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President's Message

The SNRA Board approved the Annual Assessment in accordance with the 5-year plan that was announced last year. The 2026-2027 budget will reflect an annual increase of 10% in the assessment. The $60 increase will raise the annual assessment to $665.

The proposed budget and ballot will be emailed separately and posted on the website in about 2 weeks.

Ballots will be counted at the General Meeting to be held on October 11th at 9am in the Cal Shasta Clubhouse.

Lee Johnson, SNRA President

Thank You!

Each month we acknowledge those who freely give of their time and energy to support SNRA and our members. This month we'd like to offer our sincerest appreciation to ...

- **Russ Johnson for the careful and detailed planning of the road work to minimize traffic holdups and for sending out schedule updates.**
- **Lee Davis and Leo Kennedy for planning and overseeing the installation of the new electronics at the front gate.**
- **Cindy McGee for years of producing Newsletters and for connecting with Constant Contact to improve communication with the members.**

Emergency Calling List/Phone Tree ELIMINATED!!!

In Lieu of the antiquated Emergency Call List, our SlickText Emergency Text System will be used for emergencies and road alerts.

Emergency Text Alert System

QR Sign Up Code

Or

Text snra411 to 866-467-0474.

Contact your community representative if you need further information or help signing up for SlickText.

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Cal Shasta:	Ken Thomas	805-239-4269
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SNRA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

June 28, 2026

Call to order:
The meeting was called to order by President Lee Davis at 9:00 AM at the Cal-Shasta Clubhouse.

Roll Call:
Ken Thomas (VP), Sue Kennedy (Treas.) Ken Thomas & Rick Dodge (Cal Shasta), Russ Johnson & Cynthia Boe (Private Owners), Leo Kennedy & Roger Staben (Running Deer), Brent McClurg (South Shore) and Bob Davidson – sub. (Tri-Counties).

Visitors: Ken McAlister, Dana Davidson & Susie Johnson

Meeting Business:
1. Front Gate upgrade: Lee Davis said the reason for calling the meeting is to present and discuss the information that has been gathered by Lee and Leo Kennedy related to the upgrade of the Running Deer Gate technology. They put together a scope of work and got bids from several contractors for the project. Lee said the job breaks down into two parts: the camera and the gate opener. Both parts require some internet connection and Starlink seems to be the best option in that location.
The camera - With internet access, a new security camera could be managed remotely. There was discussion about what kind and how many cameras. For starters, one mounted on the tall light post.
The gate opener – An internet-based connection between the keypad and the opening mechanism replacing the phone (AT&T) based connection. Make sure code changes can be made remotely.
Wi Fi access could be made available at the gate for guests whose cell phones don't work there.
Bids from 4 contractors were distributed and Lee reviewed the pros and cons. ML Entry Gates was the only bid addressing updating and connecting the keypad to Starlink. Of the other bids only John Whitford's offered complete camera and Starlink installation. Whitford and ML often coordinate on projects and Lee recommended accepting those two bids. There was a lot of discussion on what and how and which contractors.
MOTION: made by Roger Staben to install Starlink and one hardwired 4K camera on the tall post, get remote internet access to gate modem and cancel AT&T account when possible. Cynthia Boe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Lee and Leo will contact John Whitford Communications and ML Entry Gates.

2. Contractor Road Work: Russ Johnson presented the proposed work and the Ferravanti contract along with the spreadsheet detailing the locations, work to be done and cost breakdown. Russ went over the details. He said work would begin about July 27 and run, off and on, until about August 20.
MOTION: made by Leo Kennedy to accept the proposed bid. Roger Staben seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Emergency Calling List: Susie Johnson, who has been managing it for the past 2 years, asked if the Emergency Calling List was still needed or useful. With the Emergency Text system, SNRA411, in place, the calling tree seems to be outdated. After some discussion all members agreed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:45AM.

SNRA BOARD MEETING

August 9, 2026

Call to order:
The meeting was called to order by President Lee Davis at 9:00 AM at the Cal-Shasta Clubhouse.

Roll Call:
Ken Thomas (VP), Sue Kennedy (Treas.) Phil Humfrey - sub., Ken Thomas & Rick Dodge (Cal Shasta), Russ Johnson & Susie Johnson – sub. (Private Owners), Leo Kennedy (Running Deer), Faron Goodwin & Bob Davidson - sub. (Tri-Counties).

Visitors: Dana Davidson

President's Message:
The SNRA Board is upgrading technology at the Running Deer gate by installing Starlink connectivity. This upgrade will support the replacement of the outdated keypad and camera systems while enabling SNRA to discontinue its costly AT&T landline service.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:
The Minutes of the March meeting, as published in the Newsletter, were presented for approval. MOTION: Leo Kennedy made a motion to approve the Minutes; Russ Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:
Invoices were presented for payment: To Cindy McGee, $35.62 for Constant Contact trial subscription.
MOTION: Russ Johnson made a motion to pay; Ken Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
The Treasurer's Report was presented. Sue said that since the report covers 5 months, she would just note unusual expenses. Opening Balance March 1st was $82,324.32. Closing Balance July 31st was $254,854.74. Income from assessments of $187,933. Larger expenses: Text system annual fee, $470; weed spraying – materials and labor, $4,288.86 and partial payment on the new electronics for the front gate $7,643.63.
MOTION: Faron Goodwin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Leo Kennedy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:
Electric Gate –
Leo Kennedy gave out the guest/contractor gate codes.
Lee Davis reported that the new equipment for the front gate upgrade has been installed and is up and running. The project included Starlink connection, a camera and gate control keypad system all of which can now be managed remotely. The keypad and gate clickers will continue to function as they have.
Each community will have a representative with access to the remote functions.
To be put on the email list for guest/contractor monthly code, contact Leo Kennedy at: kennedyrir@gmail.com.

Membership –
New members in Cal Shasta: Shandon & Shawn Wynn and Nolan Ross. In Running Deer Ranch: Frank Hanson and Dave & Luciell Crocker. Welcome all!

Budget & Maintenance –
1. Road Maintenance: Russ Johnson has emailed and texted detailed information on the schedule for the contractor road work. The prep work by Ferravanti Paving is about 90% complete. This week (8/10 -8/14) will be busy with patching and chip sealing. August 19 & 20 the roads will be seal coated with road closures for extended periods.

Budget & Maintenance –
2. Approval of Annual Assessment: Last year, the Road Committee presented a 5-year plan for contractor work with a 10% annual increase in the assessment, to be evaluated each year. MOTION: Ken Thomas made a motion to increase the assessment by $60 to $665 for 2026-27; Leo Kennedy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. A Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2026 -27 was presented by Sue Kennedy and Russ Johnson.
MOTION: Leo Kennedy made a motion to accept the Proposed Budget which will go to the membership for approval at the October 11, 2026 meeting; Russ Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Note: It was decided after the meeting to send the Proposed Budget and Ballot to the members in a separate emailing and post it on the website by early September.

Fire & Emergency Response Committee –
Fire Prevention: Russ said the grant for the roadside tree cutting project (5 ft. back and 20 ft. up) on SNRA roads has been approved but the funding is not yet in place. Fire Safe Council is working on the distribution. There is also a grant request for the same work on Chimney Rock Rd.
Emergency Notifications: Lee said there are now about 300 subscribers to the SNRA411 Text system. He asked whether the Emergency Calling List/Phone Tree was still a viable way to contact the community in an emergency. After some discussion it was agreed that that list wasn't very useful. For most members the text system is faster and more likely at hand when needed. It was agreed to remove the Calling List from the website and further promote the SNRA411 Text system. All area reps. were asked to be sure their members have access – put it in their newsletters. Russ also mentioned that each area should have or make an Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Old Business:
Damage to the mailboxes at the front gate. Joanne Russell in Running Deer contacted the post office and was told the boxes, though installed by USPS are now the responsibility of the box "owners" for repair and maintenance. USPS has assigned new boxes to the owners of the vandalized ones.

New Business: None

Website: None

Newsletter:
1) Cindy McGee has been trying to find a more efficient system for emailing the 500+ addresses on the Newsletter list. Constant Contact, a subscription program, provides easier mailing, better formatting, a way to track unopened/unused emails and better access from different computers. It costs $295/year. The Board was in.

2) Thank You to:
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2. Lee Davis and Leo Kennedy for planning and overseeing the installation of the new electronics at the front gate.
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Three Minutes for Members to Address the Board: None

Announcements:
Cal Shasta will be hosting a **Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 12 noon to 3:00 PM**. Artisans and crafters who want to share your work, contact Gale McAbee (661) 549-3069.

Next Meeting: **The Annual Members Meeting**. **Sunday, October 11** at 9:00 AM at the Cal-Shasta Clubhouse. The vote on the Proposed Budget will be tallied.

Adjournment:
Ken Thomas moved to adjourn; Susie Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54AM.

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- Drift wood items • Oak tables & benches
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- Hand made jewelry • Knitted scarves • Yard art
- Carved bears • Laser engraved items with the dragon: glassware, insulated cups, keychains, etc.
- New this year: engraved whiskey decanter & glasses and cork floating keychains with the dragon!

Many more creative items in the works!

AVAILABLE LUNCH:
DEEP PIT PORK SANDWICHES
& MAYBE HOT DOGS

ANY QUESTIONS?
Call Gale McAbee
(661) 549-3069

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We can't wait to see you there!

Announcements!

The next SNRA General Meeting will be on Sunday, October 11th, 2026.
Please notify Lee Davis if you have business to be put on the agenda.
Meetings are held in the Cal-Shasta Clubhouse at 9:00 AM.

Please Observe Procedures For Large Transport!

There is a procedure in place for bringing in a large transport, like a modular home, designed to protect the roads from damage along the way. They can be found on the SNRA website:

SouthNacimientoRoadAssociation.com

2026 SNRA Meeting Schedule

October 11
November 8

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Constant Contact

We have a new emailing system through Constant Contact which allows a more efficient workflow and statistical data feedback which will help us enhance our communication to members over time.

Please notify us of any changes in your email address!

If you have opened an email from us, we will know it; if you haven't, the system will notify us as well. This information will assist us in eliminating old and inaccurate email addresses.

Running Deer Gate Upgrade

The SNRA Board upgraded the technology at the Running Deer gate by installing Starlink connectivity. The upgrade supports the replacement of the outdated keypad and camera systems while enabling SNRA to discontinue its costly AT&T landline service. The installation of the Starlink connection, new camera and updated gate control keypad system have been completed. The keypad and gate clickers will continue to function as they have in the past.

Nacimiento Reservoir Data

As of August 9th, 2026 MCWRA reports:

- Surface lake elevation: 756'
- Capacity: 46%
- Lake water release: 408 cfs

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