

July 2015 'Motherlode Monitor' Newsletter

Sierrans for Responsible Resource Development
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THE DRIFT

July 15, 2015 Meeting – is our next meeting at **12 Noon – Luncheon Social– Please RSVP by July 14th!** Meet up with your friends and swap stories and glories. The event will be held at Lyla's office, 571 Searls, Suite C, Nevada City.

SRRD Tax Exempt Status - As a follow-up to SRRD filing with the State its Articles of Incorporation and with the IRS for an EIN, appropriate forms with the IRS and State for 501(c) 4 status were submitted earlier this month. We will keep you apprised of the status of these filings when we receive that news.

INDUSTRY MATTERS!

Forestry – In Nevada County, Supervisor Hank Weston is leading the way to ensure that more than \$1.7 M of the \$12.8 M the County residents pay in Fire Fees levied by the State returns to the County. Were you aware that 40 percent of the total fees go to the State's General Fund?

On another note, were you aware that the fuel build-up in our local forests are not only a fire danger and impact the effectiveness of Nevada County's fire breaks, but also limits the amount of winter snow reaching the ground that melts to recharge our ground water and surface water impoundments? If you would like to learn more about these issues please let us know so we can arrange for our member industries speak at an upcoming meeting.

Mining – There are two pieces of legislation that have been crafted largely by The Sierra Fund:

- **SB 209, SMARA Reform** – The Assembly Natural Resources Committee will host a hearing on 7.13.15 at 1:30 PM in Rm 447, 4th Floor Capitol Building (old section). Key revisions: Section 2207

increases the annual filing fee from \$4,000 to \$10,000 and Section 10 Section 2273.1 create undefined financial tests as a prerequisite to determine financial assurance amounts or up to \$4M or at least 25 percent of the financial assurance estimate, whichever is greater. Be there early, TSF has rallied its supporters to be there early to take up the available seating.

- **SB 637, Suction Dredging** - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Subcommittee will host a hearing on 7.14.15 at 9:30AM in Rm 160 at 1020 N Street in Sacramento. You may access the website "Stop SB637" at <http://www.stop637.org> to learn more and sign a petition if you are unable to make the hearing.

Now is the time to speak up and be heard.

ADITS – to your calendar/to do list:

August 5, 2015 Meeting: Mark your calendars for **August 5th, 431 Crown Point Circle, Ste. 150.** **Al Bulf** will present current political positions and events local environmental issues.

August: Miners' PickNic &Nac - a miners' outdoor market to be hosted by Lyla Tracy in the Town of Washington. *Date to be determined at our July 15th event.* Plan on helping prepare and participate in an outdoor "flea market" for mine equipment, books, and memorabilia. Bring a lunch to be BarBQ'ed on premises or brown bag it. Snacks to be provided, donations for them will be expected from guests. Lyla will generously donate a portion of the proceeds from the event to SRRD. Bring a friend!

MEMBERSHIPS

Welcome - Decon Co., Bud Degrio; Golder Associates, Steve Lofholm; and Robinson Enterprises, Tim Robinson! New forms are available, use that attached in the interim.

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_____ Additional Donation

\$_____ *Total Enclosed* - **Thank You!**

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