

Finnon Lake to Host Mermaid Parade!

Big news for all Mosquito community members and Finnon Lake campers! After much debate, the MVFA has officially announced its first-ever Mermaid Parade and Underwater Camping Experience—slated for April 31, 2025. Yes, you heard that right, April 31st! Dust off your fins and water wings because participants are encouraged to dress as their favorite mythical sea creatures.

Limited slots for underwater camping are filling up fast. To secure your spot and avoid missing this once-in-a-lifetime event, please send an email to aprilfools@finnonlakefun.com. We can't wait to see you under the sea!"

For those still checking their calendars for April 31st, happy April Fools' Day! Stay safe and keep smiling!



CHIEF'S MESSAGE

by Chief Eddie Dwyer

Agenda Topic: Department Monthly Progress Report
Prepared By: Chief Eddie Dwyer
Date Prepared: March 27, 2025

The primary purpose of this report is to keep the community informed as to the activities and progress on major programs or objectives and to seek community feedback about how we may best serve you. To provide your feedback, complete our survey at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3HGNCTB>

Personnel:

We are currently accepting applications for Fire Captain. Though we have received many applications there are three outstanding candidates that will be moving on to the next phase of the hiring process. The application period will remain open until the position is filled, with the first round of applicants beginning their evaluation process next week.

To provide complete objectivity, we will utilize an independent panel made up of experienced Fire Company Officers from agencies here in El Dorado County. They will assess the candidates on leadership, requisite knowledge required of a company officer, with the ability to manage emergency incidents from the very basic to more complex. The panel will rank each candidate, then provide my office with their findings.

We listed this information the position on many different recruitment platforms.

Looking to hire a full-time 40-Hour Fire Captain Firefighter

Minimum Requirements:

EMT (Paramedic preferred) 5 years progressive fulltime experience, 10 years progressive volunteer experience

Education and Certifications

**Company Officer 2D, Company Officer 2E
Firefighter Endorsement. Preferred training and experience,**

Completion of Company Officer courses 2-D and 2- E,

**REMS Deployment, Rescue Systems Tech,
Swift Water Tech. Red Card Engine Boss/Single Resource qualification.**

**We are looking for a self-starting leader, willing to
train volunteer and auxiliary personnel.**

The candidate must be able to work with our CERT Team/Support Group.

**Pay package ranging from \$55,000
to \$70,000 plus deployment overtime potential, possible use of department staff
vehicle. All applications must be submitted in person to the District
Administration Office..**

Position Knowledge Assessment with pack test, dates to be determined.

HOW/WHERE TO APPLY: *

**Applications can be received by email, but must be returned in person
to the Fire District Office. at 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville CA 95667.**

Operations:

Incidents: From 2/27/2025 through 3/27/2025

Total 10

Incident Type:	Month	Type
Fire	2	Reported Chimney Fire, Out of control burn pile
EMS	6	
Hazardous Condition		0
Service Call/ Good Intent	1	Smoke alarm check
False Alarm	0	Automatic Fire Alarm
Agency Assist		1

Recruitment and Retention

We have recruited one new Firefighter in February. Please welcome Hayden Railsback to the Fire District. Hayden has considerable EMS and Fire experience

Department Training and Safety:

We will be publishing a training calendar for upcoming training here in the district and training opportunities available to all Fire/Support Group Personnel.

Logistics: The El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority, has donated to the Fire District a ZOLL M Series Cardiac Monitor, which will be utilized when we deploy the REMS Team, or a Fire Line Medic. We will also be receiving a donation of used BK Radios from the JPA.

Interlocal: I have had conversations with County Supervisor Lori Parlin, CAO Sue Henneke, LAFFCO MSR Committee on the financial sustainability of this Fire District, and the impacts of the county's decision to end Aid to Fire Funding in 2017. No promises were made. Supervisor Parlin has a greater understanding of the financial impacts created by that decision. I pointed out that less than 1% of the County's overall \$400,000,000 budget will completely fund all rural fire districts to provide staffing necessary to ensure the safety of community residents. This certainly was not lost in translation.

Chief Brown It needs to be understood that Chief Brown did with all due diligence complete his report,

Report: making his recommendations to our Board of Directors. We have the report, and it is available to anyone who wishes to read it. We have not completed the payments to Georgetown Fire for this work. The initial cost was to be \$3,000 monthly for a total of \$9,000, however members of our board requested that Chief Brown revisit and revise and amend his report. The original contract was for a 3-month study, this request extended the study by a month, increasing the overall cost by \$3,000. We currently owe Georgetown Fire \$6,000

Legislative: The California Fire Chiefs Association is working with CALOSHA and FEDOSH, to identify compromises on potential regulatory changes being recommended by committee, which could severely impact small rural Fire Agencies with unsustainable costs, which could easily bankrupt rural fire departments.

Grants: **Our 50/50 CALFIRE Grant has been submitted**

Apparatus: All Fire Apparatus were inspected by Jason Warden of Stretchfab Truck Repairs. All of our Firefighting assets are capable of operating as necessary in the event of emergency for which they are designed. Over the years, our apparatus have fallen into serious neglect, now requiring considerable maintenance repairs.

Engine 75- \$21,000 Waiting on the completion of Engine 275 repairs

Engine 275-\$15,000 currently in the shop undergoing repairs.

Expedition 7500- came in under cost, at \$1400

Expedition Vin/Lic# 1417356 repairs came in under cost at \$600.

Explorer Vin/Lic #2ZB74411 has been surplus, the vehicle will be removed from our inventory, and taken off our insurance.

REMS/Line EMT-Medic:

We recently had 3 of our members complete a series of courses qualifying them to deploy as single resource Line EMTs. This will allow us to send personnel out on deployment when we cannot send Fire Assets, increasing their annual income without impacting the Fire District Budget, also bringing back to the district, reimbursement for vehicle and equipment rentals along with a 28% admin fee.

Verizon has received a permit and approval to move forward with the construction of a cell tower on Stope Drive. We are in discussion with Verizon to obtain funding for the purchase of rescue equipment necessary to support the construction of such elevated infrastructure.

Public Safety and Training:

Please remember to clean your chimney, be prepared for any type of emergency and evacuation.

Support Group Training:

Monthly Training on the first Saturday of each month.

Community Events:

DA's will be hosting "Raise the Roof!" fund raiser may 10th, to raise funds necessary for to replace the roof on the Fire Station. More Information to follow.

Any community organization wishing to have information regarding public events, please email information to admin75@mfpd.us

MVFA UPDATE

by MVFA Board of Directors

FINNON LAKE RECREATION AREA

Recent Diner and Campground Upgrades



The long-standing community gathering spot has received a much-needed upgrade with the installation of a new slate-colored metal roof on the pavilion. This durable and stylish roof has not only enhanced the appearance of the pavilion but also provided improved protection against the elements for years to come. The slate color was chosen to complement the natural surroundings, ensuring the pavilion blends seamlessly into the environment.

In addition to the roof replacement, the pavilion, the diner and the campground have now been equipped with seven brand-new bear-proof trash and recycling receptacles, generously provided by the El Dorado County Environmental Management Department. These receptacles are designed to keep wildlife, especially our curious local bears, safe and away from human waste. By securely containing trash and recyclables, these new bins will help maintain the area's cleanliness while promoting responsible waste management practices.



These updates are a testament to the MVFA's commitment to the community to provide a sustainable, safe, and environmentally responsible dining and recreation area.

We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in these improvements, particularly the El Dorado County Environmental Management Department for their generous donation. If you haven't visited the pavilion and [Smoke on the Water](#) lately, now's the perfect time to check out the fresh new look and eco-friendly enhancements!

FLRA Campground Reopens

The Finnon Lake Recreation Area campground is officially open for the season, welcoming visitors to enjoy its serene beauty and outdoor activities. This reopening comes after a successful community cleanup day held on March 22, where volunteers gathered to prepare the area for campers and day-use visitors.



Volunteers worked tirelessly to clear debris, refresh picnic areas, and ensure the trails and campsites were in pristine condition. Their efforts have revitalized the campground, making it a perfect destination for fishing, hiking, disc golf, and more.

The campground offers 18 year-round campsites with stunning views of the lake, local wildlife sightings, and peaceful surroundings. Whether you're planning a weekend getaway or a day trip, Finnon Lake Recreation Area promises a memorable outdoor experience.

A special thanks to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association and all the volunteers who made this reopening possible. Their hard work ensures that



Finnon Lake remains a beloved spot for both locals and visitors.

Plan your visit today and experience the beauty of Finnion Lake Recreation Area. For more information, visit the official website at finnonrecreationarea.com.

Rainbow Trout Stocking at Finnion Lake Reservoir

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) carried out a fish stocking event at Finnion Lake Reservoir on Wednesday March 26th. Resource agent David Ford delivered over 500 pounds of rainbow trout, approximately 300 fish in total.

This stocking event is part of CDFW's ongoing efforts to enhance recreational fishing opportunities and maintain healthy fish populations in California's waterways. Finnion



Lake Reservoir, located in Placerville, CA, is a popular spot for fishing, boating, picnicking, and other outdoor activities.

And as a reminder, the California

Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has launched an innovative new program called the California Inland Recreational Angler Survey (CIRAS). This web-based platform is designed to gather valuable data from anglers about their fishing trips, providing immediate access to aggregated sport fishing data through an interactive "Ready to Fish" dashboard. CIRAS is a crowdsourcing platform that allows anglers to submit information about their fishing experiences. This data includes details about the species caught, catch rates, size distributions, and the time of year when fish are most active. The platform aims to give anglers a user-friendly experience while contributing to scientific research and helping CDFW better manage California's fisheries. Anglers can access data submitted by others, helping them plan their next fishing trip more effectively.



The platform is currently available for waters within CDFW's North Central Region. Finnion Reservoir is a listed location in the CIRAS app, so please document your fishing experience online when fishing at Finnion Reservoir.

We hope to see you at Finnion Lake soon, and happy fishing!

Finnon Recreation Area Day Use Annual Pass

In accord with the changes made by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in 2023, the MVFA issues 365-day Finnon Lake Recreation Area Day Use Annual Passes. Prior to the 2023 change, the MVFA issued a calendar-based annual day use pass that expired on Dec. 31, regardless of when it was issued. This change has made it fairer to individuals who purchase a pass later in the year.

The annual pass fees for 2025 remain unchanged with the single year annual pass costing \$50, a two-year pass costing \$75 and a five-year pass for \$150. If you are interested in obtaining a 1 year, 2 year or 5 year day use pass, please contact the MVFA at MVFA95667@GMAIL.COM or by calling (530) 409-5515.

As a reminder the Finnon Lake Recreation Area is not located within the Swansboro Property Owners Association and for the day use of activities such as fishing, boating, picnicking, swimming, and disc golf a daily fee or annual pass is required. The daily Day Use fee is \$6.00 for individuals or groups of up to six persons and is submitted at the main entrance to the park. Fees are collected on the honor system. There is no charge for trail walkers and there is no additional charge to registered campers for any Day Use activity. The Day Use area closes at dark.

Finnon Lake Notice to Pet Owners

With the onset of warmer weather, we remind visitors to Finnon Lake that the lake is not chemically treated. See the notice below which is posted on the El Dorado County Animal Services website.

Be Careful with Your Pet Near Lakes, Rivers, and Ponds - Animal Services is reminding residents to use caution when recreating at lakes, rivers, or ponds where potentially dangerous algae may be present. To avoid possible cyanobacterial toxin poisoning, practice safe water habits. Dogs can be especially susceptible when algal mats are present. Do not let your dog drink water or enter water where patches of algae are present, or to eat scum or algal material. Wash your pets with clean water after lake or river play. Provide clean drinking water.



For more information, visit
<https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/what/index.html> or
https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/resources/domestic_animals.html

Please remember that El Dorado County has a leash law which applies to all private property including Finnon Lake Recreation Area. Abiding by this law is the best way to prevent your pet from being exposed to potential lake hazards.

MVFA SWAG

Explore MVFA's collection of Mosquito T-shirts and Sweatshirts, available in an array of sizes and colors. New colors and style choices have been recently added, so please check them out. Apparel and local phone books are conveniently for sale at the diner during regular business hours or at MVFA sponsored events.

For personalized orders, reach out to us at mvfa95667@gmail.com.



MVFA CRV RECYCLE PROGRAM

The MVFA Recycle Program continues to provide a valuable resource of 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

Easter Basket Sale – Diner - 12 noon – 2 pm April 5, 2025
Easter Egg Hunt at Finnon Lake - 10:30 am April 19, 2025
Yard Sale at Station 75 parking lot - 9 am to 1 pm May 17, 2025
Spaghetti Dinner at Station 75 - 6:00 pm June 21, 2025
Fall Festival at Finnon Lake - 10 am - 3 pm Free Lunch 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 - 5:30 pm December 6, 2025- Free Dinner

The next MVFA Board meeting will be on Thursday, April 17th at 3:00 pm at the Diner

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dee Taylor

Here are the results of the bird watch for March. The next Bird Watch will be on the 12th of April at Finnon Lake, just past the Boat Launch area. The starting time for Fall and Winter is 9:00 A.M. There is no parking charge to the participants of this free event.



Acorn Woodpecker

20 Canada Goose	50 American Coot	7 California Scrub-Jay
6 Double-crested Cormorant	1 Great Egret	10 Western Bluebird
2 Common Merganser	1 Cooper's Hawk	1 American Robin
1 Band-tailed Pigeon	2 Bald Eagle	2 Bufflehead
1 Anna's Hummingbird	8 Acorn Woodpecker	4 California Towhee
1 Calliope Hummingbird*	5 Northern Flicker	1 Spotted Towhee
10 Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	1 Oak Titmouse	6 Red-winged Blackbird
2 Pied-billed Grebe		
* Corroborated by 4 people		

SMOKE ON THE WATER

by Kirk Bronsord and Matt Ridgeway

Spring is Here! We are loving the arrival of spring and the cheerful daffodils blooming everywhere --- it's a welcome sign of longer days and sunnier skies ahead.



Our patio is looking its best, ready to host you for outdoor dining and soaking up the sunshine. With the change in seasons, we will also be adjusting our hours to make the most of the beautiful weather.

We are thrilled to meet new faces as word spreads about our diner, and we are endlessly grateful to our regulars for your loyalty and support. Serving great food in a location worth the drive—and making new friends along the way—is what keeps us inspired every day.

Thank you for being part of our journey.

Your Smoke on the Water Family

Diner Hours:

Monday - Thursday - Closed

Friday 11 am – 1 pm

Saturday - 11 am - 6 pm

Sunday 9 am - 3 pm

(Breakfast served on Sunday only)

<https://www.facebook.com/smokeonthewaterplacervilleca>

DISTRICT AUXILIARY aka D'Ax

By Meredith Blain

D'Ax, together with the Mosquito Fire Protection District's firefighters, hosted a pancake breakfast on March 15th. Despite the wet and dreary weather, we had a great turnout! Biscuits and gravy were served along with the usual tasty pancakes, eggs, bacon and sausage! There was a drawing held this month with several gift cards and some beautiful handmade items donated by community members given away and were a big hit! Many thanks to our generous donors. We plan to continue having drawings at the pancake breakfasts moving forward.



D'Ax is gearing up for its Gala event, the Mosquito Fire Raise the Roof Fundraiser! The MFPD firehouse is in desperate need of a new roof! The roof was damaged this winter, and while we love the wet weather, we are only counting the days until summer as we fear leaks will cause extensive damage to our community fire station. Our goal is to raise \$35,000, so we need everyone in our community to support this event to get the necessary funding.

The event will be on May 10th, 2025 at the Mosquito fire station, so mark your calendars!

The fundraising gala promises to be an unforgettable evening, with the entire community coming together to support the Mosquito Fire Protection District. Local artists and vendors have generously contributed to the silent auction, ensuring that there will be a wide array of unique items to bid on.

The event will kick off with a delightful reception where attendees can mingle, enjoy appetizers, beverages and investigate and bid on the auction items. Following the reception, there will be dinner, music, dancing, and a silent auction!

Let's come together to ensure the Mosquito Fire Protection District gets the new roof it desperately needs. Mark your calendars for the gala and join us in making a meaningful difference in our community. Your participation and generosity are key to reaching our \$35,000 goal.

Additionally, we are seeking volunteers to help with various aspects of the event, from set-up to cleanup and everything in between. Your support is invaluable, and we encourage anyone interested to get involved. Community members interested in helping with this event are invited to reach out to any D'Ax board member or send an email to: admin@dax-np.org.

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 Tuesday of the month. **The next SCPOA board meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6pm.**



Meeting agendas are posted on the bulletin board at Dyer Lake and on the SCPOA website. All SCPOA Members are invited to attend.

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, 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 Melissa.bell@managementtrust.com to gain access.

MOSQUITO CRAFTERS

By Natasha Cutter



The Mosquito Crafters set up a table at the pancake breakfast. We had Easter baskets, soaps, body scrubbies, scarves, coasters, and crocheted eggs. We had a very successful day with lots of happy shoppers!

Mosquito Crafters will be selling unique hand assembled Easter baskets for just \$10 - \$25 and other wonderful handmade items on April 5th from 12noon to 2pm at Smoke On The Water. We hope to see you there!

We invite new members to join our craft group! We gather on the fourth Friday of every month. Attending our meetings is not required to join. All proceeds we raise go to supporting the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department. If you are interested in becoming part of our group, have any questions, or wish to contribute to the Mosquito Crafters, please reach out to us at

mosquitocrafters@gmail.com.

You can also find and follow us on Facebook.



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Tuesday-Saturday 9AM-3:30PM

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530-295-0503

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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.

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APRIL 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Support Group Training 9am Station 75
6 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	7	8 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	9	10	11	12 Bird Watching Finnon Lake, day use area 9am
13 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	14	15	16	17 MVFA Board Meeting 3pm Diner	18	19
20 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	21	22 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	23 SCPOA Board Meeting 6pm Station 75	24 D'Ax Board Meeting 5:30pm MFPD Board Meeting 7:00pm Station 75	25 Crafters Meeting 10am	26
27 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	28	29	30	31		

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>
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<https://mfom.net>
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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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