



**JULY 4, 2024**

**CMWC FIREWISE**

The annual Road 233 Clearing event took five days this



year. After clearing what little there was to clear on the Heights, the crew moved down to Road 233. There was a lot of additional brushing done this year to push the fuel back as far as they could go with the time allowed in their day.

The crew did part of Peckinpah Acres before time ran out. Brushing was done on this road as well. Madera County brought up their chipper to clear the brush piles from the roadsides. Road 233 is as safe as we can make it for this year.

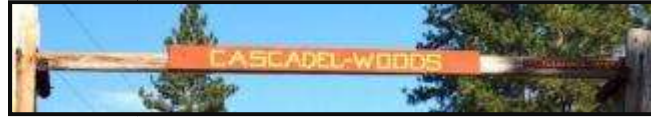
We would like to thank all who donated to this event. Residents from Cascadel Heights donated \$677, Peckinpah Acres donated \$400 for their road clearing, and Cascadel Woods donated \$690 for a total of \$1,767. Any money remaining in this account after we are invoiced from CAL Fire will be carried over to next year's clearing.

**FIREWISE ANNUAL COMMUNITY BBQ**

**The Annual BBQ will be on July 20 at the clubhouse front yard from 11 am to 2 pm.**

As always, it is a potluck affair. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share. The Firewise Committee will provide

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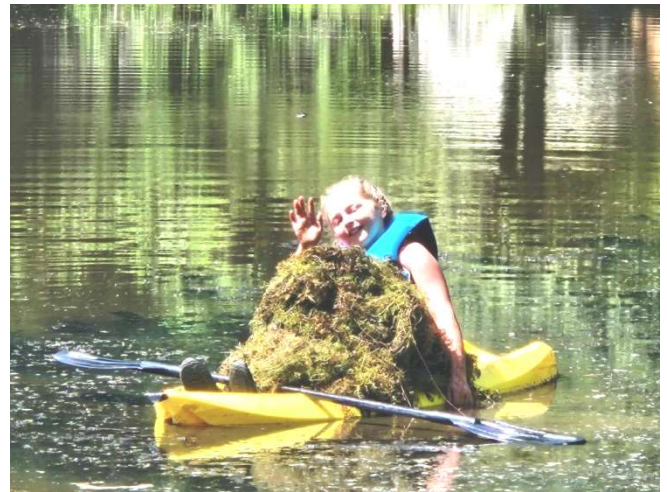


**Firewise Community  
BBQ  
JULY 20, 2024**

hotdogs and burgers with all the condiments. We will also provide beverages, paper plates, and plastic ware. We hope to see you there.

**POND CLEANING**

The Paquette family enjoy fishing in the pond, but have had a bit of trouble with losing their hooks and bobbers in the growth under the water. So they decided to clean the pond and cool off in the process. I am sure our other residents who enjoy fishing will be grateful for the pond cleaning as well.



**THANK YOU TO THE PAQUETTE FAMILY!!!!**

## DID YOU KNOW???

Written by Michael Delaney

California trains and tests your water company directors.



Last year I wrote about attending a mandatory training course endorsed by the California Water Resources Control Board. Completing the course is required for directors and repeated every six years. The ethics training covers fiduciary responsibilities for directors, compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, and long-term financial management of a Public Water System.

Corporate directors have several duties under the law, including:

- **Duty of Loyalty**—Place the interests of the corporation and shareholders before personal interests
- **Duty of Care**—Requires decisions that pursue the corporation's interests with reasonable diligence and prudence
- **Avoid Conflicts of Interest**—Be transparent, fully disclose financial interests and do not participate in decisions that affect personal financial interests

My training included other topics, including drinking water standards, water quality monitoring, operator certifications, recordkeeping retention, public information responsibilities, and setting rates.

As a true nonprofit corporation, Cascadel Mutual Water Company is highly regulated. Many laws determine how the directors must manage the organization, and a handful of regulatory agencies monitor our compliance with all rules and regulations pertaining to a mutual benefit corporation that is involved with public water supply.

I welcomed the training and learned from it. The availability—and safety—of our water supply is paramount. Your board is fully informed in these matters

and has an exemplary record of performance. After all, we depend on it.

*Editor's Note: This article first appeared in the November 2023 issue of The Woods.*

## CAL FIRE WEEDEATING

The crew continues to clear the CSA open areas where the Bush Mower cannot get into. They are doing a great job for us all. Thank you for your donations which makes this possible.



## CMWC NEWS

The engineers for the water tank replacement project have submitted documents for the loan approval. We do not have a date for the project to break ground as of yet.

## VENTS AND MEETINGS

- **July 4 – Independence Day**
- **July 20 – Firewise BBQ**  
Clubhouse front lawn from 11 am to 2 pm

## NEXT MONTH

- **Aug 9 – CMWC Board Meeting**  
CDC Conference Room – 3 pm to 5 pm

## From the Editor

*We hope you enjoyed this edition of **The Woods**. Send your ideas for articles for the August 2024 newsletter to Carol Eggink at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net) by July 24.*