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CSA-21 STATUS - Cascadel Woods to Once Again Manage the Clubhouse and CSA Grounds

The CMWC Board of Directors had a ZOOM meeting with Matt Treber, Madera County Chief of Developmental Services. Matt shared the need to establish a contract with the CMWC for the management of the Cascadel Woods CSA-21 property and clubhouse.

The goal is to establish an agreement similar to the former contract between Madera County and the CWPOA for the management of the CSA. Moving forward the County will continue to collect assessments and the CMWC will manage the property and be reimbursed for approved expenses. A draft agreement is expected by mid-March.

Upon completion of this transition, the County will further seek, with State approval, to completely dissolve the CSA-21 at a later date and transfer the CSA assets to the CMWC, a nonprofit.

The County will schedule a meeting at that time for interested community members to answer questions regarding the proposed transfer.

Action Items

- Draft an agreement to put in place the interim arrangement where the county collects the assessment and turns it over to the community water company.
- Schedule a meeting in the middle of next month to review the draft agreement with the community water company.
- Provide the resolution that was sent to the state regarding the surplus land act waiver.
- Coordinate with the community to hold a meeting to discuss the plan and get feedback on the options for the future of the CSA.

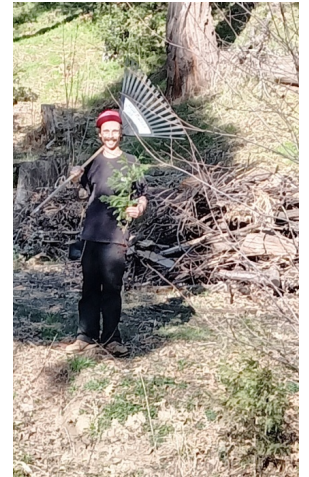
FIREWISE

We have several residents who go the extra mile when it comes to easement clearing or culvert clearing. I am sure most of the work never gets recognized.

I did drive by one such resident who was clearing and piling. That was Ian Vance.

Ian saw an area that needed clearing and he took care of it. That is the kind of community love we enjoy seeing.

Thank you, Ian for your donation of time and labor to help keep us all a bit safer. Thank you to Loraine Vance for her continued clean up around the clubhouse.



CONTINUED FUEL CLEARANCE

The CAL FIRE crews were here for three days in early February. The men made a huge advancement along Whiskey Creek, behind Cascadel North properties. The crew cleared brush, fell dead trees, bucked them up, made several burn piles, and burned many of the piles **in the rain.**

The crew is here for only 4-4 ½ hours. The crew is usually 16 men. It is remarkable how much they can accomplish in one day. None of this is possible without your generous donations to our Firewise Brigade. Thanks to all who are able to donate to the safety of Cascadel Woods.

THANK YOU

We received donations from the Hamilton's of Cascadel Heights and Ken Trapp of Cascadel Woods to help with the cost of baking over 80 cookies for the CAL Fire Crew every time they come here.

Thank you! Your donations really helped.

And another, **“THANK YOU”**, to Mary Wooten for helping to bake cookies for the crew.

WATCH DUTY APP

by Simon Elman and Tamanee Armstrong

Simon attended a Fire Safety meeting in Oakhurst at the end of January. He met reporter Tamanee Armstrong from [Watch Duty](#).

During their conversation Simon asked her to submit a short paragraph for our monthly newsletter. She was happy to oblige.

By Watch Duty Reporter Tamanee Armstrong

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COMMUNITY BURN PILES

The community piles were burned. More piles have been added as of the end of February. Thank you for clearing your yard and getting the debris to a safe area to burn. No one turned in any hours for creating these piles. Send a text to Carol Eggink with your hours, work accomplished, and if you made truck loads to the community burn piles or to the transfer station. Thank you for your continued support in keeping the brush down around your home.

HELPING NEW NEIGHBORS BURN YARD DEBRIS

We have new residents in Cascadel Heights who had never burned before and wanted to learn how. I did a fire



assessment on their home and they went to work clearing, brushing, limbing, and making burn piles. We burned some of the piles they had created. I stayed with them till there were only ashes. They were told to put the fire dead out after one hour. The Heights usually gets higher winds than we do in the Woods, so we just wanted to be as safe as possible.

CASCADEL WEBSITE

Our website, [www.cascadelinternet.com](#) has been modified. We removed the CWPOA side of the site. You will only see the water company from now on.

ROAD WORK

Stan Eggink and Ken Trapp filled more potholes in February.



EVENTS AND MEETINGS

March 4 – Mardi Gras

- March 5 – Ash Wednesday
- March 9 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
- March 20 – Spring Equinox

Next Month

- April 1 – April Fools’ Day
- April 11 – CMWC Regular Board Meeting
At the CDC Conference Room 3: PM
57839 Road 225, North Fork
- April 20 – Easter Sunday
- April 22- Earth Day
- April 25 – Arbor Day

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed this month’s edition of [The Woods Newsletter](#).

Submissions for the April 2025 newsletter should be sent to Carol Eggink by Mar 25, 2025 at [egginks@netptc.net](#) or call/text at 559-676-3783.

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