

February 2022 Update

Dear PRE neighbors,

Some PRE news for you, as follows:

IRA Annual General Meeting – The IRA Annual General Meeting took place at 10 AM on Saturday morning, January 22nd, once again via Zoom. About 70 people attended to hear IRA, PRERAB and Firewise committee reports and brief presentations from guest speakers Jerry Meral (on fire dangers of invasive plants) and Supervisor Dennis Rodoni, followed by lively question and answers sessions. In addition, those in attendance elected three new community members to the IRA Board and re-elected those with terms ending, who will continue their Board service. Warm welcome to new Board members: Joe Burgess, Julie Liss and Jim Wagner. Many thanks for their service to continuing Board members, Chris Eckert, Jennifer Howard, Mike Ongerth, and David Wilson, and to Marcus Thygeson, who has retired from the Board. A recording of the meeting is available for viewing on the IRA website (invernessridge.info); click on the link "IRA Annual General Meeting Recording" on the front page.

- **DVD Paving Task Force** - As you have heard or seen in the *Point Reyes Light*, the County Board of Supervisors scheduled an election in PRE on April 12th on Measure R, the PRE Road Paving Project. The IRA-PRERAB Task Force has been working on this project since 2018. All persons registered to vote at a PRE address are eligible to vote. The Marin Registrar of Voters will mail ballots to all PRE-registered voters on March 14, 2022. For a ballot to be counted, it must be postmarked no later than April 12th and be received by the County no later than April 21. The Task Force urges all voters to vote **Yes** on Measure R.

At its recent meeting the Task Force noted that the IRA website-posted repaving plan summary states, "Two or three traffic calming devices are to be installed on [West Robert Drive]." Due to concerns raised by community members concerning these devices, the Task Force is reexamining alternatives for traffic calming in this area. An Addendum to the Paving Plan will be posted on the IRA website noting this change.

- **PRERAB** - The PRE Road Advisory Board (PRERAB) will meet soon to review the size and placement of water bars on PRE dirt roads. They wish to remind residents that the sole purpose of water bars is erosion control. They do require driving over them at slow speeds, so "you don't bottom out." During this meeting, PRERAB will also discuss dirt road tree and maintenance work.

- **Firewise** – As most of you may have noticed, the safe evacuation-related vegetation management work along Sunnyside continues. Marin County Fire Department is doing this work with support of Measure C funding, successfully advocated for by Firewise Committee members.

As I noted in remarks at the Annual General Meeting, all work that supports and improves the welfare of PRE is carried out by community volunteers, who work tirelessly on our behalf. We owe them much thanks and appreciation. We all must do our part in maintaining our properties as best we can, especially related to defensible space and other steps we can take to mitigate fire risk. Be sure to visit the Firewise website (<https://firesafemarin.org/programs/firewise-usa/>), which contains abundant information, some of which is also posted on the IRA website.