



May 2016 Motherlode Monitor Newsletter

Upcoming Events

June 1, 2016 Membership Meeting, 12 Noon – Joanne Drummond, Executive Director, Fire Safe Council. Joanne Drummond has been the Executive Director of the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County since July 2006. Prior to coming to the council, she served the California Forest Products Commission for over eight years, working in public relations and marketing for the forest products industry including the *California Grown* campaign. Joanne has led the Fire Safe Council to national recognition through receipt of the 2010 Firewise Leadership Award from the National Fire Protection Association.

Joanne enjoys community service and is active with the Society of American Foresters, Nevada County 4-H, Nevada Union High School Agriculture Advisory Committee, and the Bear River Music Boosters. Joanne has received numerous individual honors including:

- Special Recognition by the Nevada County Resource Conservation District
- Forestry Achievement Award from the NorCal Society of American Foresters
- Featured by FEMA in their Strategic Foresight Initiative
- Ryan Jones Catalyst Award for creating the Scotch Broom Challenge by the California Invasive Plant Council

Joanne grew up in Nevada County and graduated from Nevada Union High School. She studied business administration at the University of Maryland.

At the meeting, Joanne will talk about the Fire Safe Council, what it does, and what projects it is

working on. We will explore what synergy the Sierrans may have with the Council; talk about potential projects that might be a fit for us, discuss potential sources of funding and determine ways of expanding our membership in the forestry industry.

June 1, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting. Scheduled after Membership meeting above, 431 Crown Point Circle, Suite 150, Grass Valley.

Sierrans Endorse Duane Strawser for Nevada County Supervisor, District 1

The Sierrans believe that Duane is the best candidate to represent the natural resource industries and associated local businesses in Nevada County. The resource industries are important contributors to employment and to the economic bases of rural communities.

Duane has indicated he is open to all industries in Nevada County and that he supports the creation of local jobs and local opportunities for Nevada County's residents and businesses. He believes that resource industry projects can be both sustainable and protect the environment, given the highly degree of regulation in California. For example, logging can be managed to maintain and enhance forestry and wildlife as well as prevent destructive forest fires and associated damage to property and the environment. He values the history and culture of the resource industries and their contribution to Nevada County and understands how the resource industries contribute to the economy of the County – and can continue to do so in the future. He is the also the best candidate to generate opportunities for the youth of Nevada County.

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Establishment of an Affiliated 501(c)(3) Organization

The Sierrans is moving forward to establish a separate affiliated 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit that will have the ability to raise funds from donations, grants, and other funding sources. Articles of Incorporation have been submitted to the California Secretary of State and accepted. A Federal Employment Identification Number (FEIN) has been obtained from the IRS. A Statement of Information Form has been filed with the California Secretary of State. Next steps are to have and initial Board of Directors meeting, adopt bylaws, and establish a bank account. Filings will then be made with the California Registry of Charitable Trusts, IRS, and California Franchise Tax Board to gain tax-exempt non-profit status.

Sierrans' Calendar

Pat Nelson is working on a Sierrans' Calendar for 2017 that would feature historic resource industry photos. The plan is to put a calendar concept together, determine the cost of publishing it, and raise funds to print it. This might include looking for our corporate members to sponsor a page in return for advertising on it. The calendar could be used for fundraising for the Sierrans and be used as a way to advertise our organization.

Robert Shoemaker Memorial Plaque

Bob Shoemaker (1925-2016) will be inducted into the National Mining Hall of Fame at the 2016 Induction Banquet in Las Vegas, NV. The Banquet will be held Saturday September 24th at Caesars Palace coinciding with the 2016 International Mine Expo.

The Sierrans are working to place a memorial plaque in the North Star Powerhouse and Pelton Wheel Museum. We are working with Jan Shoemaker, the Nevada County Historical Society, the City of Grass Valley, and potentially other organizations like the Society of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers (SME)

to fund and obtain necessary permission to install the plaque. If you are interested in donating to this cause, please contact info@sierrans.org. Our next step is to work with Jan to finalize the plaque and then obtain a budget estimate.

Ore Car Stolen

One of our members, Brandon Stauffer, had an ore car and other historical artifacts and memorabilia stolen from the end of his driveway off Highway 49 on May 17th. It is a 1906 Sixteen to One Joshua Hendy car restored by Mike Nevius. It was welded to 10 feet of track and chained to a tree. The perpetrators also stole an American flag and an 8-foot tall crossing sign. If any members come across information on any of these items, please contact info@sierrans.org. (See phot below):



Renew Your Membership or Join

Forms can be found online at www.sierrans.org under the "Join Us" tab. If you receive our Newsletter and would like to join the Sierrans, now is the time to do it. Help us grow our organization.

Contact Us

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