



**ARE YOU PREPARED?**

**THE WOODS**  
**A NEWSLETTER FROM CASCADEL**  
**MUTUAL WATER COMPANY**  
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**THE END OF AN ERA**  
**CASCADEL WOODS PROPERTY OWNERS**  
**ASSOCIATION CLOSES**

After 60 years, the property owners association was dissolved effective June 23, 2023, by a vote of its board of directors. That is the filing date that the California Secretary of State issued an official Certificate of Dissolution for the CWPOA.

The decision for some was bittersweet because of the rich history of its early days. But all realized that in today's circumstances, funding the CWPOA no longer makes sense. The cost to operate a legal corporation similar to the CWPOA, including annual business license, professional insurance, bookkeeping, and office expenses, tax filing fees, and taxes, is a sizable drain on a business that relies solely on donations.

The CWPOA served important functions historically. In addition to preserving the clubhouse and 47 acres of CSA land throughout the community, the association maintained the roads and collected membership fees. In 2013, the County canceled the CSA maintenance contract with the association. Without that revenue source and the road maintenance responsibilities being transferred to the CMWC, the association had no secured income to support the business.

The massive series of storms that hammered our community earlier this year proved the value of placing the road maintenance responsibilities with the water company. Without the steady collection of membership fees, paying for emergency engineering and construction services to save the Whiskey Creek Bridge from total collapse would have been impossible.

Many, many thanks are due to the members of the CWPOA, past and present, for their dedication, donations of money and labor to the community, and their stewardship. The directors of the CMWC are exploring new ways to increase member participation in Cascadel Woods.

**CMWC FIRE BRIGADE**

We have been fortunate to hire the CAL FIRE Crews to help us with weedeating, brush removal, and cutting up fallen trees for ten days, so far, in the past two months.

Stan Eggink has mowed the CSA fields at least three times this year trying to keep up with the re-growth. The local weedeater has been putting in a lot of hours as well cleaning up edges the mower cannot get and the clubhouse front and back yards.

We are still clearing up the Apple orchard behind the clubhouse. All in all, the CSA fields are in pretty good shape should we experience a wildfire in the surrounding forest.

Adam Carter has been putting in many hours keeping the CSA field cleared next to his house. He also mows around the edges of the two adjoining fields.

Another unsung volunteer is Jim Williams. Jim has been keeping the culvert cleared of brush and has cut up a few trees that fell in the area. Jim also helps the local weedeater when he can. Many thanks to you both for your help keeping Cascadel Woods Firesafe.

There are several piles of good Oak and some Cedar logs to be harvested by our residents for the coming winter season. One pile is near Cascadel Drive close to the clubhouse. The other piles can be accessed off Cascadel Road. You would drive almost to the water crossing and you will find a driveway into the field on the left coming from the archway.

An inventory of the fireboxes was done recently and most boxes are missing several items. We will be making a purchase soon, with help from the Duval family.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



We are seeing a lot of concern regarding the too fast traffic on our narrow roads. A survey was put on the Facebook page last year or earlier, about placing temporary speed bumps on the roads during the summer months. It was voted down. Watching the very recent discussion on this issue on our Facebook page, it seems many thought the speed bumps would be permanent. That is not the case. The snow plow cannot go over speed bumps so they would be removed when the weather begins to change in the Fall or Winter. We may need to revisit this item as a new survey.

### RECREATION IDEAS FOR THE COMMUNITY

There have been a few ideas floating around and we would love to hear your comments about the items listed below:

1. Place a few Adirondack chairs under the huge Oak in the apple orchard for just sitting with a couple of friends, have a light lunch, or read a book for a while.
2. Place a picnic table in the clubhouse area.
3. Build a horseshoe pit in front of the clubhouse. The horseshoes would stay at the pit so anyone can play at any time.

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

### THIS MONTH

- **Aug 11 – CMWC Board Meeting**  
CDC Conference Room 57839 Road 225 3 pm
- **Aug 16 – CMWC Director Nominations Mailed**
- **Aug 31 – CMWC Nominations Due Today**

### NEXT MONTH

- **Sept 4 – Labor Day**
- **Sept 7 – CMWC Ballots for Directors Mailed**
- **Sept 23 – CMWC Annual Membership Meeting**  
Location to be determined at the August Board meeting.

Some photos of fire preparedness clearing around our community by the CAL FIRE crew, Stan and Carol Eggink, and several volunteers. Thank you all. We are much safer due to your work.



CSA below  
Cascadel South

Apple  
Orchard  
Behind  
Clubhouse



Log pile  
along  
Cascadel  
Road

Log pile  
along  
Cascadel  
Road



## From The Editor's

*We hope you enjoyed the newsletter. Please send your ideas for the September newsletter to Carol Eggink at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net) by August 27.*