

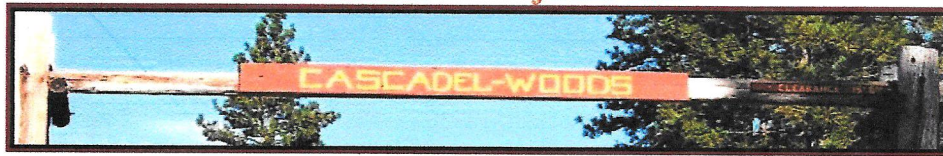
# THE WOODS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS  
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Tuesday July 4



Do you have



100 ft Clearance?

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

In an effort to begin the much needed road repairs as quickly as possible this year, the CWPOA sent out an early invoice, normally sent on July 1. What we hoped was to receive enough early financial support to schedule some of the more urgent roadwork.

What we received in response however, was nothing less than overwhelming. Over 80 property owners not only paid early, including nearly \$2,000 in membership dues, but together they also generously donated almost \$4,000 in addition to their normal payments!

As a result, repair work has been scheduled for Cascadel Drive, between the bridge and Hillcrest, to begin within the next few days.

We all owe a huge Thank You to all who were able to contribute early and for their considerable donations!

Thank you all, for your continued support.

## Work in Progress

Tree felling and log removal under our Cal Fire Tree Mortality grant began on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. By the end of May we had hauled 59 Semi-trailer loads of logs to our local mill site and during the same period, the Cal-Fire Mt. Bullion Crews fell 102 trees.



During June we hauled 38 loads to the mill site and the Mt. Bullion crews fell another 61 trees. In total, during May and June, 97 trailer loads

of logs were hauled out of Cascadel Woods and 163 trees were felled.

We are currently working on the SFA California Fire Safe Council Grant. We expect to deplete the funding of this grant by the end of July.

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Mt. Bullion Crews completed their 20-day commitment to the CWPOA. Cal-Fire is agreeable to additional days and as a result we are currently searching for additional funding to continue utilizing these motivated and valuable crews.

## PG&E

On June 20<sup>th</sup> PG&E issued 27 additional work orders to their contractors for the Extended Management Debris Program. (Log & Debris Removal). The property owners selected will be visited by a PG&E contractor to determine if they qualify. "Accessibility" is the key determining factor for any debris removal under the recently revised PG&E program. For questions, please feel free to contact PG&E: 1-800-743-5000, ext 4.

## Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention efforts by Cal-Fire now include the CWPOA. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, an engine and crew from the Cal-Fire Rancheria Station, located on Road 200, delivered 42 Notices of Violation to the CWPOA for distribution to "absentee" property owners. A much improved method over leaving a Notice on an unoccupied house. The CWPOA mailed each Notice to the individual property owner. Initial results indicate a number of those property owners contacted the Rancheria Station for more information and clarification of the corrective recommendations offered on their Notice. The Cal-Fire Inspectors should return in July for follow up inspections.

## **CWPOA/Water Co Offices**

Our office located at the C.D.C. mill site had repairs completed (no cost to us) and we are ready to move back in. Rent was deferred during the flooding and through the completion of repairs. Thank you C.D.C.

## **Water Company News**

The Annual meeting was held on June 24. A quorum of votes were not received so the Board appointed the three members running to the board. Your new Board Officers are:

President – Stan Eggink

Vice President – Wayne Shortes

Treasurer Steve Johansen

Secretary – Ed Rose

Director – Ken Trapp

Water board meetings held the second Friday of the even numbered months at 4pm at the clubhouse.

## **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

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](mailto:cascadelwoods@netptc.net).

## **Firewise Committee/Brigade**

The Firewise/Brigade will host our July meeting and training day on July 29, 10 AM. The meeting will focus on the transition of leadership for the position of Chairperson of the Firewise Committee and Fire Brigade. The training will familiarize all brigade members with the contents and uses of each tool in the Fire boxes. We will then move on to a fire hydrant and train on the proper procedure in connecting the hose to the hydrant. The training will be directed by Brian Curtis.

## **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 Carol Eggink (559)877-6290 or email [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net).

## **CSA-21 Area Mowing**

The CWPOA and The Madera County Public Works Dept have reached a financial agreement and permits have been issued to the POA to mow the CSA-21 property. The CSA property is still wet and too green to mow down in most areas at the moment. The CSA area on Cascadel Drive North is dry and weed eating was started the last week of June. Mowing of this area should be completed in the coming week. The meadow directly across from the Clubhouse had some weed eating completed as well. This area still has a lot of green areas but should be able to be mowed within the next few weeks if the heat continues. Our hope is to be able to have all the meadows mowed by the end of July.

## **Take Precautions with Rattlesnakes**

Due to the shelf life and cost, no medical facility in Eastern Madera County stocks rattlesnake anti-venom.



See the link below for details to prevent and protect yourself from snake bites.

<http://www.sierrastar.com/news/local/article149712189.html>

## **Cal Fire MMU Suspends All Burn Permits**

Cal Fire has suspended all burn permits for outdoor residential burning within the State Responsibility Area of Madera, Mariposa and Merced Counties effective July 1, 2017.

This suspension bans all residential outdoor burning of landscape debris such as branches and leaves.

Tips to help prepare homes and property:

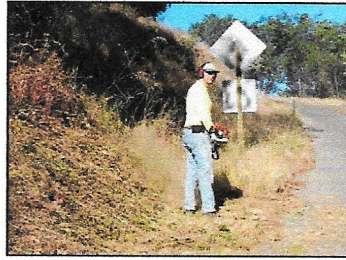
- Clear all dead and or dying vegetation 100 feet from around all structures.
- Landscape with fire resistant/drought tolerant plants
- Find alternative ways to dispose of landscape debris like chipping or hauling it to a biomass energy or green waste facility.

For additional information on how to create Defensible Space, as well as tips to prevent wildfires, visit [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org).

Please reference <http://sierranewsonline.com/cal-fire-mmu-suspends-all-burn-permits/>

## Weedeating Road 233 Easements

Residents of Cascadel Woods and Cascadel Heights have planned a work day to remove dry grass and weeds from the easements on Road 233 for the second year in a row. The group will meet at the archway of



Cascadel Woods at [WARREN COX 2016] 7AM on Saturday July 8. Please contact Carol Eggink at (559)877-6290 or [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net) for details.

## Events and Meetings

- **Weedeating Road 233 Easements**  
July 8, 7AM Contact Carol Eggink at (559) 877-6290 if you would like to join in on this big project.
- **CMWC Firewise/Brigade**  
Sat. July 29, 10AM at the Clubhouse TRAINING DAY for members.

## NEXT MONTH

- **CWPOA Board of Director's**  
Aug 12, 10AM at the Clubhouse

*Thank You*

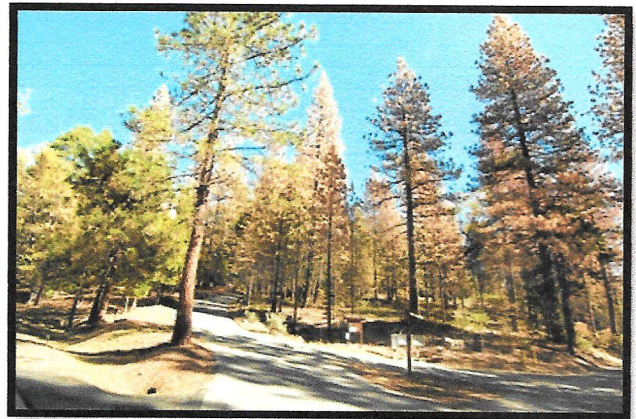
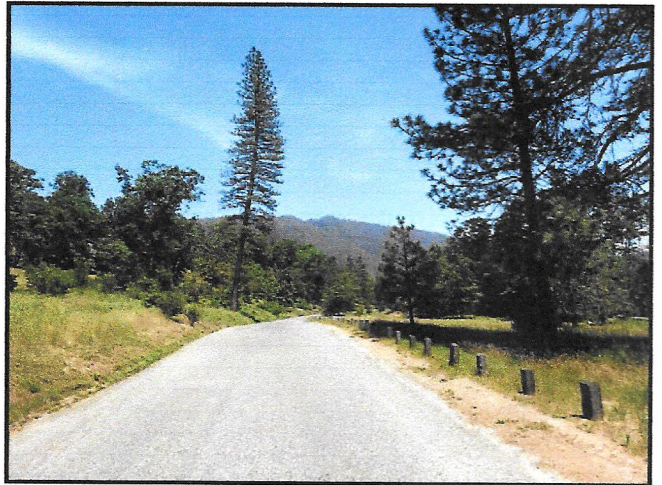
We would like to say "Thank You" to Simon Elman for his mowing and weedeating around the clubhouse.

Carol Eggink would like to thank those of you who have stopped to give her something to drink and the hello waves while she is out there weedeating the easements and other dry areas. And, a special thank you to Carmen Taylor for her special thank you gift.

## Your Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Please send your submissions for the next newsletter to Aimee Cox, CWPOA Secretary, by July 28, 2017 at [aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com](mailto:aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com)

## Before & After Pics of Tree Removal



# IT IS FIRE SEASON - BE PREPARED

## Long Before a Fire Threatens

Prepare an Evacuation Checklist and Organize:

- Critical medications and First Aid Kit
- Important phone numbers, personal papers, photos
- Essential valuables
- Pet and livestock transport, limited amount of pet food.
- Change of clothing, toiletries.
- Cell phone and charger
- Critical papers and effects in a fire-proof safe.
- Hard drives, laptops and chargers
- Food and water for three days.
- Flash lights, batteries and battery powered radio

## If evacuation is a Possibility

- Call someone to let them know you are evacuating
- Locate your Evacuation Checklist and place the items in your vehicle.
- Park your vehicle facing outward and carry your car keys with you.
- Locate your pets and keep them nearby.
- Prepare farm animals for transport
- Place connected garden hoses and buckets full of water around the house.
- Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures.
- Cover-up. Wear long pants, long sleeve shirt, heavy shoes/boots, cap, dry bandanna for face cover, goggles or glasses. 100% cotton is preferable.
- Leave lights on in the house - door unlocked.
- Leave windows closed - air conditioning off

**THE SIX P'S**

**REMEMBER THE SIX "P's"**  
**KEEP THESE SIX "P's" READY IN CASE IMMEDIATE EVACUATION IS REQUIRED:**

- People and pets
- Papers, phone numbers, & important documents
- Prescriptions, vitamins, and eyeglasses
- Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia
- Personal computer hard drive and disks
- "Plastic" (credit cards, ATM cards) and cash

For more information on emergency supplies, visit <http://www.ready.gov/>