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Do You Have Defensible SPACE?

CMWC NEWS

The CMWC held its Annual Members meeting on June 22 at the CDC in North Fork. A quorum of the members were present by proxy, ballot and in person. The required number for a quorum is 68 and we had 73 proxy/ballots including 21 members present.

The ballot count was:

Ed Rose - 60
Steve Johansen - 37
Wayne Shortes - 34
Ann Kennedy - 31
Mark Stamas - 19
Michael Freemire - 14
Daniel Norton - 12
Glen Princic - 12

Officers and Directors of the CMWC Board are:

President - Stan Eggink
Vice President - Wayne Shortes
Treasurer - Steve Johansen
Secretary - Ken Trapp
Director - Ed Rose

The Draft Minutes of this meeting will be on the web for your review by July 6, 2019.

The Draft Minutes of the September 15, 2018 meeting are still in review and have not been approved by the Board.

CAL FIRE BURNING RESTRICTIONS

Hazard reduction burning in Eastern Madera County is restricted below 2,000 feet in elevation.

Burning above 2,000 feet is allowed with a valid permit from San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. Madera County Burn Information Line: 1-877-429-2826

Fireworks Are Illegal In Mariposa and Eastern Madera Counties Sierra News On Line - Posted by: [gina clugston](#) June 21, 2018 - 12:28 pm

MARIPOSA – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) would like to remind Eastern Madera and Mariposa County residents of the fire danger and use of illegal fireworks.

All fireworks, including “Safe and Sane,” are illegal in Mariposa County as well as all areas east of the Madera Canal in Madera County.

Public displays will be available at Lake McClure on Saturday, June 30, at 9 p.m.; and at Bass Lake on Wednesday, July 4, at 9 p.m.

Cal Fire Peace Officers will be out in full force. Anyone caught with fireworks will be cited and fireworks confiscated. Violation of fireworks laws are subject to a maximum \$1,000 fine and up to one year in a county jail. However, if large quantities of dangerous fireworks are found, prosecutors could charge the violator with a felony, punishable by up to three years in the California State Prison and fines up to \$50,000.

Cal Fire wishes everyone a safe holiday weekend and remember – one less spark means one less wildfire. For additional information please visit fire.ca.gov or ReadyForWildfire.org.

COMMENTS FROM CAL FIRE CHIEF ON THIS YEARS FIRE DANGERS



Cal Fire Chief Thom Porter
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
From: San Gabriel Valley Tribune-By [Jonah Valdez](#) | jvaldez@scng.com | PUBLISHED: May 7, 2019

“I field questions daily, ‘Where’s the next Paradise?’ ” said Cal Fire Director Thom Porter, referring to [the Camp fire](#) that tore through the Northern California town of Paradise last November, killing 85 people. “There are communities in every county of this state that have a potential Paradise situation.”

Governor Gavin Newsom’s [proposed budget](#) includes more than \$400 million for Cal Fire, the state’s fire-protection agency responsible for 31 million acres of the state’s wildlands, to purchase fire engines and air tankers as well as operations to reduce vegetation that may act as fuel for a fire.

To prepare, Cal Fire has burned thousands of acres of vegetation in prescribed burns, Porter said at a press

conference at Fullerton Airport. The controlled burns will continue throughout the year in the wake of a rainy winter season that has given life to vegetation across the state.

There are an estimated 147 million tree carcasses strewn throughout the state's forests, most killed by the state's nearly decade-long drought, Porter said. These trees, if not removed, could also act as fuel.

"It's no longer a fire season, we're now calling it a fire year," said Robert Baird, regional director for fire and aviation management for the U.S. Forest Service.

More than 95% of all wildfires are caused by human activity, Porter said. Clearing brush, trees, and other possible fuel sources around homes is vital, he said.

FIRE POTENTIAL OUTLOOK FROM NIFC

The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) has released its [Fire Potential Outlook](#) for the 2019 fire



season and it outlines another year of significant risk for wildfires in Northern California.

The NIFC provides an outline for wildfire risk for the

entire United States every year and includes the various factors when determining the risk – past weather, drought and climate outlooks. The agency found that NorCal is once again at above normal risk during the months of June through August. The agency didn't provide outlooks beyond August.

FIREWISE COMMITTEE/BRIGADE

You have turned in volunteer hours totaling 348.5 at a value of \$8,412.79 for the year. Many have yet to turn in your hours. Every hour matters and helps our community to be better prepared for defense in the case of a wild fire. Thank you to all who have participated. You can reach Carol at 559-877-6290 or egginks@netptc.net.

Nate Hodges Defends Title at 60th North Fork Loggers Jamboree



Nate Hodges has wanted to be a lumberjack since he was four or five years old. "I was a little mountain boy. When

I was a kid, you couldn't get me inside," says the North Fork native.

"My grandpa bought me my first axe when I was four and I was always out in the woods chopping something down."

Now 35 years old and a rising superstar in the increasingly popular arena of "timber sports," Hodges is ranked No. 3 in the world in the axe throwing event. During his burgeoning professional career, he's made well over \$100,000 competing in lumberjack competitions around the globe.

His skills will be on full display next month at [North Fork's annual Loggers Jamboree](#), where Hodges has earned the title of Top Logger ten times.

The father of three young girls, Hodges lives in Cascadel and, when he's not notching tree trunks or busting out the throwing axes, he operates his own construction company. He's built more than 50 houses in the area including his own and also does tree trimming work. At this year's upcoming 60th-annual Loggers Jamboree, to be held Saturday and Sunday, July 6-7 at the North Fork Recreation Center, Hodges plans to defend his Top Logger title.

Hodges works with members of Minarets' axe throwing team. (Photo by Deborah Hough)



He first competed in the event when he was 18 years old and was Top Logger four years in a row from 2005 to 2008 — and then again in 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017 and 2018.

For the full story go to this link:

<https://sierranewsonline.com/hodges-defends-title-at-60th-north-fork-loggers-jamboree/?fbclid=IwAR3iHSPLDmZrvN6BPMCDPkiHZsfC9GaLgijuFfR73IS505Ef94gZ5iTOToU>

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **July 4 – Fireworks at Bass Lake**
9 PM On the lake
- **July 20 – Firewise Brigade Training**
10AM at the clubhouse

NEXT MONTH

- **Aug 16 – CMWC Board Meeting**
4:00 PM CDC Conference Room
- **Aug 10 – CWPOA Board Meeting**
10:00 AM CDC Conference Room
- **Aug 17 – Firewise Brigade Work Day**
9:00 AM Clubhouse

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Send submissions for the June Newsletter by July 24, 2019 to Carol Eggink at egginks@netptc.net.