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To: Community Services District, Board of Directors
Rancho Murieta Homeowner's Association, Board of Directors

I have been a resident here since 2/19/15. I came to RM from Roseville to own a townhouse on the lake, and enjoy the beauty of RM. My parents bought a lot in 1970 in RM off Pera Drive and my father used to fish the lake I now look at from my window. It was a stretch for me to afford this place, especially with over \$300.00 in Homeowner's Association fees each month. However, I was determined to live by the water in this beautiful location, and I thought it a good investment of my money.

However, now I am compelled to write to RMA and CSD about the condition of the lake along with several compliance issues. I admit I have no knowledge of the upkeep the lake has received in the past, but, it appears to be falling in to serious disrepair. In speaking with other townhome residents about this shared concern, I have learned that people are very frustrated with the (perceived) lack of response to these (and other) issues, outlined herein. I am aware of the joint effort by CSD, RMA and MTI to address the midge fly problem. It was just horrendous last year, and I'm thrilled that the addition of new fish to the lake appear to have made some difference with respect to the bug problem, to date. I also know there are plans to install new pumps to aerate the water to reduce the existing stagnation. That is also great news and I am thankful for everyone's effort in these areas.

Here are my concerns going forward:

1. Please consider this as my signature on the petition advocating for the granular insecticide treatment of the lake to control the midge fly problem. We cannot have another year like the last one.
2. Is anything being done to **rid the lake of the foliage** that is rapidly growing and expanding around the perimeter of the lake? I'm told one year it reached clear across the lake before anything was done to fix the problem! It seems to me that now is the time to get it under control before it becomes a huge job requiring more money and staff time.
3. Ultimately, the rock levee around the lake is in need of repair. It is looking very shabby and not to par with the overall quality look of the RM landscape.

One resident confided to me that the RM (and CSD) Boards of Directors view these issues as belonging only to lake front property owners. I (we) strenuously disagree with that assessment, if true, and here is why:

- If our property values go down because the lake is permitted to disintegrate and is no longer an asset, **all** surrounding home values will suffer too. Not to mention the negative image RM will acquire in the greater Sacramento area. (We're already branded: "that place with all the bugs.")
- Lake issues, if not addressed, will soon have to be disclosed when properties are listed for sale, making them more difficult to sell, impacting RM's overall desirability.
- EVERYONE who enters RM North must pass by Laguna Joaquin. It is (from a distance) a lovely entrance to the RM property. It makes a statement that one is entering a very special environment. It is also enjoyed by all RM residents for different recreational activities.

I'm wondering when the last time was that board members from RMA and CSD walked around the lake to see for themselves, the degree of problems currently in existence, and the reason for our concerns?

I am interested in being part of the solution to the above issues and not just a complainer. And I know yours is a thankless job at times. I want you to know that I will do my part to help with our community. Can someone please let me know about the above concerns as you may have a plans for them of which I am unaware?

Thank you, and all the best,

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