



Save Our Geese



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NOTE: Lake of the Pines (LOP) violated the requirements of the Federal Depredation Permit on July 24, July 26 and August 2nd.

Friends and Neighbors,

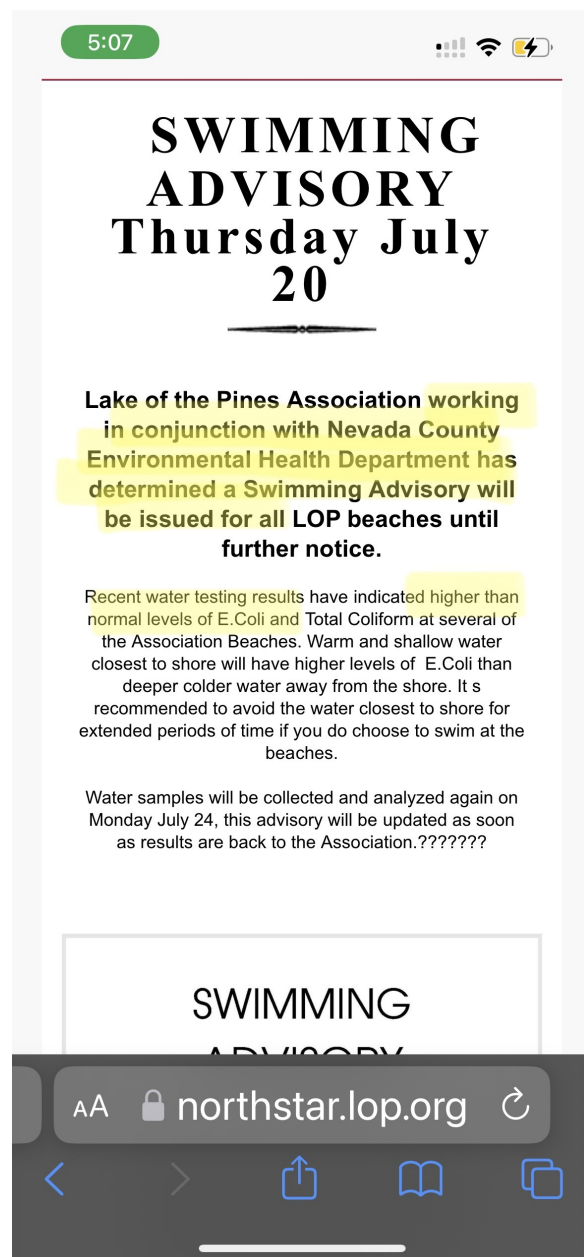
SOG once again takes to this forum in another attempt to jolt the LOP Board into action. On Thursday July 20th a harebrained scheme concocted by administration was in play.

The scheme consisted of a call by LOP GM Sean Bothelio to Nevada County Environmental Health Department (NCEHD) to

discuss the condition of the Lake water. The outcome resulted in a (BOGUS) Swimming Advisory being **posted on sawhorses** at all the beaches and an **E-Blast** from Sean to members.

The Advisory specifically stated "Lake of the Pines Association working **in conjunction with Nevada County Environmental Health Department (NCEHD) has determined a Swimming Advisory will be issued** for all LOP beaches until further notice....."

By Friday July 21st, some members took matters one step further and wrote to NCEHD to **VERIFY** Sean's (BOGUS) Advisory and learned **the TRUTH**.



BOGUS Swimming Advisory e-blast

RED FLAG: This should tell you how much trust some members have in what they are being told. Lie once, same on you!! Lie the umteenth time, VERIFY.

It appears the outcome of that call was falsified. NCEHD **DID NOT** advise Sean that a (BOGUS) Swimming Advisory needed to be posted because the water quality was acceptable. The Advisory was Sean's idea with no basis for doing so. Hmmm, maybe, read on....

Ever the dutiful servant of LOP and always concerned for the "health and safety" of the members (just look around at all the built-up crap he REFUSES to

clean up where our children play on the sandy beaches) the postings and E-Blast seemed to do the trick causing great concern among members as reported on social media.

Also on Friday according to Sean during the 75-minute meeting on July 25th, intended to "Debunk" (LOL) the goose issue, he said among other things about the "Feds" that he "didn't get confirmation from the Feds until Friday around 3:45PM after a couple of conversations that we could exercise our federal depredation permit." [Full meeting recording here](#) near position 43:21.

SOG wonders IF the BOGUS Advisory was used as a tool to prompt USFWS to respond to LOP's dormant permit renewal request.

USFWS Please take note of the above. You may have been misled. And, PLEASE revoke LOP's permit for violations past and present.

With a Friday green light from USFWS, Sean sent out another E-Blast Sunday July 23rd at 1:20PM saying geese would be shot on Monday July 24th, and the Lake would be closed 7am-12pm.

Meanwhile, on Saturday, July 22nd, SOG was copied on an email to the Board proving NCEHD **did not** advise the issuance of a (BOGUS) Swimming Advisory because the E.coli levels were low. And more specifically, that the (BOGUS) Advisory was Sean's idea. The message also contained a not so veiled threat to inform Supervisor Scofield that his NCEHD employee was played in part of a dishonest scheme. In a hopeful attempt to breathe life into an otherwise dead governing body, the email also included the message from NCEHD. Out of an abundance of caution, SOG believes, the Board should have stopped to VERIFY what was happening. Apparently, they did not, because....

On Monday, July 24th the guns rang out once again. Geese with goslings never had a chance against the men of the Wildlife Management Service Team. How many birds did we lose? No one will tell us. Bud Abbott, you lead the WMST, please tell us how many birds have been killed - **THIS TIME!**

But why? After nearly nine months the guns were silent and other than some moratorium on caring for and maintaining the common areas, calm began to return to LOP.

Suddenly something so pressing (we know it wasn't the levels of E.coli because NCEHD said that was low) that a (BOGUS) Advisory was fabricated sending an

otherwise peaceful community into hysterics. But why??? Maybe to prove some twisted point?? Why?? Maybe used to get the "Feds" to green light the shooting?? SOG will keep you posted if/when we can answer this question.

Absolutely stunning and twisted.

MAINTAIN THE BEACHES & COMMON AREAS

LOP Conformed Copy of the Restated By-Laws and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions

Article VIII Section 1 Common Areas. - states the following:

(a) Association's Responsibility to Repair, Maintain, Manage and Replace Common Areas and Common Facilities: ... (b), the Association **SHALL** be solely responsible for **all maintenance**, repair, **upkeep** and replacement of **all portions of the Common Areas and all Common Facilities...**

The LOP Board has a **duty** to carry out the provisions of the governing documents.

Ron Bomhoff's FreePress blog

While SOG is not in complete agreement with some of [Mr. Bomhoff's blog](#) requests, we wanted to acknowledge his startling revelation on one (of several) permit violations. LOP is a powder keg with yet another fractious group calling for Board action and change.

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Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918

Statute: 16.U.S.C. 707(a) Misdemeanor Offense

Any person, association, partnership, or corporation who, violates or fails to comply with any provisions or regulations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, SHALL be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

PENALTY:

Misdemeanor offenses shall be fines a maximum of \$5,000 and or imprisoned for not more than six months for individuals, or \$10,000 fine for an organization.

SaveOurGeese - Our Position

We Oppose

SaveOurGeese Coalition opposes the killing of live geese and discharging firearms within the LOP community.

We Support

We are supportive of reducing the number of geese through a combination of nest depredation, [egg addling \(done humanely\)](#), hazing, [contraceptives](#), predator scarecrows, light/water motion detectors, fencing, etc.

SOG is Willing to Help

We are willing to help form a committee of DEDICATED volunteers accountable to the members, who commit to ACTIVELY employing non-lethal means to reduce the geese population and waste.

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. – Margaret Mead.

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