

**Chuck NeSmith - FW: 8316 E. Hidden Lake Water Issues**

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**To:** <cnesmith@waterboards.ca.gov>  
**Date:** 9/19/2007 3:01 PM  
**Subject:** FW: 8316 E. Hidden Lake Water Issues

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**From:** Ted Allegra  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2007 2:47 PM  
**To:** 'cnesmith@waterboard.ca.gov'  
**Cc:** 'callegra@surewest.net'; 'tahoedc@surewest.net'; 'twood@tricommercial.com'  
**Subject:** 8316 E. Hidden Lake Water Issues

Hello Charles:

We have notified the other lake neighbors that a recommendation is forthcoming from SWRB. They were informed that two potential solutions are under consideration and were provided your contact information if they were interested in sending a note. Both residents, who live on Gina Lane have expressed they have water issues in their basement and back yards.

Following is a list of water issues and/or damage as a result of the leaking lake, some of this may already be familiar to you:

- 1) When the pool was re-plastered by previous owners, our current pool maintenance company owner was present during the construction. He has offered to talk to anyone about what he witnessed. The pool plastering company had to drill three holes in the bottom of the pool to avoid having the pool float from the foundation. When the first hole was drilled, water shot up 8 ft from the base of the pool. The company had a water pump installed in the deep end that ran for 72 hours while they re-plastered to avoid having the pool fill with water. The previous homeowners complained that the constant use of pump would run up their PGE electric bill.
- 2) Our pool maintenance man noticed we have cracks in the pool and spa and that the spa gunite and structure is being undermined by constant saturation causing it to shift. We have a water loss through the cracking perhaps contributing to monthly water bill of \$173.00 in August, 07'.
- 3) Water is seeping through cracks in our exposed aggregate in the back patio and also through cracks in front driveway.
- 4) Water seeps through cracks and hand-holes in the street on the corner of Jon Way and E. Hidden Lakes (see attached letter photos and letter from Placer County)

<<Jon Way - Leaking Lake Damage to Road 3 13 06.pdf>> <<Hidden Lakes Drainage Problem County of Placer Letter 6 21 04.doc>>

- 5) We have constant wet conditions in our grass area. In the winter, water does not absorb and therefore the grass is not suitable to walk on.
- 6) We were told by a contractor that cracks in our interior walls and ceiling area were a result of settling. He said it was unusual to see signs of settling on a 19 year old house.
- 7) It is unknown whether our slab foundation is compromised by constant presence of water, however, we were told by contractors that if cement is subject to constant water eventually it will erode.
- 8) We have received an appraisal estimate of diminution in value to our house due to the leaking lake in the amount of \$80,000.

Thank you for your diligent work on this project. We appreciate your thoroughness and professionalism. We feel very fortunate to have you working on our behalf.

Regards,

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# PLACER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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June 21, 2004

Hidden Lakes Homeowners Association  
Attn Ms. Celeste Comings,  
Riverside Management & Financial Services  
P.O. Box 41099  
Sacramento, CA 95841-0099

Dear Ms. Comings:

Two residents of your Homeowner's Association (Mr. Ted Allegra and Mr. Tony Wood) have contacted this Department in regard to drainage problems on their respective properties as well as in the County Roadway, specifically the intersection of Jon Way and Hidden Lakes Drive. I have reviewed a geotechnical report prepared by Youngdahl and Associates, prepared on Mr. Wood's behalf. In this report, Youngdahl concluded, "the primary source of the water observed is seepage from the adjacent lake." Additionally, Mr. Allegra has obtained verification from the San Juan Suburban Water District that the leaking water is not treated water leaking from any of their lines.

Subsurface drainage and the resultant problems on private property are issues that will have to be addressed between the private parties. My primary concern is the premature degradation of the roadway evidenced in part by continued presence of standing water in the nearby drainage inlets and water valve boxes in the roadway. It is my understanding that the seepage issue has been discussed by the HOA in the past, and that solutions have been discussed, including lining the lake with a geosynthetic liner.

At this point in time, I respectfully request that the HOA officially respond to this Department in regard to this matter. I am available at your convenience to discuss this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 530-889-7565.

Sincerely,

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