



## **Spring Valley Lake Association**

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### **Message from the Board President: December 2014**

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Board of Directors. However you celebrate the season, I hope you do it safely and with lots of friends and family. I also want to say a special thank you to all SVLA staff for another great year and wish them and their families a great holiday season.

As you heard announced at the November board meeting, road resurfacing work should begin in the spring on the Parkway from Bear Valley Rd. to the entrance into SVL. We've waited many years for this project and it was only through the dedicated efforts of our General Manager with support from this board that finally made it a reality. The project will be a joint effort between SVLA, City of Victorville, and San Bernardino County. Thanks to everyone involved!

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Q&A session was held following the November board meeting and there was lots of lively discussion with some good ideas raised by attendees. Some attendees showed an interest in volunteering for youth activities in the community and I hope we can harness some of that energy and make it happen. As always, staff will be working to plan some great events for the upcoming year so stay tuned. Please note that these Q&A sessions are for information exchange only and no action requiring board approval may be taken without board discussion and a vote, if necessary.

In our busy lives, it's very easy to sometimes lose sight of the forest because of all the trees. By this I mean that a lot of positive things get done in SVL throughout the year to make our community better, but it seems we often focus on what hasn't been done or how something could have been better or differently. It is just human nature to keep trying to improve things in our lives and community. However, it's a good idea for all of us who live in SVL - members, staff, and the board, to step back at the end of the year and take a look at some of the more significant accomplishments by SVLA over the past year to put things into the proper perspective I think they show that in spite of the occasional screw-ups we all manage to do, we mostly get it right.

#### **Significant 2014 SVLA Accomplishments**

- Completed \$3.2M purchase of 647 acre-feet of water for our lake
- Resolved storm drain maintenance responsibilities with SB County
- Reached agreement with Victorville, SB County to resurface road from Bear Valley into SVL
- Collected over \$500K of past due assessments
- Began long-awaited Parkway median improvement project
- Repaved all SVLA parking lots
- Refurbished Beach area with water feature, lifeguard stands, painted swim area dam
- Rolled out new and improved [www.svla.com](http://www.svla.com) web site
- Maintained SVLA in a strong financial condition

There is a lot more to do but we are making progress. Together as a community we can continue to make Spring Valley Lake the best place to live in the High Desert – and make it even better. Thanks to all the community volunteers that give their time and energy to achieve that goal. Together, let's make 2015 an even better year for Spring Valley Lake – the Jewel of the Desert!

Have a great holiday season - Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.