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#### **MVFA UPDATE**

by MVFA Board of Directors

September in Mosquito: A Season of Service and Stewardship

As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, September brings more than just the promise of autumn—it renews our commitment to community, compassion, and connection. For the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA), this season is a time to reflect on our shared purpose and the many ways we come together to support one another.

Whether it's a warm meal shared at a community dinner, a food basket



delivered to a neighbor in need, or a quiet moment spent walking the trails at Finnon Lake, MVFA's mission is woven into the everyday fabric of Mosquito life. Our volunteers continue to dedicate time, energy, and heart to ensure uplifting support for our community.

This month, we celebrate:

- Hosting of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Gold Pan Open Disc Golf Tournament.
- Firehouse Crafters: Handmade goods continue to raise funds for small equipment and station needs. Stop by and see what's new at the Fall Festival in October!
- Bird Watch Walk: Held the second Saturday at 8:00 AM at Finnon Reservoir. Last month's walk featured 34 California Quail, 18 Acorn Woodpeckers, and a majestic Bald Eagle.
- Finnon Lake Recreation Area: As leaves begin to turn, it's the perfect time to enjoy the campground, disc golf course, or a peaceful lakeside picnic. This self-sustaining property thrives thanks to volunteer hours and campground proceeds.

MVFA remains an independent nonprofit, distinct from the Mosquito Fire Protection District, yet united in purpose when called upon to assist. Our Station 75 fund continues to manage community-directed donations for fire department use, ensuring transparency and impact.

As we step into fall, let's carry forward the spirit of September—thoughtful, generous, and true to our mission. Thank you for being part of this remarkable community.

#### **MVFA SWAG**

Looking to sport some community spirit? Explore the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association's collection of **Mosquito T-shirts and Sweatshirts**, available in a variety of sizes and fresh colors! With newly added styles, there's something for everyone, so be sure to check out the latest selections.





MVFA apparel, along with local phone books, are conveniently available for purchase at the diner during regular business hours or at MVFA-sponsored events.

For personalized orders or special requests, feel free to reach out to us at <a href="MVFA95667@gmail.com">MVFA95667@gmail.com</a>. Show your support, stay stylish, and represent Mosquito proudly!

#### **MVFA CRV RECYCLE PROGRAM**



The MVFA Recycle Program continues to provide a valuable resource of dedicated funding for the Mosquito Fire Station to be utilized by the department at the Fire Chief's request. Your participation in this program is appreciated and is benefiting our fire department!

Please drop off bags of **Plastic Bottles** and **Aluminum Cans (Sorry no Glass)** at the back of Station 75. Note: Lids and caps on plastic bottles must be removed before they can be redeemed. Lids and caps can be included for redemption. Stay green, stay responsible, and happy recycling!

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Fall Festival at Finnon Lake - Free Lunch 10 am - 3 pm October 11, 2025 Trunk-R-Treat at Station 75 - 6 pm - 8 pm October 25, 2025 Christmas Craft Sale at Station 75 - 10 am - 2 pm November 15, 2025 Christmas Dinner at Station 75 - Free Dinner 5:30 pm December 6, 2025

The next MVFA Board meeting will be on **Thursday, September 18th** at 3:00 pm at the Diner

#### **47TH ANNUAL GOLD PAN OPEN**

The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association is proud to once again partner with the Bryson Family to host the 47th Annual Gold Pan Open Disc Golf Tournament, which is part of the Western States Disc Golf Championship NorCal Series 2025.

Held at the Finnon Lake Recreation Area (FLRA) Disc Golf Course, this long-standing event pits PDGA member competitors in 11 divisions. The Bryson Family's dedication has helped shape the Gold Pan Open into one of the region's most anticipated gatherings, and MVFA is honored to support its mission of recreation, connection, and community involvement.





Volunteer Fire Association

Proceeds from the tournament benefit MVFA's efforts to enhance the FLRA Disc Golf Course. With multiple divisions, a complex course, and stiff competition, the event will be a challenge for all participants.

Date: September 27-28, 2025

Location: Finnon Lake Recreation Area Disc Golf Course

Start Time: 8:30 AM

#### SENIORS MEAL SERVICES

El Dorado County Senior Nutrition offers Home Delivered Meals for individuals 60 years of age or older who are homebound either temporarily or permanently, and unable to shop for their own food or prepare their own meals. Home delivered meal service is available to help them meet their nutritional needs. Dedicated, caring volunteers deliver meals Wednesday's, while also checking in on the well-being of each participant -- bringing peace of mind to clients and their families. Our goal is to provide nutritious meals and social contact to support overall wellness that will enable participants to remain living independently and with dignity in their own homes. Frozen meals for weekends and holidays are available upon request. Call today to see if you qualify! 530-621-6160

https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Services/Assistance-Programs/Seniors/Senior-Services/Senior-Nutrition-Services

#### **BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE**

Every second Saturday of the month, early risers gather at Finnon Reservoir for a peaceful 1.5-mile walk that's anything but ordinary. The monthly Bird Watch Walk, beginning at 8:00 AM, offers a front-row seat to the vibrant avian life that calls our region home.

August's outing drew nature enthusiasts who spent the morning immersed in the sights and sounds of the Sierra foothills. The group observed an impressive 34 California Quail, 9 Wild Turkeys, and 18 Acorn Woodpeckers—each adding its own rhythm to the morning's soundtrack. A Bald Eagle made a majestic appearance, while two hummingbird species (Anna's and Calliope) dazzled with their aerial acrobatics.

#### Other highlights included:

- 7 Mallards and 5 Pied-billed Grebes gliding across the reservoir
- 2 Pileated Woodpeckers and 1 Belted Kingfisher spotted near the tree line
- 8 Western Bluebirds, 8 Lesser Goldfinches, and 6 California Towhees adding color to the canopy

A rare glimpse of a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and a solitary Wrentit tucked among the brush

Whether you're a seasoned birder or simply curious about local wildlife, this monthly walk is a gentle invitation to slow down and reconnect with nature. Just bring your curiosity and a good pair of walking shoes.

Location: Finnon Reservoir

• Time: 8:00 AM, every second Saturday of the month

• Distance: ~1.5 miles round trip

• Duration: ~75 minutes

Join us next month and discover what's flying under the radar in our own backyard.

Here's a snapshot of what was seen during the August Walk:

7 Mallard	18 Acorn Woodpecker	1 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	
34 California Quail	2 Pileated Woodpecker	2 Bewick's Wren	
9 Wild Turkey	1 Black Phoebe	8 Western Bluebird	
2 Anna's Hummingbird	4 California Scrub-Jay	1 House Finch	
1 Calliope Hummingbird	2 Oak Titmouse	8 Lesser Goldfinch	
5 Pied-billed Grebe	4 Bushtit	6 California Towhee	
1 Turkey Vulture	1 Wrentit	3 Spotted Towhee	
1 Bald Eagle	2 White-breasted Nuthatch	2 Brewer's Blackbird	
1 Belted Kingfisher			

#### **SMOKE ON THE WATER**

by Kirk Bronsord and Matt Ridgeway



Where does the time go? Summer's winding down, but there's still one glorious month left to soak up lakeside sunsets, laughter-filled dinners, and that unbeatable feeling of being exactly

where you're meant to be.

Come savor the moment—our cozy, nofuss plates are like a hug from mom & pop, served with a side of fresh air and stunning views. Whether you're catching up with old friends or wrangling your favorite wild cousin, there's a seat waiting for you.

#### **Diner Hours:**

Monday - Wednesday- Closed Thursday11 am - 1:30 pm Friday 11 am - 1:30 pm Saturday - 11 am - 7 pm Sunday 9 am - 3 pm

(Breakfast served on Sunday only)

https://www.facebook.com/ smokeonthewaterplacervilleca



Every week, we craft something special just for your dining pleasure—because good food and good company should never be complicated.

To our beloved regulars: thank you for making this place feel like home. And to the new faces lighting up our patio—welcome! We're thrilled to have you.



So go ahead, make the call, rally the crew, and let's make these last summer nights unforgettable.

Your Smoke on the Water Family

**Now Open on Thursday for Lunch!** 

#### **AIRCRAFT DISPLAY DAYS**

By Kim Purcell

The Swansboro airport is home to many interesting aircraft, both homebuilt as well as production built. We are doing our aircraft display September 12th, 13th and 14th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM each day at the airport. Aircraft that are unique as well as older than 35 years will be out and you are invited to look but be sure to remain well clear of the active runway. Please also be respectful and look but do not touch without guidance from owners. If you have any questions, would like further information or a guided tour you can contact Kim Purcell at 530-621-1049.

#### **COMMUNITY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**

By Kim Purcell

The Swansboro Pilots are again teaming up with SCPOA to host another hazardous waste collection day on Saturday September 13th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. This will be done by appointment only and you must call 530-621-5300 or email <a href="mailto:hhw@edcgov.us">hhw@edcgov.us</a> to reserve a time prior to 3:00 PM September 12th.



# FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event for Residents of El Dorado County

#### BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Saturday September 13, 2025, 9am-12pm Swansboro Country Airport 6770 Sluice St, Placerville

#### **ACCEPTED WASTE**

Automotive Used oil/oil filter . Batteries, Antifreeze, Gasoline/Diesel, Brake Fluid **Backyard** Pesticides/ Herbicides, Fertilizers, Pool/ spa chemicals, Charcoal lighter fluid/tiki oil, Propane cylinders (5gallons or smaller) House/Garage Paint/paint thinner, Drain cleaners, Aerosol products, Roof tar, Kerosene, caulking, glues, Batteries (all kinds), Mercury thermostats/thermometers, Home generated sharps (needles) Electronic Waste Computers, printers, monitors, Televisions, VCR's, DVD players, stereos, cell phones, Fluorescent lamps (limit 10), Misc. small electronics and cables, Microwaves

Questions?

Please call 530-621-5300 Monday thru Friday 8am-3pm

- The HHW collection event is by **appointment only**. Please call 530-621-5300, or email <a href="mailto:hhw@edcgov.us">hhw@edcgov.us</a> for an appointment time before 3:00pm Friday, September 12, 2025.
- There is a 15 gallon or 125 pound limit per household
- Business waste will not be accepted
- Be safe with your waste: Do not mix materials. Keep all waste in their original containers with lids on tight. If a container is leaking, place in a sturdy plastic bag or bucket and label it. Transport waste in the rear of your truck or in the trunk of your car.
- For more information about the HHW program, please visit our website:

www.<u>eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Public-Safety-Justice/Waste-Disposal/</u>
<u>Hazardous-Materials-Program</u>

We Do Not Accept the Following: Empty Containers\*

Tires\* Business Waste\* Commercial AG chemicals\* Asbestos\*

Radioactive waste\* Welding/Oxygen cylinders\* Propane

cylinders larger than 5 gal.\* Explosives\* Ammunition\* Dried

paint\* Hardened concrete\* Large appliances and electronics

(freezers, refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners, washers/

dryers)\* Loads over 125 pounds or 15 gallons.



Please read the flyer to see what will be accepted, tires will not be able to be accepted at this event. For further questions please contact Kim Purcell at 530-621-1049.

#### SWANSBORO PILOTS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

By Kim Purcell

The Swansboro Pilots Association is proud to announce our 2025 scholarship recipients: Derek Sears and Anna Schifferle!

Derek is a returning scholarship winner who continued to impress us with his commitment to public service as he works towards his goal of becoming a police officer. He'll be returning to Florida to continue his studies as he follows in the footsteps of his brother.

Anna is a first time applicant who stood out with an extraordinary essay highlighting her



personal journey of resilience and a passion for advocacy. She will be entering college with the ultimate goal of becoming an attorney advocating for the rights of children in the foster care system. Her essay conveyed not only the challenges she has faced and overcome but the actions she has taken and her determination to help others. Her essay was so impressive I wanted to share it with a friend and aviation pioneer Julie Clark, an inspiration to so many women in the male dominated aviation world. Julie was very impressed and excited to fly in and present, not only the scholarship, but also a copy of her book with a personal note of encouragement to Anna.

We are very proud of these two outstanding young adults and thank everyone in the community who have helped to supported them!

#### **MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP**

By Chuck Galvan

**MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP** shares the Good News of Jesus Christ right here in Mosquito. We meet Sunday at 11am at 3342 Stope Drive and in various homes throughout the week for worship, study and fellowship. Everyone is invited. Call (530) 295-0503 for more information.



#### OCTOBER 2025 NELSONVILLE CEMETERY PRESENTATION

Local-area quasi-historian and member of the 3-man Nelsonville Cemetery maintenance crew, Steve Vrabel, will be providing a brief presentation on our cemetery and its overall history and restoration at the El Dorado County Save The Graves 2025 festival in Placerville. The presentation will occur on October 18, 2025 around 11 AM. Mosquito residents are invited to attend. Event Details follow:

Remarkable Women of El Dorado County Tell Their Stories

The theme for 2025 is "Women of Character", featuring eight notable women who helped shape El Dorado County. On a separate stage, you can learn about local cemetery projects, cemetery lore and local history. Tickets are \$15 Adults, \$10 Seniors (60+), Kids 17 & Under Free.

https://savethegraveseldorado.org/performances/save-the-graves-2025-women-of-character/

#### Save the Graves 2025 - Women of Character - Save the Graves

Save the Graves returns to Placerville Union Cemetery on Saturday, October 18. This annual event features theatrical portrayals of prominent but often little-known luminaries in El Dorado County history. Scripted, historically accurate, 10–12-minute performances are repeated throughout the day in the county's grandest Victorian Garden cemetery. The theme for 2025 is "Women of Character ...

savethegraveseldorado.org

#### **MOSQUITO CRAFTERS**

By Natasha Cutter



The Mosquito Crafters invites new members to join our group! We gather on the fourth Friday of every month. Attending our meetings is not required to join. Your level of participation is completely up to you. All proceeds we raise go to supporting the Mosquito Fire Protection District. If you're interested in becoming part of our group, have any questions, or wish to contribute to the Mosquito Crafters, please reach out to us at <a href="mosquitocrafters@gmail.com">mosquitocrafters@gmail.com</a>. You can also find us and follow us on Facebook. We are currently working on

a selection of Fall inventory and other crafts to showcase next month at the MVFA Fall Festival on October 11th. Please come by, say hello and see what your local crafters have to offer!





### IMPORTANT PG&E WILDFIRE SAFETY UNDERGROUNDING AND UPGRADE WORK COMING TO MOSQUITO

By Mike Webb

Beginning in late 2025 (and continuing through late 2026), PG&E will be completing important wildfire safety improvements in and around Mosquito. This work will include approximately 26 miles of undergrounding, which will permanently reduce nearly all wildfire risk from those lines and also improve reliability. Additionally, PG&E plans to install strengthened poles and covered powerlines across less than one mile of powerlines, which will also have significant wildfire safety benefits.

#### What to Expect

This work will occur in phases and construction activities will generally take place Monday through Friday during normal business hours. If work is required on or near your property, PG&E will contact you in advance.

As the planning phases of this work continue, PG&E may need to:

- Access your property for scoping or inspections
- · Communicate with you regarding land rights or access
- Operate vehicles or large equipment in the area to dig and build trenches
- Put traffic control measures in place to keep you and crews safe
- Temporarily turn off the power, so crews can safely complete this work (note: advanced notice will be provided)
- Leave some equipment above ground, such as transformers and switches, as well as non-PG&E-owned telecommunication lines
- Conduct final property and road restoration after construction

#### Staying Informed

Additional information, including current traffic alerts and road repair status, can be found on PG&E's El Dorado County Undergrounding and System Upgrades website at: <a href="mailto:pge.com/systemupgrades-eldorado">pge.com/systemupgrades-eldorado</a>

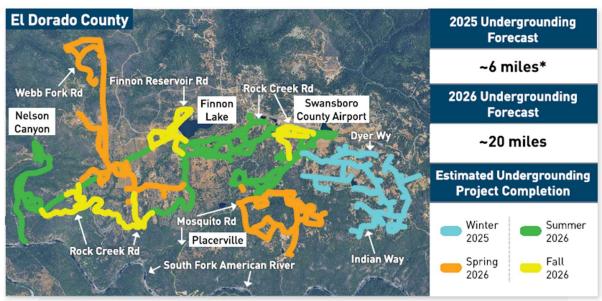
#### **Assigned Local Contact**

If you have questions about PG&E's work you can reach out to Lindsay Davidson, the assigned local outreach specialist and an El Dorado County resident, at <a href="mailto:Lindsay.Davidson@pge.com">Lindsay.Davidson@pge.com</a>.

Thank you for your cooperation as PG&E works to improve safety in and around your community.



# Forecast Undergrounding in Mosquito (El Dorado County)



<sup>\*</sup>Includes <1 mile of Strengthened Poles and Covered Powerlines.

To view these projects on an interactive map, please scan the QR code, or visit our website at: pge.com/wildfiresafety-upgrades.



Data as of 07/01/2025. This map is for illustrative purposes. Forecasts can change as our risk model evolves to address the greatest wildfire risk. Forecast miles also exceed annual targets. Mileage in a community may increase or decrease due to access, weather, permitting or other constraints. In most cases, if a project is not completed during the year originally identified, it will continue through planning/construction phases during subsequent years. Mileage represents projects that will be energized in a given year. Construction for a project may begin before the year of energization and final property and road restoration work may occur after the year of energization. "P6&E" refers to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a subsidiary of P6&E Corporation. ©2025 Pacific Gas and Electric Company. All rights reserved. 08/25/2025

#### **SCPOA REPORT**

By Meredith Blain

The Swansboro Country Property Owners Association Board of Directors (SCPOA) meets monthly at the MFPD Fire Station, 8801 Rock Creek Road, on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Meeting agendas are posted on the bulletin board at Dyer Lake and on the SCPOA website: SCPOA.info. All SCPOA Members are invited to attend the monthly meetings and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 6pm.

Members of SCPOA can visit SCPOA.info, the official SCPOA website, and get information about upcoming meetings, meeting agendas and minutes, association bylaws, individual unit's DC&Rs, using the Swansboro Airport, and find information for use of common areas, and much, much more! If you have not requested a login for the SCPOA website, please send an email to Kpaulscpoa@gmail.com, or cristin.gibbons@managementtrust.com to gain access.

#### **DISTRICT AUXILIARY aka D'Ax**

By Meredith Blain

The District Auxiliary-Mosquito\* is pleased to share that the Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD) Station 75 now has a brand-new roof!

At its July meeting, the MFPD Board of Directors approved a resolution to accept the roof as a gift to the department, clearing the way for the



project to move forward. D'Ax\* reviewed several contractor bids before selecting Straightline Construction Roofing and Siding, who delivered professional, high-quality work from start to finish.



The crew showed up on time each day, cleaned up thoroughly, and kept us updated with detailed progress reports. The entire job took just six days, with only a brief delay to secure extra materials. The



roof passed inspection by the El Dorado County Building Department on August 20th.

D'Ax\* extends thanks to El Dorado County Chief Administrative Officer Tiffany Schmid for waiving \$408.20 in permit fees, and to Straightline Construction for offering additional discounts and making this project a priority.

#### **Additional Costs & Community Support**

During the tear-off, unexpected deck damage was discovered, requiring extra repairs. Straightline Construction has been generous in working with us on costs, but we are still waiting for the final total. At present, it appears we are about \$2,000 short.

So far, a recent donation of \$500 and proceeds from the Silent Auction Axe will be



applied to the roof, but more support is needed. If you'd like to contribute, donations of any size are deeply appreciated.

#### What's Next?

With the roof complete, D'Ax\* is turning its focus toward building improvement projects and fundraising events. These will be discussed at our next regular meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2025.

#### Looking ahead, mark your calendars:

Community Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, November 8, 2025 Hosted by D'Ax\* and the MFPD firefighters, this breakfast will honor our community's veterans. Alongside pancakes, eggs, bacon, and sausage, we'll also be serving biscuits and gravy, juice, fruit, coffee, and cocoa.

#### **Get Involved:**

To donate or volunteer, email us at admin@dax-np.org or contact any D'Ax\* director. Meeting agendas and minutes can be found at <a href="mailto:mfpd.us">mfpd.us</a> under the "Community Organizations" tab.

D'Ax\* generally meets prior to the MFPD Board meeting, the fourth Thursday of each month at the firehouse. Please join us at our next meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 5:30 pm.



#### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

#### **WANTED**

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Seeks manure source, specifically goat, sheep, chicken, llama or alpaca. Please contact Ryan at THREE GOATS FARM. 530-497-4279 or farm3goats@gmail.com

#### **FOR SALE**

#### THE GOAT DOCTOR OF THE SIERRAS

book by Gloria Hockensmith is available locally. Call Taffy 530-626-8689 to buy your copy. A great fact based read about a local legend. Perfect for gifting. Special Price \$10 due to section of upside-down pages.

#### **UNIQUE JEWELRY**

Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 530-642-2333.

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#### **MEETINGS**

#### **MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP**

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#### **SERVICES**

#### **NOTARY SERVICES ON THE HILL**

Contact Devon at: 510-719-1247.

#### **HOUSE PAINTER - AMERICAN EAGLE**

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#### HANGTOWN RANGE

1540 Broadway, Placerville Wednesday – Saturday 10 to 6 and Sunday 10 to 5 with 10 Indoor Shooting and 8 Archery Ranges, Firearms and Recurve Bow rentals, Milo Virtual Shooting Range w/ live fire ammunition, Archery and Handgun classes, CCW classes, One on One training, Basic Pistol Classes, Women's Classes. Call 530-497-5443 for more information.

#### **WELDING & FABRICATION**

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#### **REAL ESTATE SERVICES**

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Created by Dave Angelo in his Swansboro wood shop. Beautiful trinket boxes, wildlife wall art, pepper mills, vases, puzzles, toys and more! Studio open most days, text or call to set a time 707-688-4659

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SEPTEMBER 2025								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Support Group Training 9am Station 75		
7 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	8	9 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	10	11	12	13 Bird Watching Finnon Lake, day use area 8am		
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#### **Local Area Web Links**

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)
Finnon Lake Recreation Area
Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD)
Swansboro Country Property Owners Association
Mountain Fellowship in Mosquito (MFOM)
El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

https://www.gomvfa.org
https://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/
https://mfpd.us
https://scpoa.info
https://mfom.net
www.edcfiresafe.org

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MVFA is organized as a non-profit tax-exempt entity and is funded entirely by grants, donations, fundraisers and rents and fees at Finnon Lake - which it owns. MVFA receives no tax revenues, nor any dues money from SCPOA. As per IRS mandate, MVFA gives no cash nor has any financial connection to any non-501(c)(3) organization or to the Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD). MVFA has no paid employees, and operates primarily with volunteers who donate their own time and often their own money to make our community a better place. If you would like to enhance your membership in MVFA, please become a volunteer. MVFA is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations may be tax deductible. A letter stating your donation will be provided on request. Send your donation to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville CA 95667.

MVFA values and promotes voluntary efforts in our community. MVFA continues to carry on the work begun by its predecessors many years ago. If you have any questions about MVFA, please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Mosquito Fire House, 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville at 3:00pm. At the meetings, you have the opportunity to obtain correct and updated information about MVFA and its committees, legal obligations at Finnon Lake and events and volunteer opportunities. Mosquito residents may request a copy of approved MVFA Board meeting minutes by emailing your name and address to mvfa95667@gmail.com, or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct. Placerville CA 95667.

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