

February 10, 2017

Dear El Dorado Lakes Residents,

Residents recently reported sightings of deceased wildlife in and around the lakes including three dead fish, a dead bird, and a dead duck. The lakes vendor was immediately notified and tests were conducted on the water. The results show no contaminants and that all properties are within the proper range for the aquatic life.

While the vendor was on the premises, one of our groundskeepers pointed out a bird nearby, and shared that he had witnessed it kill three fish. Residents have also shared witnessing the bird prey on birds and fish.

The lakes are the “crown jewel” of our community, but living so close to nature can have its drawbacks. Every so often a predatory bird takes up residence in our complex, sometimes for months, before moving on. It is a necessary part of nature and will run its course, which may be hastened by the tree trimming operation next week. Although there is nothing further to be done in this situation, we are grateful that residents reported the dead wildlife so that unnatural causes could be ruled out or corrected, and that the casualties could be removed from the property promptly.

Also, the board has ensured that tree trimming this year would not coincide with the heart of bird nesting season. **The trimming is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14.** There will be continuous noise throughout the day and debris and dirt may land on patios and balconies, so please plan accordingly and keep pets indoors.

In preparation for the arrival of our migratory birds that will be starting families here in the coming months, residents are reminded not to feed the wildlife. **Feeding the wildlife is against HOA rules, and also against the law (California Code of Regulations, §251.1).**

Thank you to residents and employees that look out for our wildlife and report concerns, which should be forwarded to our management company representative, Lisa Bryce, via phone (714) 779-1300, or email Lbryce@cardinal-online.com (email preferred).

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors