

## **POSITIVE NEWS**

### **Long Time Member Pledges Financial Help with Silt/Sediment Removal Project**

In consideration of one of the Twain Harte Lake Board's 2021 goals to "continue work on a silt/sediment removal project" the Board has laid out the improvement and maintenance priorities that have been long overdue within the Capital Improvement Program's scope. As a California 501 c 7 Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation we are supported by our members. Work projected to rehabilitate the Lake and the maintenance of our most important asset, our dam, also requires the support of our membership.

Marking a notable stride forward along the path to restore the lake's depth and silt/sediment removal, Twain Harte Lake Association has been fortunate to receive correspondence from a lake member, who has **donated \$50,000 to "kick start" the Board pursuing the required survey's (archeological, cultural resources, bathymetric) and will match dollar for dollar up to an additional \$50,000 donated by members!** Future stages would include required silt/sediment characterization, reconnaissance level, wildlife surveys, development of a project description, and required permit applications. One area of focus in this project would also be the 60-foot strip parallel to the dam down to the original base layer to allow maintenance to take place to the upstream foot and face of the dam to ensure the integrity of the structure, as well.

Much consideration was given by the Board in determining which of the Lake's assets would fall under the category. The criteria included: "service life of the asset; condition of the individual asset following assessment; availability of funding each fiscal year; ability of THLA to complete the work given the existing workload and limited staff resources, and economy of scale—in which like projects are completed in a single fiscal year whenever possible.

We are trying to provide our members with three things: a signature sense of place and culture, additional visual texture and a lake with restoration of water quality and depth and importantly protect our most important asset- the dam...where people bond through a shared history.

This donation would collectively position the Lake closer to the Association's ultimate goal: to protect and preserve the Lake as a recreational center for our members for generations to come. *Please consider making a donation to help move this essential work forward.* For additional information please contact Lake Director, Lauren Gerber at **thlake.org**.