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A NEWSLETTER FROM CASCADEL MUTUAL WATER COMPANY VOLUME 113 APRIL 1, 2025

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In a wildfire, most homes ignite from embers and small flames, but there are many ways to withstand such threats. Learn more about these preventative efforts and how they can be put into action on [#WildfirePrepDay2025](https://bit.ly/4cAhFXn) (Saturday, May 3).



FIREWISE

Education and information are the best defenses for protecting your family, pets, and home from the devastating effects of a wildfire. Here are a few ideas for you to consider.

It is that time of year when we all get very serious about protecting our homes and community from wildfires.

Already this year we have received many hours for personal property clearances and have burned several community burn piles. Let's keep the good work going. When you drop off debris at the community burn area, NEVER add to an ash pile. Make a new pile in the open areas away from canopies of the trees. THANK YOU.

We all need to focus on the ZONE ZERO. That is the areas from your home and deck out to five feet. This area must be free from all plants. It is suggested to place gravel, cement, pavers, any non-combustible product, or just dirt in this area. Some Insurance Companies have already sent letters to homeowners requiring clearing of Zone Zero in order to maintain coverage.

Our Good friends, CAL FIRE, have many areas of information to help us learn how to harden our homes and how to make the different "Go Bags" for evacuations, and much more in the "Ready-Set-Go" brochure. Check out this link to get familiar with many ways we can protect ourselves.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/cal-fire-communications/cal-fire-ready-set-go-brochure-final-files-v4-print?pid=MjU252417&p=3&v=2>

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This event is very informative on many levels of protection for your home and preparedness for your family and pets, in the event of the next wildfire. Try to make it with the family.

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event updates



SAVE THE DATE "WILDFIRE READY EMC"

A Community Wildfire Adaptation Event
May 10th, 2025, Oakhurst Community Center

speakers - resources - strategy - preparation - event readiness - recovery - insurance - vegetation management practices - affordable home retrofits - comprehensive community protection plans - zone zero - firewise communities - funding - native fire resistant landscaping - protecting pets - record management - individual risk assessment - community - defensible space assistance programs - forestry education



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The Eastern Madera Firesafe Council is offering assistance to Madera County Residents for fuel reduction. Connect to the following link and apply for assistance in your fuel clearances;

<https://easternmaderacountyfiresafecouncil.com/>

CMWC NEWS

Every six years each CMWC Board member must retake the AB-54 course. The course is mandated for mutual

water company board members in California. The course is training in ethics, designed to ensure they understand their fiduciary duties, conflicts of interest, and Safe Drinking Water Act compliance, with a focus on long-term management and capital improvement planning. This year four of the five board members have to be recertified.

ROADS

A contractor came out in late March to provide a quote for the repairs of Cascadel Road, Waterfall Way, and Cascadel Drive where it intersects Cascadel Road. The bid is due the first week of April.

SNOW DAYS

We received at least a foot of snow in early March. We were fortunate to have some good volunteers to lend a hand. Nate Hodges and Jacob Paquette helped Stan out



Photo by Joylene Callahan

quite a bit. Thank you both. Roger Wooten offered as well, but the need was covered. Thank you, Roger.

CSA-21



There have been no definitive decisions from Madera County regarding our CSA-21 open areas and clubhouse.

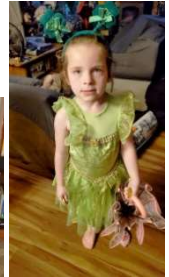
The CMWC Board of Directors is working with officials at Madera County to find a way to allow this community to have access to the clubhouse so it can be repaired and used by the residents for their recreation, as it was intended. It has been empty since 2012. We shall update you when the officials have made progress.

St Patrick's Day

I would imagine many of us celebrated this day with the favorite corned beef and cabbage. Good food! I was surfing our FACEBOOK page and found some pics of Graham and Joy's kiddos celebrating at school. Liam was all done up in a Leprechaun costume. Luke was being his



casual self and little Jubilee was decked out in a cute costume.



FUN THINGS TO DO WITH THE FAMILY



Bring the kiddos out to Bass Lake for some fun on Saturday, April 19 from 12:00 to 4:00.

Be sure to get a photo with the Easter Bunny and enjoy the hunt for eggs.

You must bring your own basket.

There will be a special prize for the one who finds the golden egg.

They have made it so all will have a chance to get a prize.

They have set times for different age groups to begin looking for the eggs.

For the 4 and under, the start time is 1:15pm.

For the 5-7 ages, the start time is 1:30pm.

For the 8-12 ages, the start time is 1:45pm.

Good Luck to all.

THE FORKS RESTAURANT IS OPEN



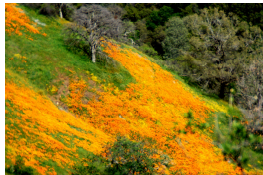
PREPARING FOR SPRING IN THE SIERRAS

As winter's chill begins to fade, the Sierra Nevada transforms into a vibrant tapestry of wildflowers, swollen creeks and rivers, and endless outdoor adventures. Spring is a magical time in our mountains, offering a unique blend of snow sports and warm weather activities. However, it requires careful preparation to fully enjoy the season's offerings.

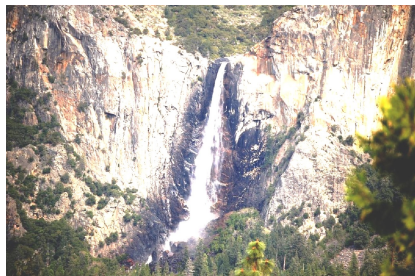
Essential Activities for Spring

- **Dual Day Adventures:** Experience the best of both worlds by skiing in the morning and hiking or kayaking in the afternoon. The elevations above The Woods offer excellent opportunities for backcountry skiing and rock climbing as snow levels rise.

- **Wildflower Hikes:** Visit meadows all around us to take a wildflower hike to witness the stunning blooms along the Sierra Scenic Byway.



- **Waterfall Exploration:** Witness the majestic waterfalls of Yosemite at their peak volume as the



snowpack melts. Don't forget to take visitors to Cascadel Falls.



Preparing Your Gear

- **Layered Clothing:** Pack moisture-wicking base layers, insulating mid-layers, and waterproof outer layers to adapt to unpredictable weather conditions.
- **Hiking and Camping Gear:** Bring sturdy boots, hiking poles, and a waterproof tent to navigate muddy trails and campsites.
- **Navigation and Safety Essentials:** Include a map, compass, GPS device, first-aid kit, and bear spray in your backpack.

Safety Considerations

- **Stream Crossings:** Be cautious of fast-moving rivers and creeks due to snowmelt, which can make crossings hazardous.
- **Fire Safety:** Spring is a critical time for fire prevention. Ensure your property is fire-safe by clearing debris and maintaining defensible space.



As you prepare for spring in Eastern Madera County, remember to respect the land, pack wisely, and enjoy the breathtaking beauty of this season. Whether you're a seasoned adventurer or just starting to explore, Sierras has something for everyone.

Stay safe, and happy adventuring!

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- 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

NEXT MONTH

- May 3 – Wild Fire Preparedness Day
- May 3-4 Forty Fourth Annual Bass Lake Fishing Derby
- May 5 – Cinco de Mayo
- May 10 – WILDFIRE READY EMC
Oakhurst Community Center
- May 26 – Memorial Day

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed this month's edition of **The Woods Newsletter**.

Send your submissions for the May edition to Carol Eggink by Apr 25, 2025 at egginks@netptc.net or call/text at 559-676-3783.