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Manager's Message

Dear Members:

We are carefully watching the very dry conditions we are facing once again. So far, due to the decent amount of water behind the federal dams, we are not anticipating a rate increase at this time. This could change throughout the year based on the management of the federal dams and the market conditions for power, along with the ever-present concern about state and federal regulations. In addition, there are several proposals on electric utility regulation that could curtail our operations in extreme weather conditions. We are watching these carefully to make sure they are based on science and safety, not just a knee jerk reaction to last year's catastrophic fires.

We will also be increasing our removal of hazard trees due to the ongoing damage to our forests from the multi-year drought. Hazard trees can include trees that appear healthy but have defects such as split tops, dead tops, "cat-faces", or other issues that require their removal. We would appreciate your cooperation in removing hazard trees as efficiently as possible.

New Websites

Later this month, PSREC and PST will be launching redesigned websites that will be more user-friendly. Keep a look out for these new sites at www.psrec.coop and www.pst.coop.

Scholarships

Attending a college or university next fall? PSREC and PST will offer two \$1,000 scholarships. Full details and an application can be found on our website at www.psrec.coop. The application deadline is Friday, March 16.

Energy Savings

At PSREC, we work hard to empower our members to take charge of their energy consumption. Through our secure SmartHub link at www.psrec.coop, we have tools you can use to access your historical energy use. This data can be graphically-compared to temperature data for your area. We have observed that, while there are several other variables, the heating portion of most residential electric bills increases three percent for every degree the average daily temperature drops below 50F.

An increased awareness of energy consumption habits allows you to choose when and how to save energy and, in turn, lower your bill.

Create an online profile to access this helpful information, if you don't already have one. To get started, click the SmartHub link at www.psrec.coop, then select the "New User" option.

You will need your account number and some other identifying information for the primary account holder. If you have any difficulty, please give us a call. We are happy to assist you.

Telecommunications

PST is currently upgrading the coax system in west Quincy to provide broadband services with download speeds up to 25 Mbps and unlimited data use. If you aren't already on our interest list, please visit www.pst.coop or call (800) 221-3474 to sign up for service. Once the coax system is completed in west Quincy, PST crews will begin work on the Chandler Road system.

Many of our Chandler Road members noticed work being done by the electric line

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 2

Artists' Opening Reception. Plumas Arts Gallery, 525 Main St., Quincy. 5 to 7 p.m. Meet the artist and enjoy light refreshments. **For more information, call (530) 283-3402.**

Artists' Opening Reception. Main Street Artists Gallery, 436 Main St., Quincy. 5 to 7 p.m. Reception for featured artist. Enjoy drinks and nibbles. **For more information, call (530) 283-1909 or visit www.mainstreetartists.net/home.htm.**

Susanville's Best of Broadway. Performances at 7 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Hall, 1295 Main St. **For more information, please call (530) 260-3191 or go to www.susanvillebestofbroadway.org.**

March 3 & 4

Susanville Symphony Society. Susanville Assembly of God. 473-

465 Richmond Road, Susanville. Friday 7 p.m. Saturday 2:30 p.m. **For more information, please call (530) 310-8111 or go to www.susanvillesymphony.com/pages/concerts.**

March 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, & 31

Ranger-led Snow Walks. Ranger-led Snowshoe Walks. Lassen Volcanic National Park Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center, 21820 Lassen Peak Highway, Mineral. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. A \$1 donation to cover snowshoe maintenance is appreciated. **For more information, call (530) 595-4480.**

March 5

Poetry Out Loud County Finals. Plumas Arts Gallery, 525 Main St, Quincy. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. **For more information, please call (530) 283-3402.**

March 10

A Taste of Beef, Sip of Wine. Susanville Elks Lodge, 400 Main St. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Hosted by Lassen County Cattlewomen and Cattlemen. **For more information, please call (530) 570-3402.**

March 16 & 17

Cowboy Poetry and Music Show/Dinner. Sierra Valley Grange Hall, Vinton. Friday dinner 5 to 7; show 7:30 p.m.; Saturday dinner 4:30 to 7 p.m., 2 p.m. matinee, and 7:30 p.m. evening show. **For more information, call (831) 345-9840.**

March 18

World Championship Longboard Race. Plumas-Eureka State Park, Johnsville Ski Bowl. 10:30 a.m. Period costumes, music, food and fun. Groomed slopes, Indorf Lodge and Lost Sierra Cafe open. Dogs on leashes only.

For more information, call (530) 832-4309.

March 29

Rotary District 5190 Youth Music Contest. Rotary District 5190 invites youth ages 14 to 18 years of age to demonstrate their musical talent. Prize money awarded for first, second and third places. Submit your entry no later than March 23. **For more information, email feltgar@aol.com.**

March 31

Third Annual Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Celebration. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2381 hosts the third annual Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Celebration from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Hall in Susanville. **For more information, call (530) 310-0428.**

Manager's Message

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crew. The crew recently hung fiber optic cable to connect switches on Chandler Road and Quincy Junction Road to allow automated control of key electric switches that will allow for faster restoration of power outages. PST is working on additions to this system to allow broadband service to the home.

For more information, or to sign up for service, please call us at (800) 221-3474 or visit www.pst.coop.

Get Ready For Spring Safely

Spring is just around the corner and the weather is warming up. Trees, shrubs and flowers are beginning to bloom, and we are starting to make plans for the outdoor projects we put on our to-do list over the winter—those in the garage, around the house and in the yard.

While you are eager to get an early start, please don't ignore safety. Check your surroundings both high and low. Be aware of overhead power lines when trimming trees or shrubs. If you are dig-

ging holes for new fence posts or planting trees or shrubs please call 811.

It is important you do not nick or cut underground power lines with a shovel or pick. Again, please take a minute to call 811, the underground notification center.

The process is quick and easy. When you call 811, you are connected to the one-call center closest to your area. The call center takes your information and notifies PSREC and other utilities in the area of your request. A professional is dispatched from the co-op to locate and mark the location of underground power lines where you plan to dig.

To ensure your job stays on schedule, please call a few days before you are ready to work to allow for processing. Remember, knowing what is below ground will protect you, your family and your neighbors.

Be aware of any overhead power lines in your area as well. Look up before moving irrigation pipes, using a ladder,


installing a new antenna or flag pole, or moving large trucks, trailers or heavy equipment.

For indoor projects that involve wiring and electrical fixtures, make sure you turn the power off at the breaker panel to avoid being shocked.

As you make your plan, remember, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." It just might save your life. Please take the proper precautions as you begin your springtime chores. You will be glad you did.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please call me at (800) 555-2207 ext. 6076, or email me at bmarshall@psrec.coop.

Sincerely,



Bob Marshall
General Manager