

PARADISE RANCH ESTATES ROAD ADVISORY BOARD Meeting Summary for August 23, 2014

- 1- Dust Palliative Test Conducted
- 2- Vegetation Management: Two Projects
- 3- Road Names, East?, West?, Upper?, Lower?
- 4- More below . . .

== Minutes of Meeting

August 23, 2014

The Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board met on August 23, 2014, at the Ongerth residence in Paradise Ranch Estates. The meeting was attended by Board Chair John Levy and members Mike Ongerth, Tamia Marg Anderson, Ed Stetson, Laurie Stetson, Elizabeth Hurley, Diane Harley and Ken Drexler who also serves as Secretary.

1. Dust Palliatives. Diane Harley reported that a dust palliative treatment had been applied as a test to three sections of the dirt roads on July 22nd. So far the feedback from residents has been positive, with residents saying they were “pleased” or “delighted.”

Diane Harley said that she talked to Matt Hagemann who applied the palliative and he said that it was better to do the application in late spring when the roads have moisture in them rather than in July. This led to a discussion of timing of the 2015 dirt road maintenance work. Mike Ongerth who supervises this work noted that the work could be done earlier so long as the rains have ended. He thought the earliest time for the work would be the end of April or early May. Mike said that in 2015 he would tour the roads with Lewis in April to identify the work needed.

2. 2014 Vegetation Management Projects. Laurie Stetson reported that the project to cut grass and other flashy fuels along the roads had been successfully completed by the Inverness Gardening Service in July. This time Ismael was promptly paid for the work.

The next project will focus on cutting branches intruding onto the roads to improve sight lines and clearances and also removing a few trees which had died from sudden oak death. Laurie, and Tamia will work together to mark areas needing work with tape and conduct a bid walk at the end of September, with the work to commence shortly after. Laurie said that she was seeking advice from the Marin County Fire Department on how to deal with ornamental plants along the roads. A letter notifying residents of the planned work will be sent without an “opt out”. Laurie said that she will contact

individual residents known to be concerned about cutting along their frontages. She expects Inverness Gardening Service, Swift Tree Care, Pacific Slope and Noel Tree to bid. (This year, the chipping of cuttings placed beside the roads by residents will be handled by the Inverness Ridge Association.)

3. Road Names in PRE. Laurie reported on her further investigation of the road names in PRE: She talked to the Marin County Fire Department: It has a map with the “actual” names as well as the “customary” names of roads in PRE. For example, East Robert is customarily called Lower Robert and West Robert is customarily called Upper Robert. There is no road called “Lower Dover.” To address these inconsistencies, she proposed the following: Replace the Lower Dover signs with a sign reading “To Bortel’s” or “To 1 Dover”; replace the sign at the water tank on Drakes View which refers to Robert with a signs for East Robert and for West Robert; add a sign for West Robert where the two Roberts split.

4. Board Resignation. Ken Drexler noted that Bob Lundstrom had resigned from the Board because his work on weekends prevented him from participating in Board meetings.

5. Miscellaneous.

- Laurie reported that she had difficulty opening the lock on the Sunnyside Gate and had treated the lock with graphite.

- Mike Ongerth reported that he was still working on patching the asphalt on Drakes View and asked for a volunteer to help him mark the pavement. Ed Stetson said he would help.

NEXT MEETING: The members tentatively set its next meeting for Saturday, January 10, 2015, at a location to be determined.

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