

THE WOODS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS

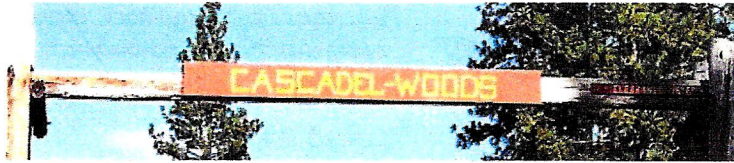
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Holiday Party

DEC 3, 2016

Be Firesafe



Grants

\$83,500 Awarded in Grants Year to Date

2016 State Fire Assistance Program (SFA)

The *Cascadel Woods Fuel Reduction Project* application submitted by the CWPOA and sponsored by the Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council (YSRDC) has been preliminarily selected for \$50,000 in grant funding under the 2016 SFA Grants Clearinghouse Program funded by the California Fire Safe Council (CFSC).

This wildfire prevention funding is provided through a master grant to CFSC by the U.S. Forest Service State Fire Assistance Program (SFA). This program emphasizes fire risk reduction activities by landowners and residents in at-risk communities to restore and maintain resilient landscapes and create fire-adapted communities.

This funding will be used to remove dead trees, logs and hazardous fuels on private property within the Cascadel Woods subdivision.

2016 PG&E Fuel Reduction Projects Grant

In early August, the YSRDC and CWPOA completed implementation of the \$33,000 PG&E fuel reduction grant work in Cascadel Woods.



Under this grant, Central Sierra Tree Company removed 52 trailer loads of logs from the subdivision to the disposal site at the North Fork Mill Site. Many thanks to PG&E and YSRDC for their assistance.

Debris Chipping in The Woods

Members of the Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade and other members of the CWPOA began our roadside chipping project last month. We began with the slash piles left by the CCC crews earlier this year on Cascadel Road. Six volunteers worked for three hours to chip several large piles. Chipping and removal of smaller dead trees/brush will continue on all road easements. This project is to clear debris from the roadsides and private property at your request. This project is not to remove debris created by the PG&E crews (see info on PG&E Debris Removal in this Newsletter).

If you have been collecting slash piles on your property, please let us know and we will try to get to you this month. Please remember your piles need to be close to the road or accessible with the chipper and you must have a place to pile or spread the chips, if you're not sure give us a call so we can check it out before we begin.

The chipper is provided by the YSRDC. Thank you to YSRDC for their continued assistance to our community. The use of this chipper and the time spent by volunteers will not only help to remove wild fire fuel from the community but will greatly offset the community's contribution requirements of our new Fire Safe grant.

Contact Info: Please contact Warren Cox at warrenc@sti.net or at (559) 760-9082 if you are interested in having piles chipped or would like to assist in volunteering to make our community more fire safe.

Events and Meetings

- **CWPOA Board Meeting** September 10 at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse
- **Firewise Committee/Fire Brigade** Saturday, September 17 at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse

Next Month

- **Water Company Board of Directors** Friday, October 7 at 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse
- **Annual Membership Meeting of the Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association** will be held at the Clubhouse

on Saturday, October 22 at 10 a.m. with potluck to follow at noon

- **CWPOA Holiday Potluck** December 3, 2016 at the Clubhouse

Hot August Night BBQ and Potluck

Over thirty residents attended the "Hot August Night BBQ & Potluck" on Aug 27. If you missed it, you really missed out. We had all the summer favorites from baked beans, pasta salad, potato salad, BBQ chicken, hotdogs, cherry pie, Joann Huffman's now famous cobbler, root beer floats and more! Thanks to everyone who attended and brought fabulous dishes which were too many to list.



Tree Removal Crews

As you are well aware, the crews have been very busy removing more dead trees from our subdivision this past month.

A few residents notified the CWPOA of inappropriate actions by the PG&E sub-contractors. PG&E and ACRT were contacted to correct the issues.

If you see or hear inappropriate action by these crews, you can call the following numbers to report your concerns.

- PG&E 1-800-743-5000
- ALEX of ACRT 646-5215
- CURT of ACRT Cell-209-383-8016

Road Maintenance

Roadside brushing will continue and pothole repairs are scheduled. Major roadwork is not scheduled at this time due to heavy tree removal activity. Roadwork planned for fall/winter 2016 will be discussed at the October 22, 2016 Annual Membership Meeting of the CWPOA.

Water Company News

We are utilizing our spring to supplement the current water usage requirements and will continue for another four to six weeks at which time we will return to a 100% dependency our wells. Based on the September 1st water meter readings only four property owners exceeded the limit of 2500 cubic feet per month.

The Spring/Summer recommended outdoor watering effective June 10, 2016 is as follows:

Odd addresses: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

Even addresses: Wednesday, Friday & Sunday

No outside watering on Mondays. No watering allowed between 10am and 6pm on any day.

Maximum monthly usage without penalty is 2500 cubic feet. Usage over 2500 cubic feet per month billed at \$0.05 per cubic foot. Additionally, monthly usage over 3000 cubic feet will incur a fine of \$50.00 for each 500 cubic foot increment or portion thereof.

For more information, if you spot a leak or need assistance, please contact the CWPOA or Water Co. at (559) 877-2635 cascadelwoods@netptc.net

Local News

Forest Service Work

The Forest Service has contracted approximately



270 acres of mastication work on Forest Service land surrounding Cascadel Woods as part of a hazardous fuels reduction and pre-commercial

thinning project. Excavators that have a masticating head attached at the end of the boom are completing this work. Slope, rocky conditions, oaks and landscape determine where it is suitable to treat the vegetation. Three excavators are in service for this job. The Forest Service has scheduled one excavator in the near future to finish work on the east side of Cascadel Woods.

REMINDER - PG&E Debris Removal

PG&E is currently felling trees previously marked. They will be removing those logs and debris only from private properties that have a case number assigned. Under this program, PG&E will only dispose of debris that it takes down. Debris must be reasonably accessible by equipment/machinery. PG&E customers who are interested in utilizing the expanded debris management program, should call [1-800-743-5000](tel:1-800-743-5000) We have again attached specific instructions for obtaining a case number on page 3. (Reference *Sierra Star* June 30, 2016 edition)

It is important to note: There is only a ONE TIME log and debris removal by the PG&E. So, if you have had trees felled and more are scheduled, you should wait for all work to be completed before allowing the removal process to begin.

Your Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Please send your submissions for the next newsletter to Aimee Cox by September 28, 2016 at aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com.

Mark the Date: December 3, 2016

Community Holiday Party