

Skyview-Willowbrook Association for Road Maintenance (SWARM)
2014 Newsletter / Updates

2013 Financial Report (also on website):

2013 INCOME	1st Gate	2nd Gate	3rd Gate	Combined
Beginning Balance	\$61.62	\$3,203.98	\$9,338.61	\$12,604.21
Deposits thru 12/13	\$5,183.00	\$4,923.99	\$68,453.30	\$78,560.29
Total Income 2013	\$5,244.62	\$8,127.97	\$77,791.91	\$91,164.50
2013 EXPENSES				
Road Materials (rock, culverts)	\$0.00	\$847.44	\$13,551.39	\$14,398.83
Labor (grading, brush, etc.)	\$0.00	\$1,747.50	\$29,697.06	\$31,444.56
Mailings/Postage/PO Box	\$171.24	\$171.24	\$513.71	\$856.19
Accountant & Tax Prep Fees	\$264.65	\$264.65	\$793.94	\$1,323.24
Insurance (D&O, General liab.)	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$600.00	\$1,000.00
Misc. Fees (bank, website)	\$11.03	\$11.03	\$33.29	\$55.35
Legal, Corp. , Coll. Fees (1)	\$564.40	\$564.40	\$13,678.50	\$14,807.30
Reserve Development (2)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Total Expenses 2013	\$1,711.32	\$4,306.26	\$59,867.89	\$65,885.47
Ending (working) BALANCES:	\$3,533.30	\$3,821.71	\$17,924.02	\$25,279.03
Starting RESERVES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending RESERVES:	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00

Financial Report Notes:

1. Legal fees -- Include costs of retainers (generally to be recouped, also see Note 3) and payments for collection services. Other fees include legal oversight on Corporation document updates and annual State Corporation fees.
2. Reserves are an as-available budget item toward infrastructure replacement (culverts, etc.), to reduce future special assessment needs. They are in addition to the ending (working) balances.
3. Third Gate's income and expenditures are higher than normal due to settlement of lawsuits (suit settlement \$ and required expenditures). Future obligations (of ~4K) outstanding.

Other News:

Maintenance

This has been a dry Fall and the Winter ahead does not look much better. Without sufficient moisture, any road work we do will quickly erode. On Third Gate, we have been watching the weather forecasts and Garman is lined up to do the planned maintenance at the first opportunity. Second and First Gate maintenance both have culvert work scheduled, again limited by moisture. Thank you for your patience.

Maintenance Funds

Did you have a good year this year in the garden? Or perhaps you have a renter using the roads? We have been asked if there is a way to take contributions beyond the normal billing and yes there is. If you would like to send extra funds, please note that they are such and they will be put directly towards maintenance of your Gate's roads. Please note that the billings collect roughly 40% of what is necessary to maintain our ~12 miles of roads so every bit helps. For those living on 1st and 2nd Gates especially, extra funds are always needed due to the lower number of properties versus the road lengths...

Grant Opportunities

There are grants and other funding opportunities available for landowners who want to improve road conditions and remedy erosion issues on their properties. These grants ultimately have the goal of improving water quality and salmonid habitat. The Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) works with landowners on grant applications, and is available to discuss projects and goals with individuals or neighborhoods. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) implements Farm Bill programs to help landowners achieve their conservation goals. These are non-regulatory agencies, meaning they do not report to other authorities potential infractions (including building, ponds, grows, etc.). SWARM is working with these groups to address road culvert and drainage issues that impact the Outlook Creek watershed. Should you have similar issues/needs on your property and would like to speak with someone contact Joe Scriven (MCRCD) @ 462.3664 or Carol Mandel (NRCS) @ 468.5278.

Drought Impacts

The Mendocino County Supervisors have setup a drought impacts ad-hoc committee, headed by Supervisor Carre Brown. They have asked for peoples' input if they are impacted by water shortages to get some idea of what to ask the state Office of Emergency Services to do for Mendocino County. She especially wants calls from residents of the County's unincorporated area, most of whom, of course, are entirely dependent on winter rains to replenish their wells and springs. If interested, call the Mendocino County Water Agency Drought Hotline at 463.4589.

Governing Documents

Thank you everybody once again for taking the time to review and vote on the Governing Document changes. The documents all passed (see Annual Meeting minutes for percentiles), which speaks highly of our Community!

Board Members, 2013/14

<i>1st Gate</i>	Craig Mountain	367.9897(*)	
	Larry Minson	459.4869	
<i>2nd Gate</i>	Catrina Fish	984.6373	(President)
<i>3rd Gate</i>	Linda Jarvis	489.4300	(Treasurer)
	Brad Sears	415.302.0103	
	Brian Corzilius	894.4634	(Secretary)

* text is best

► **Interested in being on the Ballot for the Board and helping us make decisions? Your insights are needed so *Contact us!* (Call Catrina Fish for more info)**

► **SWARM minutes, Association documents, etc. are available at www.sherwoodgates.org**

► *Thank you everyone for your continued support!* ◀