

PARADISE RANCH ESTATES ROAD ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary for November 2, 2019

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Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board November 2, 2019

The Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board met on November 2, 2019, at the Ongerth residence in Paradise Ranch Estates. The meeting was attended by members Mike Ongerth, John Levy, Tamia Marg Anderson, Ron Bennett, Randy Merk, Jennifer Howard and Ken Drexler, Secretary. Julie Merk also attended. Ken Drexler led the meeting.

1. Finance: Ken Drexler reported that the PREPRD ended its 2018-2019 fiscal year on June 30, 2019 with a \$134,238 balance. Since July 1, the Road Division has spent \$15,500, leaving \$118,738. The property tax payments expected by December 10th should bring PREPRD's available funds to about \$143,728.

2. Paving Task Force Meeting: Ken reported that the Paving Task Force held a meeting for PRE residents on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at the Dance Palace. About 58 residents attended. Mike Ongerth said that he had heard nothing negative from the meeting and had the sense that most persons attending were willing to support spending at the upper end of the range outlined at the meeting, i.e. \$872 /year. Jennifer Howard she had heard comments that anything up to \$1,000/year would be OK. Julie Merk said that she spoken to one angry resident. She cautioned that his concerns (and those of others) should not be dismissed.

The members briefly discussed issues which are likely to be raised in the coming months such as:

Undergrounding PG&E Wires. When the suggestion of having PG&E's wires placed underground was mentioned, Tamia Marg Anderson noted that insulating the high voltage lines and replacing brittle old poles might not be a perfect solution but would be

more attainable and less expensive than undergrounding the lines in an established subdivision such as PRE. She suggest such steps would go a long way towards preventing fires. There was a sense that PRERAB should mention this issue at the January 2020 IRA General Meeting.

Washouts. Randy Merk noted that neither the Road Board nor the Paving Task Force had addressed the washouts (current or potential) on Douglas, East Robert, Dover, Sunnyside near Behr Lane and Pinecrest.

DVD Curve Improvements. Mike added the re-engineering of the curves on Drakes View to improve sight lines to this list near No. 29 and No. 90. Mike also suggested that ILS could be asked to evaluate these and other high risk areas.

3. Current Road Conditions: Mike Ongerth reported that for this time of year the road conditions were “not bad”. He noted that on Sunnyside there were some gullies and washboarding; the West Robert had washboards. In addition, there were some potholes on the dirt roads and Drakes View.

4. Pending Projects: Mike said that he would be working on projects to have portions of the dirt roads graded and ditched and some material will be added on the dirt roads. In addition, the potholes on Drakes View need to be patched. He expects all of this work will cost a total of about \$25,000 and is working on work descriptions and to identify who might do the work. Mike does not expect there will be any other road work until Spring 2020.

5. CalFire or Other Grants?: Tamia said she had talked to Christie Neal about getting a CalFire grant for fuel reduction in PRE and learned that applications are due by December 4th. Grants are awarded in March and paid in Fall 2020. Mike asked if PRERAB’s flashy fuel program could be covered by a grant and Ron Bennett asked if the clearing of trees around the water tanks in PRE could be covered. Tamia said that a CalFire grant would not be a replacement for PRERAB’s annual vegetation management work, it might provide an opportunity to deal with some of the heavily vegetated areas just outside of the road easement.

6. Laurel Escape Route: Julie Merk reported that the Douglas to Laurel escape route looked good. Mike reported that there had been some confusion with Burton Eubanks about paying for the material and labor to restore the escape route. Although Burton had agreed with Mike that Laurel residents should pay for the labor while PRERAB paid for the material, he has since clarified that he did not have authority from the Laurel road group and he thought that Mike (or others from PRERAB) would be contacting the Laurel residents. As a result, the payment to Burton for his work on the

escape route from PRERAB is unresolved. The members talked about seeking to have PREPRD pay him \$500.

7. Miscellaneous: Board members noted that Ed Stetson recently died in the Port Angeles area in Washington, that Paul Phelps was in Hospice care and that Frank and Lee Seidner had sold their house on East Robert. All three were former members of PRERAB.

Next Meeting: The board members tentatively set PRERAB's next meeting for January 4, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. at the Ongerth residence.

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