



PRESIDENT'S NEWS BULLETIN.

FROM: JERRY COFFEL, PRESIDENT, GSMOL CHAPTER 1461.

TO: GSMOL MEMBERS.

SUBJECT: PARK MANAGER'S NOTICE OF COUNTY PROPERTY INSPECTION

DATE: MARCH 31, 2017

The park manager was instructed by Sierra Corporate Management to send out notices to the homeowners that Contra Costa County would be making an inspection of the homes in Vista Diablo Mobile Estates. The inspection was coached in terms of California Department of Housing and Community Development being given complaints. No date for the inspection was given but did say that fines for non-compliance would be enforced.

I spoke to the park manager about the source of the notice. She explained that she was notified by Sierra Corporate Management by a copy of the relevant HCD law and of the Notice of County Inspection. She did not seem to know of any details but said she was checking.

Most people who are familiar with local governments know that the county and local cities are very separate. The incorporated areas like the City of Antioch provide services to its community members and residents. Contra Costa County provides services to its community members and residents in the unincorporated areas. Only in a few incidents such as public health do they overlap. HOUSING INSPECTION IN OUR AREA IS NOT ONE OF THEM.

I called the Contra Costa County housing inspection department to find out if indeed it was planning to do an inspection of Vista Diablo. I was directed to Mr. Tom Brooks, the housing inspector, I believe, that covers the East county area. He said he had no knowledge of a proposed county inspection of our park. He added that such an inspection would be done by the City of Antioch staff—not the county.

I called and spoke with Mr. Michael Bartlett, Inspector for the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Vista Diablo is in his area of jurisdiction and I had met him before and had an extensive talk about what he and his agency did. When asked about an inspection of our park triggered by the HCD, he said he had no knowledge of such an inspection. Further, he said that Contra Costa County recently gave up jurisdiction over all its mobile home parks to the HCD.

IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT THE THREAT OF A **COUNTY** INSPECTION OF VISTA DIABLO IS A SCARE HARRASMENT TACTIC BY SIERRA CORPORATE MANAGEMENT.

NOTE: This does NOT absolve your responsibility for complying with the Park Rules & Regulations.