

# Lake Sutherland News

## Vote again to keep up lake milfoil fight Duplicate ballots sent due to zip-code return problems

New ballots may be received by Lake Sutherland landowners because a computer program added numbers to the zip codes on many of the original return envelopes. Lake landowners are voting whether to continue the Lake Sutherland Management District No. 2 for at least five years.

Many ballots returned correctly, especially those dropped at the County Courthouse. Cathy Lucero, district administrator, urged all who receive second

ballots to return them to assure no one is overlooked. Duplicates will be discarded.

The vote is to continue the decade-long campaign that has controlled the invasion of Eurasian milfoil, a plant that threatened to clog the lake's shorelines with a thick underwater jungle.

The postmaster brought the zip-code problem  
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Lake Sutherland neighbors and friends take a lunch break during a lake management district weed-pulling workday. The next workday will be Sept. 13.

to Lucero's attention. She said some of the zip codes might prevent ballots from coming in on time, so she sent new ballots to all whose ballots had not yet arrived. (These ballots are not the same as the petitions printed in the last lake newsletter. Those petitions asked only that the County Commission consider renewal of the district. The commission on July 8 called for the election.) The voting deadline is Aug. 11.

District renewal is proposed under the same terms as before with no increased costs. Each land parcel will be assessed \$50 per year.

Lucero also explained in a letter sent with the ballots that votes will be "allocated for each dollar of assessment proposed for your property." This is the same system used previously when the district was formed. Parcels with multiple owners will receive multiple ballots.

Ballots can be returned by mail or deposited in the drop box at the County Courthouse in Port Angeles. The address is 223 East 4th Street, Suite 4, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

Once the district has been approved, another hearing will be held for any landowners who feel they deserve an assessment change.

The lake district's revenue from assessments totals \$19,400 a year.

The next workday weed pull is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 13, beginning at Maple Grove.

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