

# Santa Rosa Ranchos

## Homeowners Association News



### Did You Know? - Lake Mathews Reservoir

Have you ever noticed how the water level in Lake Mathews goes up and down? A homeowner was worried that the drought was causing the current low level, but it seemed like recently it had looked very high. After doing some research I found out a lot of interesting information about our neighboring lake.

Lake Mathews is the end reservoir for the Colorado River Aqueduct, carrying water through canals and pipelines from Lake Havasu. It is part of a complex system of reservoirs and distribution facilities operated by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), the nation's largest wholesale water agency.

MWD is a co-op of member supplier, Western Municipal Water.

Water entering Lake Mathews from and per court order must be released water that eventually makes its way deliveries from the Colorado River distribution of water contributing to water level varies. When I spoke with is being lowered due to algae



agencies, one of which is our direct

surrounding creek runoff is monitored, so as not to interrupt the natural flow of to the Santa Ana River. As water Aqueduct are received, and the Santa Ana River is made, the lake MWD, I was told that currently the lake control, and not due to the drought.

The history of the reservoir construction is quite interesting. The property was originally owned by Lawrence Holmes, who in the 1920s planted 50,000 carob trees and irrigated them by creating dams and reservoirs. He lost his property to eminent domain in a lengthy court battle. Construction of Lake Mathews reservoir started in 1933, and water deliveries began in 1941.

The lake is surrounded by 4,000 acres of protected land, plus an additional 9,000 acres added to protect the Stephens kangaroo rat. The whole area is now called Lake Mathews Estelle Mountain Reserve. It is an important resource for birds such as ducks, grebes, golden eagles, and bald eagles. There is no public access to the lake, and attempts to allow recreation have been stymied by strong agreements between MWD and other entities. So although the water level may rise and fall, our lake is not disappearing any time soon!

#### What is the Board Working On?

Research continues on obtaining bids for an additional chain link equipment enclosure. An inquiry was made to get pricing on a locking dumpster for the arena. Three homeowners have requested extensions on the violation letters received. The trail walk violations follow-up is being scheduled. We will be working on the 2017 budget.

# Helpful Native Plant Website!

[www.calscape.org](http://www.calscape.org)



Thinking about replanting that dead grass area but just don't know where to start? See pretty plants but don't know if they'll work for your garden? This nifty website has photos and tons of information about California native plants based on your location. Really worth checking out!

## Saturday November 5th Save the Date!

### Gavilan Gathering Chili Cook-Off and Hoe'deo

Join the community from 1-6pm at the Equestrian Center for fun, games, prizes and entertainment. Enter your favorite chili for all to vote on and share. If your home address ends with an even number, bring a side dish to share. If odd, bring a dessert. Homeowners are in the planning stages, and

can use volunteer help. Contact Kathy Doerner:  
951-736-8746

Check out [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) (Gavilan Hills community) for latest info

Please note this is put on by the community and is not an HOA sponsored event.



# FAIR Days

SoCal Fair!

Oct. 1st - 9th, 2016

Lake Perris Fairgrounds

Call: 951-657-4221 or

[www.socalfair.com](http://www.socalfair.com)

Adult Admission-\$10

Kids-\$5



## Community Events

Held here at our Santa Rosa Ranchos Equestrian Center, 23550 Rose Quartz. These events are not associated with the SRR HOA:

**No October Events Scheduled**

The time and labor for this newsletter are donated by Pat Brown and it is written at the direction of the Board.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

October 18th, 6:30 - Eq Ctr



# FAIR



Guardian Properties: Paul or Rhonda Marie : 951-683-6170

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[www.santarosaranchos.org](http://www.santarosaranchos.org)

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