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## News for YOU!

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for signing up for the LAWG newsletter. Read on for some good news about your local community.

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## Board Member Spotlight: Aaron Seandel

Aaron is retiring from the LAWG Steering Committee after more than 22 years of dedicated service.

### By Peggy Fulder

The history of the Lake Almanor Watershed Group (LAWG) and its predecessor, Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee (ABWAC), is inextricably linked to the long-term and unwavering dedication of Aaron Seandel. His involvement with both organizations and many efforts to support water quality, lake health, and community well-being have benefited the lives of so many within the Lake Almanor Basin. Beginning almost three decades ago, Aaron has collaborated with others to address numerous issues that require extensive research, communication, community organizing, and leadership. Aaron has recently relocated away from the area, but this summer I had the opportunity to sit down with Aaron and listen as he recounted how he got involved with ABWAC, which eventually became LAWG. [Read More](#)

The LAWG group is honoring Aaron by creating a tribute fund that will help to ensure that Aaron's vision of healthy Lake Almanor and vibrant community continue into the future.

[Please join us by making a gift today.](#)

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## LAWG is looking for people to join the steering committee

You are:

- Interested in water quality
- Passionate about the Lake Almanor basin
- A part- or full-time resident of Lassen or Plumas Counties
- Able to commit 20 or more volunteer hours per year



*While we welcome participants from anywhere, there is immediate need for someone to replace Aaron*

The Lake Almanor Country Club is a crucial constituency within the LAWG group but with Aaron's departure, they no longer have a representative on the committee.

If you live in LACC and are interested in sharing your leadership skills and commitment to a healthy lake and vibrant community, please email us: [dweinman@sierrainstitute.us](mailto:dweinman@sierrainstitute.us) or call 530-284-1022 and ask for Dov or Moorea

To learn more about LAWG and what we're about: [Visit Our Website](#)

## Aaron Seandel WATERSHED LEADER Tribute Fund



“Lake Almanor is the jewel of Plumas County.

To maintain the health and beauty of the lake, and the surrounding Almanor Basin, Lake Almanor Watershed Group, a team of community volunteers, continues to devote time, energy and resources towards this effort.

Their commitment has helped to expand the local economy and improve the quality of life for residents and those who come to visit the area.

## The Language of Lake Health: Turbidity

**What the heck is Turbidity? Hint: it's not what your grandson calls his little brother.**

### Definition:

Cloudiness in water caused by particulate matter suspended in the water that decreases water clarity and can affect beneficial uses. Turbidity is produced by either inorganic material, such as clay particles, or organic material, such as algal cells

### Why it Matters:

The high amounts of particles that produce high turbidity affect the health of the lake by reducing light penetration, which decreases ecological productivity, habitat quality and recreational value. Among other problems, the particles are attachment sites for other pollutants such as toxic metals and bacteria.

**Monitoring turbidity helps assess the health of the lake and identify potential problems before they get worse.**

[Read More and Check out the Cool Pictures](#)



## Our "Day of Learning" Went Virtual for 2020

Rather than gather in person at the lovely Olsen Barn, this year's State of the Lake became a series of online panel discussions featuring individuals and organizations who are working hard to improve the Almanor Basin. Each session focused on a different aspect of regional ecology and how it intersects with quality of life in our communities.

LAWG would like to thank [Feather River Land Trust](#) and [Sierra Institute for Community and Environment](#) for the hard work they put into making these events happen. We are very grateful for the time, energy and expertise they invested.

Themes and Topics:

- Forest and Watershed Management
- Landscape Conservation and Restoration
- Water Quality and Fisheries
- Community Vitality



If you missed any of these great presentations, [you can watch them here.](#)

We welcome your input - what other topics would interest you? Let us know at the website above or by responding to this email. Thank you.

Our partners at the Sierra Institute for Community and Environment are hosting these events in October:

[Learn More](#)

## NOT IF BUT WHEN: WILDFIRE SOLUTIONS



**ONLINE FILM SCREENING  
AND EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION**

Thursday, October 1  
06:30 PM



340 minute documentary  
featuring experts from:

- CAL FIRE
- TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST
- CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
- SOUTH YUBA RIVER CITIZENS LEAGUE
- UC BERKELEY'S FIELD STATIONS
- YUBA WATER AGENCY
- CAMPTONVILLE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
- SIERRA FOREST LEGACY
- TERRA FUEGO

A film by  
Radu Sava & Rebekah Hood-Sava

## VIRTUAL TOWN HALL



Thursday, October 22  
06:30 PM

**PAST HISTORY & FUTURE VISIONING  
IN THE ALMANOR BASIN**

- Wildfire and climate change
- Economic development
- Employment opportunities
- Recreation and tourism
- History and evolution of collaborative groups

*An extension of this summer's popular "State of the Lake" series, we will explore the history of "Big Meadows" and discuss ways that current trends can and will influence our community in years to come.*

**Thank you to our supporters!**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND OTHER IMPORTANT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE BASIN, PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING AN ALMANOR ADVOCATE.


 **LEARN MORE**



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MOTIVATED BY OUR IMPACT?

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