

Meeting with NPS and management of Lake Mead RV Village at the Request of the Lakeshore Trailer Owners Association.
April 22, 2023

Robin Dickinson introduced the guest speakers.
LMRVV manager Randell Hoffman
NPS: Julie Drugatz, Chief, Commercial Services Division
Nicole Williams, Concession Specialist

Superintendent Mike Dauthier of Mojave Reserve is current acting director of Lake Mead NPS and is a good candidate for the permanent position. He favors people using and enjoying the lake. Julie expressed that they were hoping he will be chosen for the Senior Executive Service position, a position appointed by heads of the National Park Service. This process has just begun, and it may take a year.

What is the status of the lake? Water elevation was 1046' last week, 1048 this week. Lake Powell is currently gaining 6-9" a day in April. Administrators of water resources hope to release more to Lake Mead. The hope is for water level to come back into the 1060's. For the last two summers, the Bureau of Land Management has released 700,000 acre feet of water. This year's projection is 950,000 acre feet.

Lowest water levels are usually around July 4. Current levels are 10' higher than earlier predictions. Things are looking up, but it will take a number of years to return lake to "normal" levels.

Site Rates are going up: A \$20 increase takes effect in June. This is the last increment of the rate increases previously approved by the Park Service. There will probably be another increase next year, but any future raises must be approved by Park Service before implementation.

Internet: Randell is looking to getting a contract with LVNet for cable in the park. He is also hoping to improve cable. There are issues with the cables themselves. At the annual meeting, there were questions about visitors having the ability to suspend cable service when they are not in residence. J.D. Peoples, owner of LV.Net, said that LVNet will put service on vacation for \$10.00 per month if visitors call billing to request it.

Electrical Pedestals: Power is an ongoing issue at some mobile homes. Those with issues should contact Randell. AllState Electric is the electrical business working on them.

Launch ramps: NPS is hoping to get enough water to Lake Mead to get to hard dirt for the ramps. There should be 4 ramps open this summer. NPS has launch ramp alerts on their websites.

NPS/Bureau of Reclamation plans for the future: A updated sustainable low water operation plan will be presented in August and will be open for public comment for 30 days. After that time, NPS officials will make their decision concerning long term guidelines for water sustainability.

Concerning Guest Services taking over Boulder Beach Campgrounds: The contract between the Park Service and Guest Services is year-to-year. A permanent concession contract takes years to put into place, and the process has not begun. Because of that, Lake Mead RV Village will stay as is for the foreseeable future. The intent is to include Boulder Camp Ground when the more permanent long-term contract is awarded.

Electric bikes on paved River Mountain trail. Superintendents' compendium available on the NPS website gives details. Most electric bikes are of the power range that has been approved. Riders should give walkers and other respect and space.

Citations for golf carts within the park: We can use golf carts within the Village. Boulder Campground is off limits because it is not in the contract between Guest Services and NPS. It is always a good idea to keep a low profile when riding around. Drunk driving and driving recklessly could still earn a ticket.

Cottonwood Campground is under a multi-year lease, as opposed to the year-to-year contracts of LMRVV. In the future, LMRVV may come under a lease agreement, also.

Speed bumps need to be painted. Randell affirmed that will be done. Potholes are repaired as they are reported. Streets will not be repaved until all the water/sewer/electrical work is done.

Can we get solar lights at intersections? Yes.

Can NPS offer a daily fee? No. Fees are set by the national office.

Plans for online bill pay. Randell said yes, they are working on it.

New system is requiring entry scan of pass holders' cards. In order to have more accurate visitor counts, cards are being scanned at the gates. Also in place are cameras tracking vehicles and license plates coming in and out of the park.

Questions about Trees: Maintenance of trees on individual properties is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Questions about tippers: IT has been difficult to get vendors to come out to service the forklift. Tippers will be unavailable until the forklift is fixed. The office is working on it.

The spring inspection of the trailer park will be soon. Fireman will inspect along with the NPS inspector. They will assess fuel loads and number of vehicles on the lots. All vehicles in the park need to be licensed, even in dry storage. Setback is 5' from property line. No indoor furniture can be on decks, nor can washing machines. Weeds should be removed, but homeowners may not spray for weeds. Rock salt might be an alternative. If there are questions concerning what may be of concern, check the items in the lease agreement.

Can boats/cars /golf carts left in parking area when not in present? Rules say yes. Number of vehicles depends on the space available. Guidelines are in documents found on the LTOA website.

Drina Fried gave a pitch for her suicide-prevention book *End Suicide and Homicide and the Harm in Between.* by Drina Fried, EDD

Robin offered an Invitation to join LTOA.
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Hug, LTOA secretary

