



Spring Valley Lake Association

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Message from the Board President for SVLA Breeze April 2016

The Board of Directors election is here again, and I want to thank the four candidates who have volunteered to serve our community as Board members - Steve Garcia, Rob McCoy, Loran Keith and Christopher Huntingford. Election day is April 30th, and it is very important that you return your election ballot in order to meet quorum. If you do not wish to vote for any of the candidates running for the Board, you may simply return a blank ballot which will then count only towards quorum. However, please make sure you follow the ballot instructions exactly and sign the outside of Envelope #2, or your ballot will not count. If we fail to achieve quorum, we must spend additional assessment funds to continue the election until we achieve the required quorum. Save yourself some money and return your ballot today.

April 30th is the end of the terms for Board members Steve Garcia and Rob McCoy, but they have both decided to run for a second two-year term. Mike Visser and I will be termed-out after serving four years and will both complete our Board service. I want to thank Mike very much for his service to our community. The new Board will consist of seven outstanding community members from various backgrounds and experiences, and will serve our community well.

Since this will be my last President's Report, I want to take this opportunity to thank each of my fellow board members whom I have had the privilege and honor of serving with over the past four years. I especially want to thank the officers - Vice-President Steve Garcia, Secretary Amy Stanton, and Treasurer John Smith for taking on the additional duties of a Board officer.

Thank you to our wonderful SVLA employees, led by General Manager Glenn Grabiec, all of who work hard every day to make our community the best place to live in the High Desert. To the many dedicated, hard-working community volunteers who give of their time to help our community and often go unnoticed and unappreciated – thank you. SVLA is also served by some of the best public sector employees anywhere, including Supervisor Robert Lovingood and Don Holland, Public Works, Special Districts, County Fire and the Sheriff's Dept. SVL also benefits greatly from a truly professional team of outside consultants and vendors who support our community every day.

Our community has made substantial progress on many fronts over the past several years. While it's important to beautify fishing areas, parks, and buildings, there were also many other significant strategic successes as well. Here's a few that I think are among the most important:

- 1) Elimination of the SVLA Sunset Clause (2011)
- 2) Purchase of permanent lake water rights (2013)
- 3) SVL storm drain maintenance program (2014)
- 4) Sound Reserve Fund, Financials, and Collections program
- 5) Video surveillance camera system (2011)
- 6) Refurbishment of Bear Valley/Spring Valley Parkway roadway (2016)
- 7) Initiation of internal road repair program (2015)
- 8) Lake coving repair reserve contributions
- 9) Delay of Tamarisk Market Place (announced 2007)

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10) Establishment of an annual capital improvement program

1st District County Supervisor and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Robert Lovingood, will be holding a “Lovingood Listens” town hall meeting prior to our regular April Board meeting on April 26 at 4:30PM. Supervisor Lovingood is the elected official who we turn to when we need county help, and he delivers for Spring Valley Lake. Please come out and meet Robert and get answers to your questions.

Finally, thanks to those who have supported the Board for the past four years. It was nice to hear words of encouragement and a few kudos once in a while. I leave the Board knowing that each Director has always tried to work in the best interests of the entire community; and each of us have given our best efforts to make SVL a better place. Spring Valley Lake will be in excellent hands with the incoming Board – please give them your full support.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled to be held at 6PM on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 in the SVL Community Center.

Scott Eckert, SVL Board President