# **MOSQUITO BYTE**

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## **Chief's Report**

By Eddie Dwyer

Many things are ongoing at the fire station. Many good some not so good. I'm sure that when you drive past the fire station you see some of the not so good. Engine 275 and the fire station were damaged when the engine exited the station and a faulty latch allowed the door to open. The operator was unaware that this had occurred until the open door struck



the center pillar of the Apparatus Floor. The Fire Station began repairs immediately and received emergency shoring to prevent further damage. The engine was taken down to Ceres, CA for repairs. We should receive the engine back by the end of June. Fortunately, since we have an operational agreement with Garden Valley Fire, Chief Savacool, immediately offered to loan us a fire engine should we need one. Fire Marshal Dion Nugent is working with our insurance carrier and ramrodding the repairs project. FM Nugent is extremely well versed in current construction codes and ensuring that all repairs will be made to these standards.

In a short time, a survey will be available to the community. It will be available online and I believe in hardcopy at the Fire Station. We truly ask all residents to take the survey. Please if you have questions regarding it. Contact the Fire Station.

We continue to seek ways to serve the community. We recently negotiated the purchase of a surplus ambulance from North Tahoe Fire. The vehicle is in excellent shape with only minor cosmetic issues. It's all wheel drive and, based on weight and measurements, should fit across the Mosquito Bridge; however we won't know that for sure until we actually receive the vehicle. We have presented a proposal to the West Slope JPA to allow us to operate the unit as a light Rescue Unit with transport capability. The proposal basically says we would only transport a patient in the district to a Helicopter Landing Zone, or an incoming JPA Unit in times of extreme medical emergency, where transport is key to the patient's medical outcome. The proposal will also include that when there is a closure of Rock Creek Road we can transport a patient down to the Mosquito Bridge, or if possible, across the bridge to a waiting JPA Ambulance. This will ensure transport capability will remain available in the district at all times and in all types of weather.

This unit will also provide a platform for response to emergencies when the engine is not needed. It will be outfitted with rescue equipment and advanced life support equipment to be used when a paramedic is available and basic life support emergency medical supplies when paramedic personnel are not in the District. It will be available for all personnel to operate. Again, the proposal has not yet been agreed too, but I believe it will be.

I'm sure you are aware SUMMER IS HERE! Every April, reports come across a slow news day of some reporter talking to CALFIRE and then expressing, "Firefighters say this could be the worst fire season ever." Well, to me, that's like saying "Experts say we could experience an earthquake in California that can impact our infrastructure in the next 30 years." The truth is, no one can truly predict the fire season as no one can truly predict an earthquake. Geologists use computer models as do firefighters. Firefighters use computer models that identify fire history, historic fuel loads, weather patterns, demographics and changes to infrastructure. We currently are in what is called a 40-year burn model. You may have noticed that the grass is thicker and taller this year. The burn model states that data input has identified that should a fire occur in our area, it has the greater potential for erratic and aggressive behavior.

So, what does this all mean? Basically, it means we need to be as pro-active as possible and focus on fire safety. You might be saying, "Is that all"? My answer is yes and no. We must be ever vigilant regardless of wildfire fire models. Wildfires can occur in all kinds of weather. In October of 2016, we received a request for the water tender to respond to the Emerald Fire. This request came during a heavy rain. Upon our arrival, we had active burning on three flanks. So, it really doesn't matter what time of year or weather. We must always strive to be fire safe. Please do all you can to clear your property, clean up slash piles, and use gas powered tools prior to 10am. For those with

considerable yard art (disabled vehicles or appliances) or let's just say eclectic art collections, a fire on your property could easily block the progression of a firefight and/or greatly accelerate the fire due to the combustibility of this "art". Please consider clearing out the "I'll get to it projects" that you're really aren't going to get around to.

Remember, CALFIRE has suspended all open burning which is not in a designated campground (excluding warming and cooking fires). And, in times of extremely hot dry weather or red flag weather, CALFIRE will suspend all external fires regardless of use. Please heed these demands and be aware of fire weather predictions. Please help us keep the hill fire safe.

Lastly, when enjoying the water venues, please ensure little ones have flotation devices on at all times when near the water. Wonderfully fun days can turn tragic in seconds. And remember to hydrate, hydrate, hydrate! As water is the key to life, dehydration can cause issues from simply cramps to issues as severe as cardiac dysrhythmias or kidney failure. Please take care of yourself, look in on elderly or special needs community members, and take care of your little furry friends. Also, to tragedy, when you have your baby in the car, place the diaper bag in the front seat to remind you of the precious cargo in the back seat. It does not take long for a child to succumb to heat exposure in a heated car.

We at the fire department wish you a joyous summer filled with happiness, fun, family and summer nights on the porch. Should you have any questions about fire safety, do not hesitate to contact any firefighter at the Fire Station or anywhere you may find them. We will be patrolling Rock Creek and other water venues throughout the summer. Please remember that in all cases of emergency call 911.

The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!

# Finnon Lake Use Fees Increase

By MFVA

As mentioned in last month's Mosquito Byte Newsletter, use fees will increase effective July 1st. Day Use fees are collected per motor vehicle before entering the property for day use activities such as fishing, boating (including inflatables), swimming, picnicking and disc golf. No fee for hiking and bicycling. Fees paid in cash can be dropped off at Franks Diner during normal business hours or at the drop box located on the west side of Frank's Diner at other times. To pay by credit card, call (530) 409-5515, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Annual Day Use Passes are available to Mosquito residents for \$50.00 per year or \$75.00 for two years. Call Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Overnight Camping Fees are \$25.00 per night. Make your reservations on line at: <a href="http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/camping-reservations.html">http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/camping-reservations.html</a> or call (530)409-5515. To rent the entire campground for \$300.00 per night, Call (530) 409-5515, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM to make reservations.

# **Recent History of Finnon Lake**

By Mike Roberts

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After 13 years of fundraising, hope and disappointment, it now appears that Mosquito will get its swimming hole back. Residents recall summer dips in Finnon Lake, the jewel of their rural community, until its old earthen dam was condemned in 1997. The water level was dropped, leaving the once proud lake a fraction of its original size, surrounded by marshy wetlands. Camping, fishing and bird watching opportunities remained, but what's left of the lake dropped off the local radar for most county residents. Nevada Conservancy promised \$610,000 toward the dam restoration, with the El Dorado County Water Agency adding another \$100,000. Qualifying for the grants took a lot of hard work from an alphabet soup of environmental agencies, volunteers and local politicians who lined up in support of the project.

The Mosquito Volunteer Firefighters Association (Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association, MVFA) now owns the recreation area, and made significant headway in the years following state-ordered water lowering, but was stymied

by the strict environmental requirement for a dam restoration project. In 2005 the county Board of Supervisors asked the Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District to help them out. Director Mark Egbert jumped in with both feet, recruiting other agencies and tirelessly applying for grants, long after many local residents had lost faith that they'd ever see Finnon Lake restored. The lake, located a mile west of the confluence of Mosquito and Rock Creek roads in the rural community of Mosquito, sits behind a 1905 earthen dam that was deemed seismically unsafe by the state Division of Safety of Dams in 1997. The resulting lake-lowering left a smaller lake surrounded by a beautiful, marshy bird sanctuary, but cost the community its focal point.

Its elevation made Finnon Lake a favorite target for firefighting helicopters on the south Divide. Lake water was used to fight the 1994 Kelsey Fire. For that reason, and for the good of the community, the local firefighters association (MVFA is a non-profit 501C3 organization whose membership is open to all residents of the Mosquito Fire Protection District) bought the entire site from the state Department of Fish and Game for a dollar in 1997 and set about finding money for the million-plus dollar dam restoration project.

They found a volunteer labor source in the local heavy equipment operators union. Local 3 committed to the project as a Job Corps training exercise. (This organization had to withdraw from the project. A private contractor ultimately completed the dam.) The volunteers also found retired Natural Resources Conservation engineer Al Thyme, who assembled design specifications for the new dam that satisfied officials at the state Division of Safety of Dams, and eventually the Army Corps of Engineers. But the project was far from "shovel ready." Myriad local, state and federal environmental surveys and applications – all very technical – were needed to land a big-ticket grant.

Complicating matters, dam projects had become bad politics on the West Coast. Both California and Oregon were proactively tearing down older dams to restore fisheries, and state policies hindered new water storage projects. Egbert rallied local conservation and water agencies to prepare the necessary environmental and engineering documents. The required permits and approvals were all secured by late last year, including an agreement with El Dorado Irrigation District to fill the lake after the new dam is completed. With a "shelf ready" project in hand, he chased down every matching fund and grant opportunity he could find, leaving no potential funding source unturned. "We applied for so many different grants and kept getting rejected," he said. "People were losing faith."

He hit pay dirt in July with the \$610,000 Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant. The County Water Agency followed with another \$100,000. Operating Engineers Local 3 remains committed to the earth-moving at no charge as a training project. (See note above.)

"This project will turn dirt in the spring of 2011," promised Egbert by phone last week. The dam is 51 feet high and 830 feet long (as built, the dam is 734 feet long). Its base consists of hydraulic fill. Mosquito legend holds that it was constructed with leftover hydraulic mining equipment. Tailings have proven unstable during earthquakes at other California dam sites. The work itself sounds simple: Drain what's left of the lake, capturing and securing the remaining fish in holding pens. Bulldoze the old earthen dam and spread the dirt out. Once dry, push it back into place, compacting it to modern seismic standards along the way. Install fish-friendly habitat in the lakebed and refill the lake. The bulldozers should roll in the spring. If all goes according to plan, construction will be complete by fall of 2011. The lake can then be refilled. Additional fish will be planted with a long-range management plan.

Volunteers are needed to help with fish habitat construction, netting and moving. Temporary housing in Mosquito is also needed for the Job Corps trainees. A list of denotable building materials will be posted at a soon-to-be created project Website. Monetary donations are welcome. Currently the contracts are signed, and an advance grant payment has been approved. "We're just waiting for the check to show up," said Egbert, who credits many local agencies and politicians for "stepping up." He specifically thanked Assemblyman Tim Leslie for getting the Department of Water Resources to take the lead on the environmental assessments and wetland delineations. The late Sen. Dave Cox, Congressman Tom McClintock and Assemblymen Ted Gaines and Leslie all spent political capital on Finnon Lake. Officials at the state Division of Safety of Dams told Egbert that they'd never seen a dam project of this size undertaken with such a tiny budget. "This is a demonstration that collaboration and commitment does achieve results," said Egbert.

Locally, county Supervisors Ron Briggs and Jack Sweeney championed the dam project. "That was a real demonstration of leadership," said Egbert. "When you see elected officials recognize a rural community in need, and work to restore a community asset like this, that's inspiring." Egbert landed a follow-on \$16,000 conservancy grant for forestry improvement around the lake. The money will fund conservation crews who will thin the forest and

put up bat and songbird houses. The primary funding source for the Finnon Lake Restoration is the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, which was signed into law in 2004 with a mission to support "efforts that improve the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region, its communities and the residents of California," according to its Website. The conservancy was subsequently funded by Proposition 84 in 2006, which provided \$5.4 billion for water projects around the state. The Georgetown Divide and El Dorado County Resource Conservation districts are local, independent, non-enforcement, non-regulatory, self-governed districts with elected boards. They share the same staff, headed by Egbert. The sister agencies' mission is to assist landowners and public agencies in protecting, restoring or developing of land, water and related natural resources.

Finnon Lake is also home to a popular 18-hole disc golf course and Mosquito's only restaurant, the Rock Creek Café. Owner Frank Ethridge admits that keeping the doors open with the lake down has been a struggle, and realizes that facing a full summer of construction with no disc golf, things might get worse before they get better. "But this community has a big heart," he said. "We've got some very loyal customers. We'll hang in as best we can. I can't wait until the summer of 2012 when the lake is back."

For additional History on Finnon and the Bridge click on this link: http://adamsamigos.net/mosquito.htm

#### Please join us for the MVFA Board meeting on July 12th at 7:00 p.m. at Frank's Diner.

## **SCPOA Report**

By Roger Stenbock

Two and half years ago, I realized our governing documents were outdated and had a limited means to apply our rules. At the time, I raised the idea that the bylaws could be restated, and by doing so, strengthening the Association. The board agreed and the process began. Since then, your Association has made some noteworthy progress. It now employs a professional manager, cleaned-up our rules, improved our communications, upgraded our common areas, bolstered the reserves, and lowered our dues.

Now, after more than two years of hard work by the ad hoc Bylaw Committee chaired by Debbie Harris and Gordon Smith and the contribution of the hard-working committee members, the board is ready to submit the restated bylaws to the Association members for a vote. The board will schedule at least one town hall meeting prior to any vote by the members. This meeting(s) will be noticed for time, place and agenda. Members should consider how the proposed re-stated bylaws will affect the individual members and the community. Also, members should consider how the proposed bylaws will affect this and any future board's ability to administer the Association's governing document and CC&Rs. Look for more information at our board meetings and the SCPOA.INFO website. As always, I look forward to your comments and spending time with you personally.

# Community Cleanup Day - July 14th!

by Kim Purcell

MVFA, in partnership with the Swansboro Pilots Association, will again be hosting a community cleanup day. The event will be held at the fire station on **Saturday July 14th, from 8 am to 12 pm** or until dumpsters are full, which usually occurs about noon. We cannot accept appliances, tires, hazardous waste, CFL, florescent lights, paints other liquids or construction materials. Hazardous waste can be dropped off at the dump for free on Fridays and Saturdays. You can also recycle your old mattress for free at the dump every day. We now have a volunteer to take old batteries and assure they are recycled, so we will be accepting them this year. Yay! You can also bring your CRV cans and bottles to the MVFA recycling program.

If you have old clean towels or bedding, including sheets, blankets, mattress covers and bedspreads you wish to get rid of please bring them and they will be distribution to various animal rescue groups who will be very appreciative. If you have any questions contact Kim Purcell at 530-621-1049.

## Mosquito Bridge Closed for Maintenance

By MFVA Editor

Starting Monday July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 am, 24 hours a day until 4pm, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Weekday closures starting July 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am to 4 pm until July 29<sup>th</sup>.



Our next BINGO game is scheduled for **July 26**<sup>th</sup>! Games start at 7 pm at Frank's Diner. Half the game proceeds go to the game winners and half goes to the MVFA Community Funds including the MVFA Station 75 Fund which supports the fire department. Frank will provide dinner at a special Bingo price, so come early. Frank also offers catering, at the cafe or at your home. The café, patio and pavilion are also available for family events and club outings. Contact Frank at 530-409-1977 for more information.

## **Mosquito Firefighters' Association Breakfast**

by Lisa Hampton

Are you ready for some WAFFLES?!? We've got strawberries, and blueberries, and blackberries - oh my! We've got chips of chocolate and peanut butter, with bananas to boot. Not enough? There's jams and jellies galore, pecans and almonds too. Walnuts and whipped cream, if you're into that sort of thing. And no waffle would be complete without the syrup. Maple for those who prefer the classics, boysenberry for those who like a twist, and chocolate for the kid in all of us. There's probably more, but my brain just can't handle all the choices! If you haven't figured it out by now, I'm talking about our next Mosquito Firefighters' Association Pancake Breakfast, coming up on **Saturday, July 28**th from **8:30 am - 11 am**. Mark your calendars and bring a friend (or three!). Hope to see you there!

The SCPOA Board meets Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!

# **Crafters**

by Sharon Hern

We are now starting our Fall and Holiday craft projects, so.... If you're a "crafter" or just one of us who can do simple (?) cut, paste/glue, paint, etc. jobs, you are encouraged to come join us at our Craft Meeting. There's the fun of learning new crafts, meeting new friends, coffee, and goodies. Our next meeting is on July 28<sup>th</sup> (see time and location below). Our craft meetings are generally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month from 10am to 12pm. Don't miss out on the Friday Fun Day!!! Our next Craft Meeting is **July 27<sup>th</sup> – 10 am to 12 pm** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on the **27<sup>th</sup> of July**.

# 4th of July Craft Sale

Please join the **Firehouse Crafters** at Frank's Diner for our summer Craft Sale. The Firehouse Crafters will have several tables set up at the entrance to the south road around Finnon Lake with summer crafts and a variety of other beautiful craft items for sale. All sales benefit our Fire Department. We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, July 4**th from 10 am to 2pm at Frank's Diner.

# Finnon Lake Yoga Retreat

By Janiss Okumura

The intention of this event was to raise money to help with my landscaping around Frank's Diner. I combined my love of nature and yoga and, voila, the idea hatched into a yoga event. Once I planted the seed, it all just started to happen. I was supported by so many people in our community! Frank and Heidi Ethridge, Tom Harris and Karryn Morris, Placerville merchants, yoga instructors and musicians throughout the County all helped. I could not have pulled this off without one of our local yoga instructors, Dee Hromyak, who immediately agreed to help with the event and, wow, what a huge help she was!

The event was so successful and fun for everyone that we are planning another yoga gathering in the fall. We offered different options for participation in yoga classes, great food from Frank's Diner, music and special additional activities. The fall event will be similar but fresh with new ideas and plans. We will offer a camping package with a meal plan and several classes throughout the weekend. In response to feedback from my neighbors, we will be offering a two-hour workshop on Introduction to Yoga with breakfast included. We will also offer an all-day package with various classes throughout the day, with or without a meal plan catered by Frank and Heidi. We will accept drop-ins for a cost of \$10.00 per class.

We will repeat the inclusion of herbalists and specialists in the field of healing. Wani, one of our local residents, will be back by popular demand and her enthusiasm to do her amazing energy work.

Fliers will be out soon for sign ups. So, if you are interested, mark your calendars for the weekend of **October 12-14th.** Call Jan Okumura if you have any questions at 530-626-5321.

# **Birding at Finnon**

by Dave Angelo

The Finnon Recreation Area Bird Watch was held on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a leisurely walk around Finnon Lake and takes about 1.5 hours. Below are the bird watch results for June 16, 2018. The next Bird Watching event is scheduled for **Saturday**, **July 21**<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am, at the pavilion. All are welcome to join in,

25 Canada Goose 2 American Coot (Red-shielded) 2 Killdeer

10 Acorn Woodpecker 2 Black Phoebe 0 Violet-green Swallow

2 Cliff Swallow 7 Bushtit 10 Western Bluebird

4 European Starling 1 Black-headed Grosbeak 1 Bullock's Oriole

8 Red-winged Blackbird 6 Brown-headed Cowbird 16 Brewer's Blackbird

2 Great-tailed Grackle 6 Lesser Goldfinch Number of Taxa: 17

# Frank's Diner

by Frank Etheridge

We will be having our **4**<sup>th</sup> **of July BBQ** celebration on Wednesday starting at 11 am. We will have a DJ" so come on down and enjoy the day. Frank's Diner will be closed on Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. (\$16.50 for Adults, \$8.50 for kids, 5 and under free)!

# **Family Nights for July**

4th BBQ at Frank's (no family night)

11th Wraps
18th Beef Tips
25<sup>th</sup> Asian Stir Fry

Meals are \$10.00 each starting at 5:00pm. We will also offer a vegetarian dish. Take out available 530-409-1977

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Order yours tonight!! Call 530-409-1977

#### **Diner Events**

July 14<sup>th</sup> 7am Manland - Men's Group meets for breakfast and fellowship.

July 21st Join us at Frank's for a Celebration of New Orleans Cooking Saturday night at 5pm.

(Details to come)

July 26<sup>th</sup> Bingo at Frank's 7pm

Having a backyard Bar-B-Que or a summer get together? Need a little extra help or maybe just an extra side dish to finish off that special event? Give us a call @530-409-1977.

#### Recipe of the Month

Mint Watermelon Salad (For those dog days of summer)

6 cups cubed seedless watermelon

- 2 tablespoons minced fresh mint
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons sugar

#### **Directions**

Place watermelon and mint in a large bowl. In a small bowl, whisk lemon juice, oil and sugar until sugar is dissolved. Drizzle over salad; toss gently to combine.

# **CLASSIFIED ADS**

#### **FOR SALE**

**Estate Sale**: Friday July 6 & Saturday July 7th 8am to 3pm at 2227 Swansboro Rd. Placerville 530-621-1173

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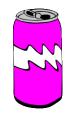
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NOTE: Lids/Caps on plastic and glass CRV containers **MUST BE REMOVED** before they can be redeemed. If you have a chance and can remove the lids, it will sure help the recycle volunteers.

## **MVFA THANKS YOU!**

# **July 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 July	2	3	BBQ @ Frank's Diner 11am-3pm	5 MVFA Board Meeting 7 pm Frank's Diner Frank's Diner is closed today	6	7
8	9	10	Frank's Family Night Wraps	12 MFPD Board Meeting 7 pm Fire Station	13	14 Community Clean-up 8 am – 12 pm Fire Station
15	16	17	18 Frank's Family Night Beef Tips	SCPOA Board Meeting 7 pm Fire Station	20	20 Birding at Finnon Lake 9 am Finnon Lake Pavilion
22	23	24	25 Frank's Family Night Asian Stir Fry	26 Bingo 7 pm at Frank's Diner  See Article for Dinner Specials	27 Crafters 10 am at Darlene Rood's house	28 MFA Community Breakfast 8:30am – 11am
29	30	31	1 August Frank's Family Night	2	3	4

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