



Lancelot Lake Dam Repairs - July of 2020

The long-awaited repairs to the dam on Lancelot Lake are now starting. You may notice some preliminary work occurring mid to late July in preparation for the more extensive repair and remediation work.

Beginning August 1st, work to remove the trees on the dam will begin and should be completed before the end of that month. This will include not just cutting down the trees, but the removal of the stumps and roots and replacing/repacking the ground within the areas disturbed. This is to ensure the future strength and integrity of the dam. Due to the intensive work required, the lake will be lowered by an estimated 3 ½ feet to lessen the hydraulic pressure on the dam during the project.

As construction begins, Arrow Beach and the entire dam will be closed. Also, as the drawdown begins, Lancelot Beach on Maid Marion Lane will also be closed. Residents and their guests are welcome to use any of the other six beaches on the other lakes within the forest. Directions on how to obtain the joint SFLD/SFRMD Vehicle Registration-Parking stickers and Guest Pass Registration-Parking stickers are located on the SFLD website at <http://www.sfldbecket.org/>

The lowering is also required to accommodate the construction of a new, enlarged spillway on and under Sir Galahad Drive. This should commence during the first half of August. In addition, a new siphoning system will be installed that will allow the district to lower the water level of the lake as a measure to preclude and/or mitigate the severity of potentially catastrophic natural weather events. This will replace the existing, non-functioning and deteriorating drainage pipe from the original dam construction over 50 years ago. Traffic along this section of Sir Galahad Drive will be closed during the spillway reconstruction. Work within the water will be completed by September 30th as required by law.

Once this work is completed, the lake will begin to refill, but since the lake is primarily spring-fed it may not recover this year.

Finally, the dam will be regraded with erosion controls placed and grass planted. The overall project is expected to be completed by the end of October.

A number of Prudential Committee members have been updating homeowners verbally as the planning for this project progressed. Please pass this information along to your neighbors and others you think may benefit from knowing.