

November 2022 Update

Dear Neighbors,

Greetings from Cape Town, South Africa where Sherry and I are this month. This special Update includes very important and timely information from the IRA Firewise Committee, which I wish to bring to your attention, as follows:

- The Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) has received a Coastal Permit to begin **Evacuation Route Clearance** throughout West Marin. **Drakes View Drive** is the primary evacuation route in PRE and has been identified by the Marin County Fire Department (MCFD) as violating the fire code and needing abatement. MWPA has provided funding to the MCFD to begin this work on November 15th.

Please read the attached letter carefully. This is a unique opportunity for owners who would be legally obligated to clear, prune back, and/or limb up trees and brush along the roads that about their property.

To learn more about the project and to ask any questions, please join the IRA Firewise Committee and Marin County Fire Department on **November 9 at 10am on Zoom**. To receive a Zoom link please RSVP to jenniferhoward2015@gmail.com.

Questions submitted in advance will help facilitate an efficient and informative meeting.

Best regards,

IRA Firewise Committee: David Wilson, Tamia Marg Anderson, Jennifer Howard

- In addition, PRE resident David Rempel asked me to circulate information on West Marin Climate Action's **rooftop rainwater catchment program**, which may be of interest to you as we enter a hopefully abundant rainy season. For information go to: <https://www.westmarinclimateaction.org/events/rooftop-water-catchment-a-practical-workshop>.

Thank you for reading. I expect to issue another Update later this month following the IRA Board meeting with more community news.

Keep well,

Tim Stanton
IRA President