

THE WOODS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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Weather and Logging Have Taken a "Toll" on our Roads

The roads in Cascadel Woods have deteriorated rapidly this year. The combination of extreme weather and tree removal operations has caused entire sections of road to fail. To date, this has required over \$4700 in emergency repairs in just the last few months. Many of the repairs already made have been temporary since more permanent repairs would likely fail again within a year or two, due to the heavy equipment still operating inside Cascadel Woods. And the "toll" continues to climb.

Enclosed you will find a detailed report of expenses for these emergency repairs and contractor estimates for additional damage still in need of repair. The repairs still needed total almost \$48,000. Along with normal maintenance, snow removal and overhead, these repairs could take nearly three years to complete at the current rate. And the damage is only likely to multiply until the tree removal operations are complete. The CWPOA invites you to discuss options to confront and resolve these issues. Unfortunately, the next few years may be abnormally costly for road repairs and we are going to need a plan.

Grants Update

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

A grant agreement between Cal Fire and Foundation for Resource Conservation, Inc. (FRC) is in place. The CWPOA is working with FRC on advance payment requests so equipment purchase and contract tree removal can begin. The first advance payment is expected to be received in May with second advance in mid-June.

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

Contract tree removal begins this month under this grant. Properties with logs staged next to

existing roads will be first priority for removal. In addition, the Mount Bullion CAL FIRE crews are now in the subdivision falling hazard trees and chipping slash along roadsides.

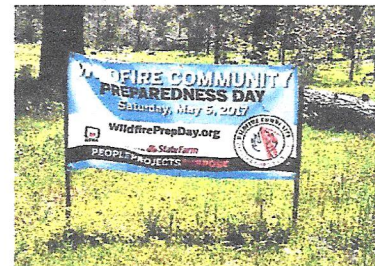


Final requirements for environmental clearance under this grant includes heritage and archaeological survey work needed where equipment use will be off existing roadways and also to clear burn pile locations, both of which are requirements under this federally funded grant for ground disturbing work.

Events and Meetings

- **Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association Board of Directors**
Sat. May 13 at 10 am at the Clubhouse
 - **ANNUAL CMWC Firewise Committee and Fire Brigade BBQ and Pot Luck**
Sat. May 20 - 10 am to noon for speakers and noon for BBQ
- Next Month**
- **Water Company Board of Directors**
Fri., June 16 at 4 pm at the Clubhouse

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day \$500 Grant



Our project proposal include a **May 6, 2017 Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Chipping Event** to be held here in Cascadel Woods.

The Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade will be out and about brushing, weed eating and trimming for

several hours Saturday May 6, trying to make us all a bit safer in our community.

Hope to see some of you out there for all the fun. In addition, the grant funds will go towards payment of the nominal daily rate for the Mount Bullion Conservation Camp Crews to assist the community with wildfire risk reduction work. Please contact Warren Cox, Chairman of the Cascadel Firewise Committee, if you are interested in participating in the May 6, 2017 Wildfire Community Preparedness Day chipping event to be held here in Cascadel Woods.

Contact Info: Warren Cox, Cascadel Woods Firewise Committee Chairman, at 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.

Annual Firewise Community Day

The Cascadel Firewise Committee and Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade invite you to the Annual Firewise Community Day on **Saturday May 20, 2017** from 10 am to noon at the Clubhouse.

A BBQ lunch will be provided. Bring your favorite dish to share for the pot luck. Guest speakers tentatively include representatives from CalFire, U.S. Forest Service, C.O.P.S. and Madera Sheriffs' Office.

The Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade is offering 20 person hours of volunteer fuel reduction labor as a raffle prize in support of this event. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Call Brian Curtis if you want to purchase tickets before the event or tickets may purchased at the event. We thank you for your participation.

Firewise Events



April 15 was a workday for the brigade members. Half of the volunteer crew chipped a slash pile for one resident and the other half split several rounds

into fire wood for another resident.

CHIPPING CREW :

Brian Curtis, Simon Elman, Susan Odry and Ken Wood. Aimee Cox popped in for the picture.

SPLITTING CREW:

Warren Cox seated at the splitter.



Not pictured for this crew is, Aimee Cox, Stan and Carol Eggink.

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 Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade is looking for volunteers to join us one Saturday each month for 1 – 4 hours depending if it is a training day, workday or meeting only. If interested contact Warren Cox at 559-760-9082 or email warrenc32559@gmail.com.

Cascadel Woods Firewise Brigade

Warren Cox, the Director of the Cascadel Firewise Brigade is stepping down as Director in May 2017. A new Director is needed.

If you feel you could manage the administrative duties, please attend the next monthly meeting.

Brush and Pile Burning

Call 877-429-2876 Before You Burn

A Cal Fire Burn Permit is required.

Safe residential pile burning of forest debris is authorized on "Permissive Burn Days" only. Permits can be obtained from your local CAL FIRE Station. The nearest station is located at 32908 Road 222. Phone 877-2600.

Water Company News

New watering policy, effective May 1, is included in this mailing.

Emergency Contact's for Water Co.

(Broken water lines, etc.)

For a quick response to water problems;

First call Ken Wood: 559-676-5387 Cell

Second call Brian Curtis: 559-877-4379 Home

Third call Stan Eggink: 559-877-6290

For more information, if you spot a leak or need assistance, please contact the CWPOA or Water Company at (559) 877-2635 (messages are checked every couple of days) or send e-mail to cascadelwoods@netptc.net.

Your Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Please send your submissions for the next newsletter to Aimee Cox, CWPOA Secretary, by May 26, 2017 at aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com

Cascadel Woods Property Owners Association

Description of Road Repairs as of April 8, 2017

Due to Extreme Weather and Tree Removal

Completed (Black) Proposed/Necessary (Red)

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Description of Repairs</u> | <u>Status</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|--|--|---------------|-------------|
| 1. Large culvert area between Loma Linda and Vista | Weather undermining road edge at discharge side | Paid | \$ 2,500 |
| 2. Cascadel Drive @ 59895 Cascadel Rd. | Temporary repair. Placed 1½" gravel over 80' to prevent further erosion & vehicular damage and improve access. | Paid | \$ 1600 |
| 3. Cascadel Road @ Prohibition Creek | Reinforce and repair pothole draining into culvert | Paid | \$ 500 |
| 4. Gertrude Creek Dr | 6 Bags Cold Patch (2 pot holes) | Paid | \$55 |
| 5. Cascadel Drive | 10 Bags Cold Patch (6 pot holes) | Paid | \$91 |
| 6. Cascadel Drive @ 59779 Cascadel Drive | Remove damaged asphalt, add base, pave. | Bid | \$3500 |
| 7. Cascadel Road @ 59895 C.D. Drive | Repair 32'x7' damage with Cold Asphalt Mix | Bid | \$2200 |
| 8. Cascadel Drive- Between Arch & Loma Linda Dr | Cold Mix 5 spots. 958 sq. ft. | Bid | \$6250 |
| 9. Cascadel Road Between Prohibition Creek & 60005 Cascadel Road | Temporary, 18 yds. 1 1/2" crushed rock with light grading | Bid | \$2100 |
| 10. Cascadel Road Between 60005 & 60173 | Add ¾" crushed rock, reestablish ditch | Bid | \$1500 |
| 11. Gertrude Way | Cold Mix 5 spots. 842 sq. ft. | Bid | \$4500 |
| 12. Cascadel Road Between Whisky Creek & Cascadel Drive. | Cold Mix 3 spots. 316 sq. ft. | Bid | \$3000 |
| 13. Cascadel Road Between Arch & Whisky Creek | Grading plus 4 Truck-trailer loads ¾" crushed rock | Bid | \$6700 |
| 14. Cascadel Drive @ 59895 C.D. Rd. | Remove damaged asphalt & gravel, install Base & Pave with new asphalt | Bid | \$11,500 |
| 15. Potential Overages | Cost for Cold Mix only & Misc Repairs | Est. | \$6,500 |
| Total Pending Repairs To Date | | | \$47,750 |
| Total Combined Expenses | | | \$ 52,496 |