

PARADISE RANCH ESTATES ROAD ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary for May 6, 2017

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Minutes

Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board May 6, 2017

The Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board met on May 6, 2017, at the Ongerth residence in Paradise Ranch Estates. The meeting was attended by members John Levy, Mike Ongerth, Ron Bennett and Ken Drexler, Secretary. Tim Stanton, IRA President, and Julie Merk, Randy Merk, Allan Bortel and Jack Soman also attended. Ken Drexler led the meeting.

1. PREPRD Finances. Ken reported that there had been no significant change in finances since the March PRERAB meeting, the Paradise Ranch Estates Permanent Road Division had approximately \$180,000 available to pay for road related-work.

2. Drakes View Repaving Task Force. Ron Bennett, John Levy and Ken Drexler reported that the PRERAB-IRA Task Force had sent a letter to Supervisor Dennis Rodoni about the County's responsibility for road divisions and how projects had been financed in the past. It also included alternative suggestions for financing for repaving Drakes View. Dennis had not replied to the letter. Ken said that he would follow up with Dennis to confirm that he had seen the letter and to seek a meeting.

3. Drakes View Asphalt.. Ron noted that there continued to be pot holes on Drakes View but that it was late in the season to get an asphalt contractor to agreed to do repairs. To address these potholes, Mike said that he would check with Ismael Gutierrez to see if Inverness Gardening Service had obtained a license to do asphalt work. (In several past years, IGS has done a good job patching the asphalt on Drakes View. State regulations now require a license.) Also, Mike and Ron said that they would mark the potholes and go to Lunny Grading and Paving to see if it could do the repairs.

4. Dirt Road Status. Mike reported that in the 2016-17 fiscal year PREPRD had spent substantial funds on the maintenance of the dirt roads in PRE. Looking ahead he said that he anticipated doing additional maintenance of the dirt roads in October after there was some moisture on the surface which would help the work to compact. He noted that in the future work would need to be done to replace some culverts and install drop boxes. However, he did not think any of these projects were urgent.

5. Vegetation Management - SOD Trees. Mike led a discussion of PRERAB's current vegetation management program which consists of two parts.

The first is the "flashy fuel" work trimming grass and other flammable material growing beside the roads in PRE. This work is done in the spring and usually costs about \$10,000. Mike said he hoped to have this work done in late June and said he would contact IGS and ask what it would charge for the work.

The second part is the maintenance of sight lines along the roads by trimming limbs growing into the areas beside the road blocking vision and the removal of sudden oak death trees (SOD trees) which endanger the roads. Sometimes this maintenance work is combined with the flashy fuel work when the total charge for both are within County guidelines. In 2016-17, more than twenty SOD trees were removed. Mike said that he had found at least three additional SOD trees that might need to be removed and has marked two of them on Douglas. Their removal is not urgent so, for now, he is just watching.

6. Mirrors and Signs. John reported that Victor Stangenberg had called and asked that two mirrors be placed near 19 Sunnyside. John said that he had two large mirrors and will install one across from the bulletin board on Drakes View and one on the fence across from 90 Drakes View, replacing smaller mirrors at both locations. The smaller mirrors will then be installed near 19 Sunnyside as requested.

NEXT MEETING: June 25, 2017, at the Ongerth Residence.

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