

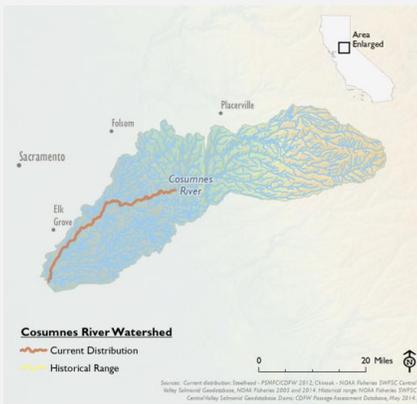
## NOVEMBER COMMUNITY UPDATE

### The Beauty Is All Around Us!



Cosumnes River Bridge photographed by Steve DeMello

The Cosumnes River and its watershed runs from near Placerville all the way to Galt. It is the last free flowing *western Sierra River* which provides water to all the communities along its reach, via both surface water diversions and groundwater recharge. We are learning so much about this river's importance to our environment from the Cosumnes River Watershed Coalition, an organization of 5 different environmental interest groups focused on studying and protecting the river, its wildlife, and important resources.



SOLOS is very interested in seeing the land around our back lakes preserved, as well as, reduced development along the Cosumnes River. The Cosumnes Watershed Coalition has explained the importance of protecting and preserving this precious river and its watershed surroundings, and encourages all Rancho Murieta residents to become informed, and understand its importance to our community and California as a whole.

Learn more at: [cosumnescoalition.org](http://cosumnescoalition.org) and go to the “Science” tab.

### ENCOURAGING NEWS!

CSD voted 5-0 to investigate the possibility of making a land purchase of the country club/golf course, and also the acreage around the back lakes. This acquisition could be achieved by proposing a municipal bond that might require approval of the voters, but could be a relatively modest contribution by all residents to solve a serious problem for our community. Most everyone would agree that the loss of the country club and our beautiful back country open spaces, trails, and wildlife, would be a travesty for our community. If there is a way to save the Country Club from insolvency, then remodel and regenerate it, as well as making it accessible to all in the community, and also, preserve our pristine back country open spaces, it is surely worth serious consideration. We encourage you to let the CSD Board know you support this direction.



### SOLOS Membership Continues To Grow

SOLOS has over 900 members now. These are voting members of our community that value our special environment and want to see our open spaces and natural resources preserved. Joining SOLOS is easy. Just send your contact info to [contact@solosrm.org](mailto:contact@solosrm.org) Visit our website and learn more at: [solosrm.org](http://solosrm.org)



Contributing information from nature lover, Joanne Brandt.

**Yes, Rancho Murieta has Bald Eagles! See where else they are being protected.**

PIGEON FORGE, TN – July 2, 2003

The American Eagle Foundation’s work to raise public awareness and preserve the nation’s freedom symbol has again reached into the heart of Washington, D.C. Today, singer/actress Dolly Parton, the Foundation’s largest benefactor, and its trained non-releasable Bald Eagle “Challenger” participated in the official public opening of a new Bald Eagle Refuge exhibit at the Smithsonian National Zoo. The opening ceremony was led by Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton, Ms. Parton, and National Zoo Director Lucy Spelman. Other government and conservation officials were also present.

The non-profit eagle preservation organization ([www.eagles.org](http://www.eagles.org)), headquartered at and sponsored by the Dollywood entertainment park in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, has donated two non-releasable Bald Eagles named “Sam” (female) and “Tioga” (male) to the eagle exhibit. The grand opening of the exhibit celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System, which the U.S. Department of the Interior and its various agencies are highlighting throughout 2003. It offers a close-up view of American Bald Eagles while educating visitors, especially children, about the importance of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

In addition to participating as a guest speaker and in the ribbon cutting ceremony, Ms. Parton was given the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service “Partnership Award” in recognition of her outstanding support for Bald Eagle conservation and the National Wildlife Refuge System. Ms. Parton’s Dollywood entertainment park has been an official sponsor of the non-profit American Eagle Foundation for the past 13 years. The park has donated several million dollars to support the Foundation’s public education and eagle care/recovery efforts.

“Challenger”, the Foundation’s famous trained educational eagle was on hand to support the event. “Bald Eagles have symbolized our country’s freedom and heritage for over 220 years, said Parton, “We are excited and proud that Dollywood and the American Eagle Foundation are donating these two majestic birds to the National Zoo and can play a special role in dedicating the new eagle exhibit celebrating America’s wildlife refuge system.” Learn more at:

<https://www.eagles.org/dolly-partin-ae-f-bald-eagle-challenger-help-open-bald-eagle-exhibit-at-national-zoo/>

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SOLOS T-shirts are for sale, as well. Great gifts for all nature lovers and environmentalists! Contact Linda Butler at 595-1718 or [16dola@gmail.com](mailto:16dola@gmail.com)

