

**TWIN LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016, 7:00 P.M.  
CHATSWORTH METROLINK DEPOT MEETING ROOM**

President Mark Watters called the meeting to order with introductions of Jarrod DeGonia, Senior Deputy, Fifth District Field Office of Michael D. Antonovich, and Keltie Cole from Foremost Communities, project supervisor of the Deerlake Ranch Development Project.

Ms. Cole began the meeting with updates about the impending construction of the project (314 homes up in the Deerlake Highlands area north of Twin Lakes). Of particular interest to Twin Lakes residents is the sewer installation, and Ms. Cole reported that of the 195 easement signatures needed, 160 have been obtained and there are only 35 left. The County will begin a process of eminent domain to complete the project, and they hope to begin sewer installation in April of 2017.

Mark suggested that as an association, we get 1) estimates from plumbers for hook-up costs, and 2) a list of people who would like to hook up right away. Again, you do not have to hook up if your septic system is working, or unless you remodel your home and add living space.

The Deerlake landscape is pretty barren right now, as brush has been cleared and trees, but will be replanted with native trees and plants in time – over 3500 trees – oaks and sycamores. Of those trees, approximately 1100 of them are outside of the private gates and visible in the public right of way.

Jarrold DeGonia reported that the Sheriff's Substation, an eagerly awaited addition to the entrance to Twin Lakes at Topanga Canyon, will be used as a waystation and will not be staffed 24/7, but the County will make sure it is useful and that it adds security to our community. There will be a meeting room there that will be utilized for our meetings.

Keltie reported that the bridges at Topanga Canyon and Canoga will be rustic/contemporary in style, and showed a handful of designs and displays for the project. A temporary bridge at Canoga will be installed in the next several months and once over the bridge, all heavy equipment will stay there. Grading permits will be obtained in March, with the abutments constructions starting in April.

Keltie will serve as the community contact for the project, and Deerlake will also launch a website that will address questions about construction hours, any road closures, trail access and other issues. That website, [www.deerlakeinfo.com](http://www.deerlakeinfo.com), will launch soon, and we will send you notice when it is live.

Community members may have noticed the goats that dotted the Deerlake hillsides over the past couple of months – those goats were utilized for brush clearance and taking out poison oak and other invasive species - and have now left us.

Keltie asked that people refrain from disturbing their yellow polyrope – which denotes project boundaries, waterways, or any protected areas. In addition, with all tree removal to date, a biologist has been on hand to supervise the process, and no nests for birds or babies were found in the removed trees.

In the coming months there will be staging areas set up for the construction – on the mesa at Wo He Lo Trail and Mayan, and also on Saugus Road over the single lane bridge, which will eventually become a walking/equestrian bridge.

**A big reminder about the Deerlake Ranch Development Project Monitoring Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel on Topanga Canyon Blvd. at Lassen. TLPOA members are all urged to attend.**

Also in attendance at the meeting was Sgt. Todd Loughridge from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Alex Ugrik, Neighborhood Watch Captain, reported on the mail theft issues we have had over the last year, the cars driving through the community without reason to be there, the parties and illegal drug use in open areas, and the importance of the community to report any suspicious activities. First and foremost, we need to call the Sheriff with non-emergencies at (818) 878-1808. Second, please join the Neighborhood Watch Facebook Page or google groups webpage. Three areas where activities seem to occur are at both community entrances and the open space area near the bridge off Canoga.

Alex also reported the existence of a homeless encampment in Chatsworth Trails Park, off Canoga just east of the 118 freeway.

When the new mailboxes are installed at a temporary location in the Foremost-owned and fenced-in lot at Topanga Canyon, Foremost is willing to install security cameras and lighting as well. More information about the mailbox relocation will be forthcoming.

Community members expressed concern about reported “grow” houses and illegal half-way houses in the community. In addition, unsightly, nuisance properties, such as the Shapone property and Sibley property, and others, will be followed up on, Jarrod promised.

A reminder is due about parking in the community. Special attention should be paid to making sure emergency vehicles are able to pass at all times.

Property values may experience a decline due to the Aliso Canyon gas leak, as reported by Scott Schiffman. Jarrod also reported that there might be community-wide reassessments for the 5-mile radius area, after the Assessor's Office finishes their review.

New Association Officers were elected for 2016-2017. Mark Watters, President, and Vanessa Watters, Secretary, long-time officers in the Association, have moved to Simi Valley, and so stepped down from their positions. They were very delighted to receive a special scroll from the County thanking them for their years of service.

**New officers are:**

**Alex Ugrik, President**  
**Warren Stone, Vice President**  
**Second Vice President, Scott Schiffman**  
**Neighborhood Watch Captain, Kathleen Misko**  
**Secretaries, Susan Cordell and Simee Schiffman**  
**Treasurer, Lori Gentile**

Warren Stone reported that road repair estimates will be obtained in June, and Lori Gentile reported that we currently have about \$5700 in community funds. **Again - all dues collected are very much appreciated, and you may still mail checks into P.O. Box 4989, Chatsworth, CA 91313-4989.**

New Community members Philip Hodgetts and Greg Clarke, are holding an open house at 11450 Aucas on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, from 2-5.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

