

PARADISE RANCH ESTATES ROAD ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary for May 4, 2019

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Minutes

Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board
May 4, 2019

The Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board met on May 4, 2019, at the Ongerth residence in Paradise Ranch Estates. The meeting was attended by members Mike Ongerth, John Levy, Ron Bennett, Randy Merk and Ken Drexler, Secretary. Tim Stanton, IRA President, and Julie Merk also attended. Ken Drexler led the meeting.

1. Finance: Ken Drexler reported that early in 2019, the Paradise Ranch Estates Road Division had exhausted its budgeted expenditure authority. At PRERAB's request, the Department of Public Works had requested and obtained an additional \$85,000 of spending authority from the Board of Supervisors which will allow PRERAB to continue its work maintaining the roads in PRE.

The rains at the end of January and early February caused or threatened extensive damage to the roads in PRE. As a result, PRERAB identified and supervised seven different storm-related projects at a total cost of \$22,450. In addition, since then the road clearance and SOD tree project discussed below cost \$31,500.

These costs were on top of five other projects completed between July and December 2018: the 2018 "flashy fuel" removal project, \$14,880; asphalt patching on Drakes View, \$36,800; dirt road maintenance, \$13,920; dealing with a drainage problem on Pinecrest, \$17,350; and a slide on Douglas, \$10,240. These projects cost a total of \$93,190.

In July 2018, PREPRD had \$260,581 in its account. The above expenses which total \$147,140 left \$113,441. However, through February 2019, the Road Division also spent \$31,353 on planning for the PRE paving project. These costs were offset by the property tax revenue received by the Road Division in December 2018 and April 2019 of about \$40,000. As a result, assuming payment is made for all of the work described

above, the Road Division had about \$122,088 as of the end of April.

2. Paving Task Force: Ken reported that the Task Force had met on April 14, 2019, and identified a need for the draft Report on the paving project prepared by ILS to be revised to reflect more detail and ILS's engineering expertise before the Report is presented to a meeting of PRE residents. Mike Ongerth and Ken plan to meet with Irv Schwartz and Mike Evans of ILS to discuss the draft Report shortly after May 7th.

3. Current Road Projects: Mike Ongerth reported on recent and upcoming road projects in PRE:

Sight Lines, Road Clearance and SOD Tree Removal Project: Mike said that after more than two weeks work, Pacific Slope had completed the sight lines and road clearance project and had removed over 20 dead or dying trees that endangered the roads. With minor deletions and additions, the work cost \$31,500. During the entire course of the project, Mike supervised the Pacific Slope crew and coordinated with PRE residents. The road clearance work was done at the urging of the Marin County Fire Department.

Flashy Fuel: Mike said that the next project would be to remove the flash fuels adjacent to the roads in PRE. He said that the work would proceed in late May or early June. He hopes that the job can be single-source.

Dirt Road Work: Mike said that potholes had developed at various places in PRE that should be addressed: on Dover before the driveway to No. 91, on Sunnyside from Drakes View to Dover, on Sunnyside from Dover to Behr Lane, on Sunnyside from No. 190 to No. 200, on Drakes View before Elizabeth Place, and on East Robert between the first and second canyons. After a discussion on whether to repair these potholes by using work parties or by hiring a contractor to do the work, the members decided to seek a contractor. Mike estimated that the work would cost a \$2,000 - \$3,000.

Drakes View: Ron Bennett reported that at this time, there was no urgent patching work needed on Drakes View.

4. Community Outreach: Mike suggested that PRERAB should do a better job of explaining to residents about how the roads in PRE are maintained and what PRERAB does. This led to a discussion of how new owners in PRE are welcomed and informed about the Inverness Ridge Association and PRERAB. Although the IRA website and its section for PRERAB was mentioned, Tim Stanton noted that, at present, there was no webmaster for the IRA site.

5. Inverness Ridge Association Issues: Tim Stanton, IRA President, reported that he, Mike, Julie and Helen Chapman and worked out the protocol for the 2019 chipping program had sent an information sheet on the program to PRE residents. The chipping will be done in mid-July and early September. For 2019 the cost will be \$35 per pile.

6. New Business: Julie Merk said that the road from the end of Douglas to Laurel which is an emergency access for both persons living on Laurel and PRE residents had two problems needed to be addressed: exposed tree roots and a road section near Douglas which was steep, narrow, slippery and muddy. Mike agreed with Julie's description and described his difficulty driving on the road. He said that both problems could be reduced by placing two loads of road base material in the affected areas. After discussion, Mike said that he would add this road to the list of Road Board projects.

7. Miscellaneous: John Levy noted that two of the mirrors on Drakes View had been removed, one near NMWD Tank No. 2 and one across from the bulletin board. He said that he would replace both.

Dots. Mike noted that many of the center line "dots" on Drakes View were missing and should be replaced. John agreed to contact the County Sign Shop to arrange their replacement.

Budget: Randy noted that an informal PRERAB budget group had formed consisting of himself, Mike, John and Jennifer Howard. Mike noted that the purpose of the group was to identify PRERAB's need for funds to do needed work so we could ask the County to include sufficient funds in the annual PREPRD to allow the work to be done.

Next Meeting: PRERAB members tentatively set its next meeting for July 6, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at the Ongerth residence.

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