



## COMMUNITY UPDATE

### September 2017



***SOLOS Membership approaching 1000 members!***

**SOLOS Council Members, with Lake Chesbro in the background, have been working hard to grow our membership and also inform the community about the proposed development plans. Most everyone we talk to loves the trails and wildlife around our Lakes, and are in**

**total agreement that this special habitat and our critical water supply should be protected, preserved, and left undeveloped. We say... Keep it green... keep it undeveloped!**

**Annual Membership Meeting & Social | Held Wed. Sept. 27 @ 7:30 at the RMA Bldg.**



Approx. 50 members and guests joined us on 9/27 for homemade desserts and refreshments and to hear an informative presentation by Melinda Frost-Hurzel, Physical Engineer with the Cosumnes River Watershed Coalition. We learned more about our amazing river resource and the riches it bestows on the vast environment that surrounds us.

According to the 2016 Cosumnes River Watershed Update and Stewardship Plan:

*"...the Cosumnes River is the last free flowing western Sierra River which provides water to all the communities along its reach, via both surface water*

*diversions and groundwater recharge. It is an integral part of local Native culture, supports a variety of endangered and at risk species (including Chinook salmon), and sustains the largest remaining Central Valley riparian forest. Swimmers, anglers, birders, kayakers, rock climbers, and nature enthusiasts have long answered its call. But like many Sierra watersheds, the Cosumnes River has challenges. The stressors of climate change, population growth, overstocked forests, mining, erosion, run off, invasive species, land use changes, diversions, and groundwater overdraft, among others, are increasing. Cosumnes challenges can only be met with a comprehensive, collaborative approach that takes advantage of all the technology and management resources available, including traditional sources of ecological knowledge.*

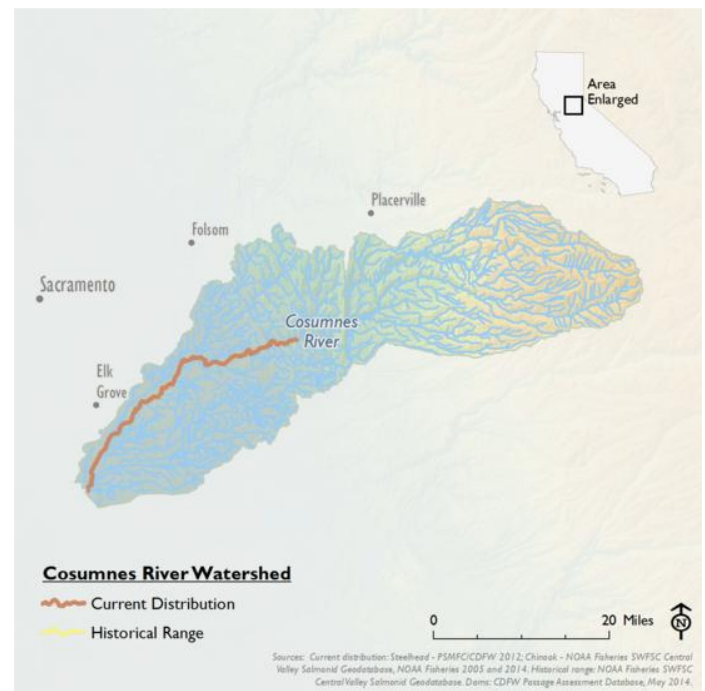


*The Cosumnes River is valued for biological, hydrological, climate adaptation and hazard mitigation research, due to its free flowing state and floodplain study opportunities at the Cosumnes Preserve. It is the last 'live' connection to the Delta, with a relatively natural flow regime and geomorphology."*

The Cosumnes Coalition consists of the following organizations:

- American River Conservancy
- Fishery Foundation of California
- Cosumnes Culture & Waterways
- Trout Unlimited
- Landmark Environmental, Inc.

Not only does SOLOS hope to preserve the acreage around our back lakes, but we also hope to reduce development along the Cosumnes. The Cosumnes Watershed Coalition presentation explained the importance of protecting and preserving this precious river and its watershed surroundings.



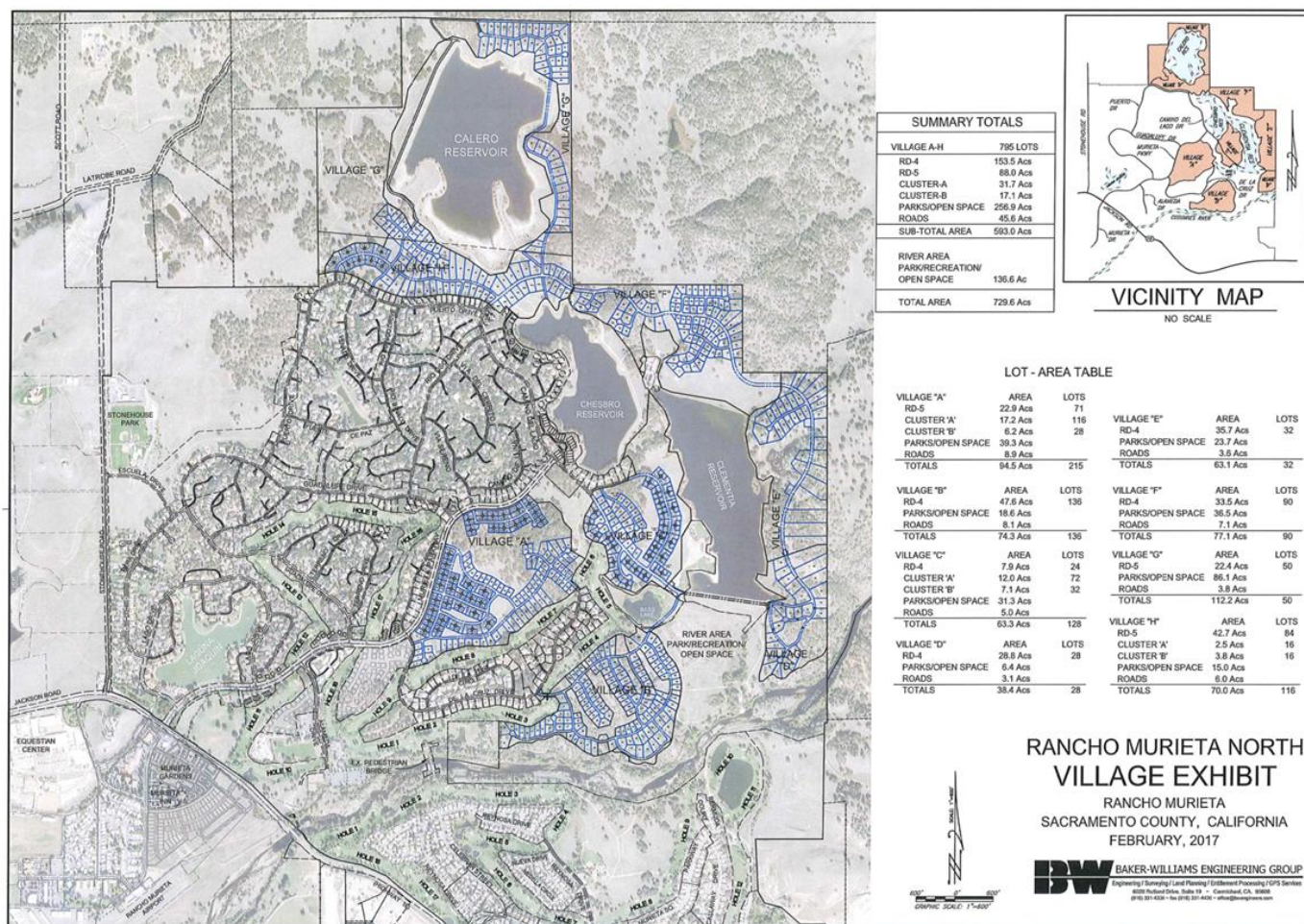


## Update on Development in Rancho Murieta



The Rancho North Properties' application for an additional 795 homes to be developed in parcels (Villages) is displayed on the map below. This application was submitted to the Sacramento County Planning Dept. nearly two years ago and is still

incomplete and awaiting a number of studies and requirements before an EIR (Environmental Impact Report) process can begin. The EIR process is a very involved and time consuming process that could take 12-18 months, and in this case, we are hearing that it could be even longer before the Planning Dept. is actually able to complete the EIR and release it for public review and comment.



SOLOS is hoping to move forward with discussions and options for our community to consider that will create a Preserve of the acreage around our back lakes and trails. Stay tuned on this topic as eventually your support and voice will be needed to approach our local agencies and community members to join together to protect our water supply, wilderness environment, trails, and wildlife.

**Thank you for your support and interest in Saving Our Lakes & Open Spaces (SOLOS)**