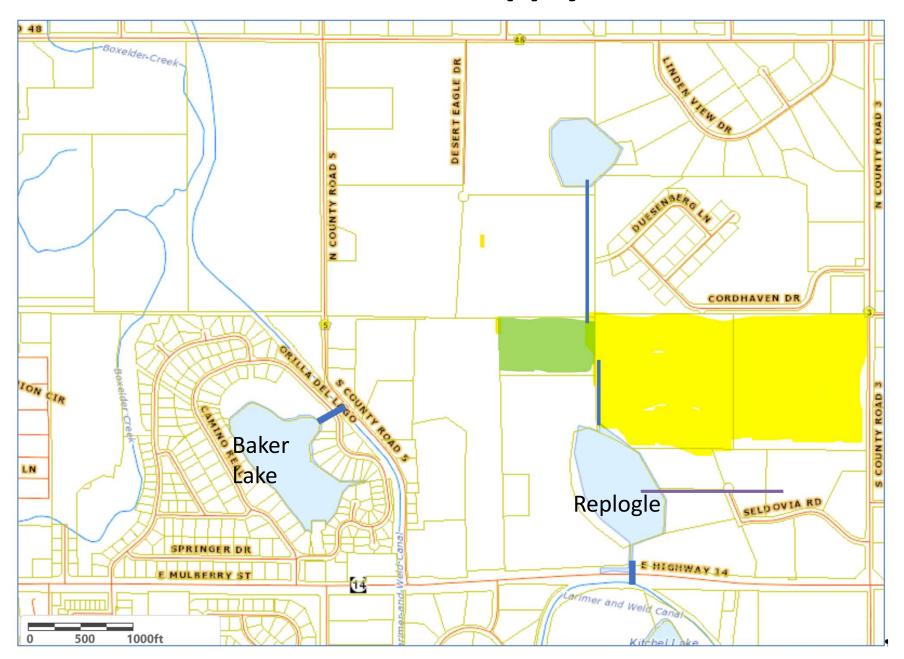


#### **Future Water Supply Plans – 5/4 State Report**

entire state. NRCS Hydrologist Karl Wetlaufer commented "Peak snowpack and streamflow forecasts for the full April-July runoff period vary widely across the state this year. While much of Western Colorado should expect a continuing trend of above normal streamflow, much of the Arkansas and South Platte basins are forecasted for well below normal seasonal runoff volumes." Portions of the Colorado River headwaters and portions of the Rio Grande River basins are also anticipated to have below normal streamflow over the coming month.



### **Future Water Supply Plans**



#### **Future Water Supply Plans - Larry**

We are facing a water supply crisis to manage Bake Lake
Replogle no longer receives irrigation runoff.
☐ Two properties that were major sources of irrigation runoff to Replogle no
longer have water attached to them – the water rights were sold off.
☐ Upstream dredging has affected a small amount of Replogle refill water that
came from a third property to the north east of Replogle.
$\square$ Bottom line - we cannot rely on Replogle as a source of swap water.
Michael and I met with the Colorado Division of Water Resources.
Securing a new source of water is very complicated and expensive for a very
scarce resource.
Water conservation best practices must be followed starting now. We will put
together and distribute a "best practices" document soon.
Whether to regulate homeowners drawing water for irrigation purposes may be
a consideration in the future – conservation, time restrictions, number of days,
etc.
The Board's short-term plan is to purchase rental water when and if it becomes
available to supplement our water shares.
Members should anticipate that Baker Lake levels will fluctuate quite a bit
compared to past years and will likely be lower than we are all used to.

#### **Future Water Supply Plans - Continued**

☐ Based on historical data, we will need to add between 48" and 55" of
water to Baker Lake during a typical summer season.
$\square$ In addition to our water shares, we will need at least 30-35 days of
rental water estimated to cost between \$4,500 and \$10,500,
depending on rental water availability and pricing (\$150 - \$300 per
day, historically).
$\square$ We are assuming 35 days at \$200 per day, the rate we paid in 2022,
or \$7,000 for this year.
☐ The number of days needed is based on:
water lost to evaporation
water used in irrigation
The estimates of days needed is based on:
water level measurements we've taken over time
historical share allocations we've received, which vary every year
discussions with ditch company personnel

#### **Future Water Supply Plans - Continued**

U	For the long term, in order to have sufficient water for Baker Lake, we need
	to purchase more water shares.
	They are extremely scarce and extremely expensive.
	☐ Based on 2022 prices, we would have needed approximately \$1.5M tota for the river and reservoir shares required for a complete first fill and subsequent maintenance level near full, based on a typical water availability year.
	To meet our long-term water needs, we will need input and involvement
	from the VB community to keep Baker Lake the center piece of our
	neighborhood.
	<ul> <li>Communications are a challenge – a grass roots advocacy effort would help</li> </ul>
	Divesting assets is our only real opportunity to raise sufficient funds
	☐ Replogle and the related drainage tiles lines and easements are about all we have to sell
	We need assistance researching and negotiating any such
	divestment, including tax consequences.

# Wrap up and General Questions