

**THE WOODS**  
**A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS**  
**PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
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**This is the One Year Anniversary of**  
**THE WOODS News Letter**

November 24

**Holiday Party**  
**DEC 3, 2016**



### CSA-21

On November 1, 2016, two members of the Board of Directors for the CWPOA and other Cascadel Woods property owners attended the Regular Meeting of the Madera County Board of Supervisors prompted by an agenda item regarding District direction to staff on how to transfer title(s) as it relates to the dissolution of County Services Area No. 21, Cascadel Woods (CSA-21). Corresponding agenda information provided prior to the meeting, discussed the Supervisors may “transfer assets and all responsibilities to the CWPOA”. Prior to any discussion on this agenda item, Supervisor Wheeler vehemently promoted the idea of creating a **Conservation Easement** with a local conservancy organization to manage CSA-21 lands, while the County would continue to collect assessment fees from residents.



- After almost 2 hours of discussion, the CSA-21 agenda item was closed out with the Supervisors directing county staff to investigate three options:
- 1) Dissolution of the CSA-21 with transfer of title to another agency
  - 2) Dissolution of the CSA-21 with transfer of title to the CWPOA
  - 3) Keep the land in the CSA-21 and develop a contract or easement for management of CSA-21 through a conservation organization.

The CWPOA Board of Directors intends to survey its membership to establish the direction the members wish their Board of Directors to take on this development as it relates to the protection of members property rights.

### CWPOA Board of Directors Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association was held at the Clubhouse on October 22 followed by a community potluck enjoyed by all. The quorum of votes was exceeded with 45 ballots returned.

The 2016-2017 Officers of the CWPOA Board are:

- \* **President** Stan Eggink 877-6290
- \* **Vice President** Ava Thiesen 877-7883
- \* **Treasurer** Ken Wood 877-7247
- \* **Secretary** Aimee Cox 760-7235

Members expressed an interest in reviewing the Minutes prior to next year’s approval at the Annual Membership Meeting. The Draft Minutes will be sent out soon. Edits from Members in attendance can be submitted upon receipt of the Draft. If you have any questions please contact Stan Eggink, CWPOA President at (559) 877-6290.

### Grants

#### 2016 CAL FIRE State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund and Tree Mortality Grant Program

Several local organizations have submitted applications under this grant program which include proposals to assist residents of our community with dead tree removal. Notification of grants selected for funding is anticipated to be sent to applicants in late November 2016.

#### 2016 State Fire Assistance Program (SFA) California Fire Safe Council Grant

The 2016 SFA Grants Clearinghouse Program, funded by the California Fire Safe Council (CFSC), is issuing a sub award for the *Cascadel Woods Fuel Reduction Project* grant to the Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council (YSRCDC). Advance payments for non-ground disturbing activities will be processed shortly.

CWPOA and YSRCDC representatives will attend a 2016 Grant Award Workshop in November.

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

The start date for this 2-year grant was October 1, 2016 and the CWPOA is already recording match and expenses as of this date for in-kind work supported by the CWPOA, Cascadel Woods Firewise Committee and Cascadel Fire Brigade.

Please contact Stan Eggink, President, CWPOA at (559) 877-6290 or Brian Curtis, Project Manager at (559) 877-4379 for more information.

## Debris Chipping in the Woods

The Cascadel Woods Firewise Committee and Cascadel Fire Brigade are sponsoring this on-going project 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. The use of this chipper and the time spent by volunteers help to remove hazardous fuels from the community and contribute to the community's in-kind cost share requirements of our new SFA grant.

**Contact Info:** Please contact Warren Cox at [warrenc32559@gmail.com](mailto:warrenc32559@gmail.com) 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

- **Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association Board of Directors** Saturday, November 12 at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse
- **Firewise Committee/Fire Brigade** Saturday, November 19 at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse

### Next Month

- **Water Company Board of Directors** Friday, December 9 at 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse
- **CWPOA Holiday Potluck December 3 at the Clubhouse**



## ACRT

The ACRT crews returned to mark new trees for falling on Oct 24. This will continue through Dec 1, 2016. The contact for ACRT is 559-658-7068.

## Road Maintenance

The CWPOA is planning to hold off on any major work due to the extensive tree removal activity and heavy truck and equipment use of our roads. However, several potholes were filled in October.

## Water Company News

The Water Co. purchased a replacement portable generator to operate tools and lights for emergency repairs as well as provide power to operate one of the well pumps if the necessary.

The Winter recommended outdoor watering effective Nov 1, 2016 is as follows:

**Odd addresses:** Saturday

**Even addresses:** Sunday

**No watering allowed between 10am and 6pm**

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 Company at (559) 877-2635 or [cascadelwoods@netptc.net](mailto:cascadelwoods@netptc.net)

## Local News

Cal Fire announced the burn suspension in Madera, Mariposa and Merced Counties has been lifted as October 28, 2016.

Safe residential pile burning of forest debris is authorized on "Permissive Burn Days" only. Please call **877-429-2876** before you burn. A Cal Fire Burn Permit is required. Permits can be obtained from your local CAL FIRE Station. The nearest station is located at 32908 Road 222. Phone 877-2600.

## Your Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter this past year. Please send your submissions for the next newsletter to Aimee Cox by November 28, 2016 at [aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com](mailto:aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com).



**Nov 6, 2016**

Don't forget to turn back time.



**Nov 11, 2016** We wish to thank all Veterans for their service