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Greetings,

For those of you who attended the Town Hall meeting Wednesday evening, thank you for attending. I am attaching the presentation from that meeting so that you have it as a reference. You are already aware of the information contained in the remainder of this email message, so you need read no further.

For those that did not attend the meeting, the following is a detailed recap and I have an important note at the end of this message for all of you.

After I opened the meeting with some introductions, Rick Bergquist gave a very informative and detailed presentation on the origin and recent history of the mussel problem that has now spread into California. This presentation included slides showing how fast this problem has spread from the East Coast and how devastating the mussels can be to boats, pipes, hydro equipment and lake quality. The key messages are that to avoid the expensive costs to cope with the mussel invasion, we all must take energetic efforts to prevent its spread.

Peggy Davidson, Recreation Manager for NID then gave a presentation of the program that NID is implementing on all area lakes in regards to stopping the spread of this mussel. She stated that she will be mailing out program information including a Launch Certification Permit along with our upcoming dock permit bill. This Launch Certificate Permit - Combie Reservoir will need to be completed, complied with and carried in every boat launched on Lake Combie. Basically, all boats, kayaks, boating accessories will have to have been **cleaned, drained and dried** for a period of time before being placed into the lake. The larvae from these mussels are microscopic and cannot be seen with the naked eye. Therefore, to prevent the spread of this pest, it is critical that anyone launching a boat or using any other recreational equipment that was last used in a body of water other than Combie follow the **Clean, Drain and Dry** procedures. A discussion followed on how Lake Combie rental properties will need to comply with these regulations as well. Copies of these documents can be obtained from the LCA website and the attached presentation contains links to various sites that provide more information on this.

Tim Crough, the Assistant General Manager of NID then stepped up and held a Q&A on various projects that might impact Lake Combie. He gave a brief history and update on the Dredging Plan that was proposed several years ago. NID has recently purchased some of the mercury extraction and dredging equipment. They plan at this time to do some limited demonstration and testing in the old Cheveraux area. However, the entire project will not be able to begin until such time as NID has received a significant down payment on the estimated \$9 million of funding required to complete this project. They are continuing to apply for various grants, and are researching other possible sources of

funding and formulating applications, and hope the demonstration they are putting together for State & Federal officials will stimulate more funding.

Tim Crough next discussed the perception that the long proposed Lincoln Water Project might cause Lake Combie to be deemed a terminal reservoir. He stated that if the Lincoln Water project ever did move to its ultimate expansion stage, that NID has determined that Lake Combie would not likely be deemed a terminal reservoir. This is because there would be small open reservoirs placed intermittently along the route before the end demand in Lincoln. He then pointed out that the water delivered to Lake of the Pines is drinking water. Currently this water is delivered via open ditches that run from Lake Combie along the Baldwin Ranch to Lake of the Pines. This water currently meets the current water quality standards as put forth by the California Clean Water Act. If, at some future time, the water quality starts to diminish because of the open ditches there is a possibility in the long term future that they may need enclose some or all of the remaining open canals. Should this happen, the water regulations may deem Lake Combie a terminal reservoir. There is no immediate reason to panic over this concern, but it is worthwhile noting that are biggest concerns may not be with the Lincoln Water Project. The impact of a terminal reservoir could mean the possibility of no or limited body contact. There was a discussion of how other lakes that deliver drinking water have overcome the "no body" contact requirements. It was also suggested that if a small open reservoir (about 5 acres estimated need) was placed between Lake Combie and Lake of the Pines, it would mitigate the terminal reservoir issue. However, Tim did not appear to believe that this was a material concern for us at this point in time.

Tim also spoke briefly of two other possible projects on the NID drawing board. In order to increase water capacity at Rollins Lake they are looking at possibly raising the dam level 3 to 4 feet. Another, proposal was building another dam (Parker Dam) at the Rutherford Bridge area or Dog Bar crossing on the Bear River. This was something last examined in the 1930s, and has recently surfaced as a possible long term avenue to increasing water storage capabilities in the area's watershed.

Lastly, I provided an overview of a new social neighborhood platform called "**Nextdoor**". It is a social networking platform designed to connect members of a local neighborhood. This will be an avenue where the LCA can tie each parcel address with an owner and one or more email addresses. This will allow for fast dissemination of information, a platform for sharing information amongst participants, and a way to check for upcoming events. This is a very exciting way in which to increase the social interaction of our community. I have provided some information on this platform in the presentation so that you can get an overview of what this is, and how we can use it in the LCA. **Separately, we will be sending an invitation to each of you to join the Lake Combie neighborhood association network. Please watch out for this invitation, it is not spam! Regardless of whether you are an LCA dues paying member, we want your participation in this network.** We encourage you to accept the invite when you receive it, and give this a try (this is a large scale experiment for us all). The more people who use it (keeping in mind proper etiquette for usage), the more effective a tool it becomes for us all.

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Picnic which is scheduled for June 29th. We'll be sending out details in May. Until then, on behalf of the entire Board of Directors of the LCA, we want to wish all the best to you and your family, and we look forward to seeing you out on the water this summer.

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