



# Merry Mountain Owners' Assoc. Inc.

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## ANNUAL MERRY MOUNTAIN BOARD MEETING PICNIC AREA BEHIND SWIMMING POOL SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

GUEST SPEAKER: Gary Bradley, Foothill Valley Pool explained what repairs were completed to keep our swimming pool safe and made suggestions for future care.

GUEST SPEAKER: Jim Houtman, Director of Forest Health with Butte County Fire Safety Council spoke to members regarding fuel reduction, mastication, chipping and prescribed fire in our area. Mr. Houtman advised members to contact PG&E if they have concerns regarding downed trees left behind or other issues, although it might take numerous calls. For people that are elderly or disabled, a form is available to request assistance for creating defensible space around their house from Butte County Fire Safety Council. Jim Houtman can be contacted at [jimh@buttefiresafe.net](mailto:jimh@buttefiresafe.net) or 530-762-9717.

GUEST SPEAKER: Bill Connelly, Supervisor, First District addressed members about his concern regarding the high cost of fire insurance. He spoke about the removal of the structure just outside of Merry Mountain that was completed recently. He thanked the members for their patience and determination. He also discussed the tax increase in Butte County and its distribution. He can be reached at [bconnelly@buttecounty.net](mailto:bconnelly@buttecounty.net) or 530-538-6834.

### ANNUAL BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY RODNEY AMES @11:02

Roll Call : Present members: President Rodney Ames, Vice-President Pedro Amaral, CFO Tom Houle, Member at Large Jack Colombo and Secretary Alana Tupasi.

Guest present: Christina Allmon, Hignell Representative

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Poggi, Trudy Hiatt, Dan Winklebleck, Rhonda Roediger, Peggy-Simeroth-Ames, Leslie and Rand Collins, Tamara Welton, Tim and Jill McCarthy, David and Annie Knox, Andree Buckner, Bonnie and Steve Bligh, Maria Pugnalin, Kevin Szczurek, John and Irene McCormack, Ralph and Tamie Osequera, Gary Bunch, Brenda and Mike Padilla, Justin Madewell, Susan Houle, Steve and Sherry Curran, Andy Wing, Chad and Lisa Wing, Monyca Casas, Jon Cochran, Mary-Lou Lauck, Brett and Janet Wing, Sean and Nathalie Thomas.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Rodney Ames updated members regarding projects completed: well repairs, inspection and repair of all water meters, pool maintenance, replacement of water valve, volunteer clean-up day, water boxes rebuilt as needed, snow equipment, and roof repair on shed.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Pedro Amaral explained to the members the water system issues. The Cranmer Company is testing our water and it has been safe and asbestos -free. Pedro shared the information regarding the importance of using an Anti-Syphon Valve when watering to prevent contamination. He also discussed the property responsibility of each lot owner and the area near the road being the responsibility of the Association . The Browning Company has tested our water system and results are pending . All wells are working at this time.

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT:** Tom Houle spoke to the members regarding the operating costs and accounts (available on request). He also explained that two lots were delinquent on assessments. A motion was raised to put these lots into collections; unanimous vote by board of directors.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Jack Colombo addressed the members with a update regarding the vehicles. A new concrete cutter has been purchased and is scheduled to be used to cut out the tree roots on the roads and make necessary repairs. The pool has been a priority this season and is in good repair. The common area is gradually being cleared and improved. Bill Connelly stated that he would look into possible grants for our water system improvements, but gave no promises.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Architectural: Peggy-Simeroth-Ames delivered a report on the various projects completed including tree removals and deck extensions.

**SAFETY:** The Emergency Alert System siren was tested at 12 noon.

**FIRE WISE:** Rand Collins talked about the success of the recent volunteer clean up event and thanked all parties that participated. Some lots that are overgrown and unsafe to the community will be receiving letters regarding their responsibilities. Please use the NEW attached form for hours spent removing branches, leaves, etc from lots. This is the current acceptable form to receive matching funds from Butte County. These are also available at the office. Members that are not presently on the call multiplier list ( to be notified via telephone when an emergency occurs) can submit their name and number to Rand.

**FUND RAISING & IMPROVEMENTS:** Mike Padilla reminded the members of the annual Rib Cook Off scheduled for September 27, 2025. Tickets are \$25 for ribs, side dishes, and music. Leslie Collins announced that the Holiday Fare will be held on November 8, 2025. Baskets for raffles and crafters are needed. More information coming soon.

**CLIPPER MILLS FIRE STATION:** Mary Lou Lauck reminded the members about the fund raising Bingo games every second Saturday of each month. Must be 18 or older to participate. Refreshments available for purchase.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Construction of the Pavilion

Installing the gate at the end of Holiday

Dogs on leashes, excessive barking ( If you have a complaint regarding excessive barking, please contact Animal Control)

Speed limit in the village 15 MPH !

Raising the siren for better results

NEW BUSINESS: Road repairs

Clearing and cleaning common areas

Town Hall meeting delayed, rescheduled soon

Tom Houle is no longer on the board

CFO position is replaced by Jack Colombo ( vote was 3 to 1 in Jack's favor)

Kathryn Lardizabal is now a director on the board ( position to be determined)

OPEN COMMENTS TO THE BOARD

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS OCTOBER 11, 2025 at 10:00 am in office.

MEETING ADJOURNED BY Rodney at 11:59

LUNCH CATERED by ANTONIO'S QUICK LUNCH

DESSERTS WERE DONATED BY GENEROUS MEMBERS !

Thank you.

Submitted by Alana Tupasi