

Audubon Hills Association  
Annual Membership Meeting  
Minutes for 06/28/2014

**Introduction of Audubon Hills Association**

We are a volunteer community improvement organization.

We are not a government agency - We cannot enforce anything.

Road and right of ways are the responsibility of the Audubon Hills Community Service District.

Voting is by dues paying members.

\$25.00 dues per year per parcel.

Owners or renters, with owner's permission, may vote.

Dues notices were sent out to every known owner or renter mailing address.

If dues have not been paid, you may pay at the meeting or mail to í

Audubon Hills Association  
P.O. Box 631  
Camino, CA 95709

The community website [www.audubonhills.org](http://www.audubonhills.org) is currently provided by volunteers Kim and Jim McCarthy

**Introduction of Directors**

Sue Collier - Director / Secretary Treasurer - 2 year term ending.

Larry Wilson - Director - 1 year left of two year term.

Russell Anders - Director - 2 year term ending.

Larry Linville - Director - 2 year term ending.

Vacant Director Position - 1 year left of two year term.

Our president and vice-president resigned their position 7 months ago.

The remaining Directors have been òlimpinglyö continuing the organization since.

**Introduction of members present**

Larry and Mary Linville, Verla Blow, Larry and Karen Wilson, Jim and Kim McCarthy, Stan Backlund, Phil and Judi Rowe, Fred and Suzanne Egger, Darrin Mcneice, Erwin and Jo Bork, Paula and Gary Tillotson, Judy and Jim Wells, Debbie Winterson, Lisa Hoffman, Whitey and Helen Atchley, Pat Monahan, Nick and Jamie Cardwell, Stephanie Knapp, Russell Anders, George Osborn, Nancy Hegarty, Sue and Ron Collier, Mary Bohn.

**Introduction of guests present**

Sierra Wild Life Rescue

Neighborhood Watch - Watch Commander Kim McCarthy

Audubon Hills Community Service District - President Jim McCarthy and Vice President Stan Backlund.

## Notifications

### SMUD

Community update on their FERC re-licensing and Iowa Hill and Slab Creek Flow release facilities to be held on Monday July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M at the Camino School Multipurpose room, 3060 Snows Road. Camino, CA.

### Camino Community Action Council

They are a Camino area volunteer organization, dedicated to improving things in the general Camino area. They initiated Camino cleanup, annual Take Back the Night, and fundraisers for Camino School and other community needs. Their website is [www.caminocac.com](http://www.caminocac.com).

### Dog owners

Be aware that in El Dorado County, free roaming dogs harassing livestock may be shot by the effected property owner. Keep your dogs leashed or in enclosures.

Be courteous to your neighbors - many folks walk the streets of Audubon Hills and walk along the roadside to avoid traffic. They tend to get quite irritated when they step into your dog's droppings. If you walk your dog on the streets, please take responsibility and take along a plastic bag to clean up your dog's waste. Don't leave it for someone else to deal with.

### Allowed Land usage

Audubon Hills has no CC & R s. Most property in the community is zoned R2A, residential two acre minimum, limited agriculture. Land uses are restricted by County zoning - See El Dorado County Planning and Building Departments for information.

Limited non-commercial farm animals (horses, Donkeys, Mules, Chickens, Cattle, Goats, sheep, Ducks, Rabbits, Turkeys, Dogs, Cats, etc.) are allowed as long as they do not constitute a public health hazard or community nuisance. Retail businesses with associated frequent traffic are not allowed. Yard sales and Limited sale of home grown fruits / vegetables / eggs etc. with infrequent traffic is allowed.

Non-compliance with zoning uses should be reported to the County which has the legal authority to enforce. The County relies on the residents to inform them of non-compliance issues.

### Drought water conservation

El Dorado Irrigation District Board member George Osborn reminded everyone that water conservation during our drought is very important. The water we save this year, may be the water we have available to use next year, if we have another drought winter.

### Fire Danger

Retired CDF Chief George Osborn was asked for his assessment of the current fire dangers. In a word, George responded - "Catastrophic". It is vitally important, that folks maintain a defensible space of 100 feet around all of their structures, cleared of all heavy brush and accumulated pine needle fuel. The 30 feet immediately around the house should be down to bare earth or lawns.

It was reported that the Camino fire station is currently unmanned due to El Dorado County Fire

budget reductions. If you feel this increases your fire danger, contact Mike Hardy at 644-9630 or at [www.eldroadocountyfire.com](http://www.eldroadocountyfire.com) and the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, to voice your concern.

#### Fire Exit

The proposed fire exit on the north-west end of Audubon Hills is currently in limbo. The owners who originally gave permission for the fire exit through their property have sold the property, and there was no written agreement for an easement for the fire exit. The new owners have been having problems with walkers and recreational vehicles cutting through their property and are reluctant to grant exit access. The Association will continue to work on securing one or more emergency fire exits.

#### **Presentations**

Members of Sierra Wildlife Rescue gave a very informative presentation on how to protect your house and how to protect your pets, and the dangers to wildlife and how we can help wildlife to survive. If you find injured wildlife, please contact them for assistance with proper care. They asked us to please confine our housecats so that the bird population is not being decimated. They warned that small dogs can be seriously injured or killed by deer. They brought along a horned owl and a screech owl and gave us extensive information about each bird.

#### **Association Reports**

##### Neighborhood watch

Please insure that we have your current contact information so that you can be notified of neighborhood safety issues. Keep an eye on any vacant or vacation houses to prevent burglary or vandalism. If you see suspicious vehicles, record the license number and report it to Sheriff's office and then call Kim McCarthy with the information so she can have that information and share it with the neighbors if needed.

##### Bench status

We have one bench ready to install.

##### Flower Status

No new planting due to drought conditions. Previously planted Daffodils require little care.

##### Community Dumpsters

Solid waste dumpsters have been donated by El Dorado Disposal at the annual spring Camino Cleanup day held at the old Sierra Pacific mill site.

In the Spring, a green waste dumpster was provided by the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council. Due to funding restrictions, the dumpster was only available for a brief time period, and due to unintended compressed legal funding timelines, we were given very short notice of the dumpster's availability. Funding for brush chipping is not available at this time.

#### **Audubon Hills Community Service District Report**

This year the CSD will be improving Mockingbird Lane, working on a cul-de-sac on Kittywake Lane and doing seal coating on Audubon Drive for crack filling. Surfacing of Waxwing Lane,

Kingfisher Lane and Black Bird Lane were done in previous years. Road side clearing has been done. If you see needed road repairs or additional clearing needs, please contact the CSD. Tanager Lane will be the next road, after Mockingbird Lane, to be improved.

### **Treasurers Report**

Dues \$25/year per parcel

Approximate \$2,000 to \$3,000/year annual budget depending upon voluntary dues payments received.

For the period of 6/25/2013 through 6/25/2014:

Income	\$3,025.00
Expenses	\$337.95
Checking Balance	\$14,107.51

Limited expenses

- Benches
- Flowers
- Minor community improvements and repairs
- Office Supplies
- Postage
- Post office box

We are saving excess funding for fire exit acquisition and fire exit improvements such as vegetation removal, grading, gates and fire exit signs.

### **Nomination and voting for directors**

Sue Collier - reelected to fill a 2 year Director term.

Larry Wilson - 1 year left of a two year Director term.

Russell Anders - reelected to fill a 2 year Director term.

Larry Linville - reelected to fill a 2 year Director term.

Nancy Hegarty - elected to fill the vacant director position for the one year left of a two year term.

### **By-law changes**

The proposed by-law changes were passed by a unanimous vote of the members present. Notification of the proposed by-law changes were sent to 111 known owner/renter e-mail addresses and 28 mailing addresses at least 21 days before the meeting, as required by the Association by-laws.

Eliminated the unneeded terms "active" and "in good standing". If the parcel's dues were paid, they are members, active and are in good standing.

One membership and associated voting rights and related services per parcel of land that has paid the annual dues.

Clarified that the payment of annual dues with related voting rights and services are the responsibility of the parcel land owner, which may be delegated to renters.

Clarified that the Directors are elected by the voting members at large.

Clarified that the Directors themselves elect their president, vice- president and secretary-treasurer.

**Open forum for discussion or new business**

If you want to receive Association related business or emergency (like local forest fire) notifications please ensure neighborhood watch has your current contact information.

Darrin McNeice asked if a link to a community social media web-site could be added to the Audubon Hills web site. Jim McCarthy requested that Darrin e-mail him the link. Jim McCarthy has requested permission from the Audubon Hills Community Service District and Audubon Hills Association Boards of Directors to add the link to the community's official web site.

Darrin McNeice asked if there could be a hiking / biking trail around the perimeter of Audubon Hills. The Association Board of Directors will discuss the feasibility.

Jim Wells asked if an Association committee could be formed to address community repair issues within Audubon Hills. He was asked if he would chair that committee and he accepted.

**The meeting was adjourned.**