

SERENE LAKES LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN, 2014

When the Sierra Lakes County Water District bought the Serene Lakes lake bottom parcel from the Truckee Donner Land Trust it acquired the land underlying the lakes, a beautiful piece of property, which enabled protection for our drinking water resource.

The lakes are the most important and valuable asset of the Serene Lakes community. Therefore, the Sierra Lakes County Water District embarked on a quest to develop a management plan that incorporates the best management practices for the lakes and the surrounding shoreline strip (bright green areas on the map). A Citizens' Committee was convened in the Summer of 2013, consultants were contracted, and then public hearings were held.

The result is the Lakes Management Plan which the SLCWD Board approved in parts during meetings from Fall, 2013 to Spring, 2014. The plan has been codified into Ordinance 96 and will be re-evaluated in the Fall of 2014, based on the experiences of Summer, 2014.

In developing the plan summarized here, the Board met a number of objectives: maintain water quality, environmental protection of the lake and lakeshore, provide continued access to the lakes by the community, and balance the demands of the adjacent and non-adjacent property owners. A primary consideration, shared by the Board and all who weighed in on the topic, is that extensive unfettered access to all areas of the lakes to do any desired activity would not be good for the lakes, water quality, or the quality of life of those living adjacent to the lakes. This recognition became the backdrop under which all decisions were made.

The plan comes in a number of parts:

- access points and allowable uses at those points.*
- boat storage
- use by people with property adjacent to the lakes
- use by people with property not adjacent to the lakes
- education of the need for and rationale of the plan

FOCUSED ACCESS

The key component of the SLCWD's plan for lake management is "Focused Access." The lakes and the shoreline strip along the east shore are unique properties. If access were allowed everywhere by anyone at any time, it would be chaotic and the lake environment would be degraded. The lakeshore would be eroded, sensitive plants and riparian areas destroyed, and water quality would suffer. The map to the right delineates allowable access points for the residents of Serene Lakes. We ask you to access the lakes using only these areas, confine your visits to the signed areas, and respect the privacy of the homeowners adjacent to the lakes.

BOAT STORAGE

The number of boats left at the lakes has exploded over the last few years and so limits have had to be set. Please use only locations designated for boat parking/storage.

Day Use: boats must be removed at the end of the day; no overnight storage.

Short Term: boats can be stored at designated locations at the access points. Storage is available on a first-come first-served basis for up to three days while the boat owners are in residence in Serene Lakes.

Seasonal: boats can be stored at the District site for the season.

The above is subject to availability and the results of a lottery to be held June 13, 2014.

*Some possible points are not marked accessible because they are sensitive, like a number of riparian areas.

Lake Access Points & Allowable Uses



- 1. Leased to SLPOA**
SLPOA rules apply
- 2. Island Wy. at Serene Rd. Access**
day boat use
swimming
fishing
nature observation
- 3. Serene Rd. at Swiss Ct. Access**
seasonal boat storage (16)
short term boat storage (10)
fishing
nature observation
- 4. Bales Rd. Lake Intake Parcel**
seasonal boat storage (24)
short term boat storage (30)
nature observation
picnicking
- 5. Allen Dr. Cul-de-sac Access**
seasonal boat storage (8)
short term boat storage (6)
fishing
nature observation
- 6. Hemlock Peninsula Access**
day boat use
fishing
nature observation
- 7. Castle Rd. extension Access**
short term boat storage (6)
fishing
nature observation
- 8. Beacon Rd. ext. Access**
short term boat storage (6)
swimming
fishing
nature observation
- 9. Sierra Rd. extension Access**
day boat use
swimming
fishing
nature observation

- A. Dark grey: district owned parcels
- B. Bright green indicates areas where lake bottom parcel boundary extends above water level at dam spillway (elev. 6873.54) Area approximate: 288,011 sq. ft. This shoreline area is called, "The Strip."
- C. Common boundary, lake and private parcels

Please access the lakes using only the Designated Access Points and paths.