



Yosemite West Property & Homeowners, Inc.

YWPHI Board of Directors' Informal Discussion

Sunday, October 28, 2007, 5 p.m. at Kim O'Neil's house

An informal discussion was held on Sunday, October 28, 2007 at Kim O'Neil's home.

Directors Present: Tom Lambert, Kim O'Neil, and Kay Pitts.

Directors Absent: Jim Andrews, Todd Caranto, Jeff Hornacek, and Kelly Rich

Committee Chair Present: John Mock

There was not a quorum of board members (four), hence no motions or votes were made.

The agenda was limited to a Fire Safety committee report about the status of the Yosemite West Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Committee Reports

Fire Safety (John Mock)

The CWPP has been professionally prepared in a years' long consultation process with many county, state and federal agencies. The Yosemite West CWPP will be the first community-specific CWPP to be approved in Mariposa County and will serve as a model for other communities and the County. The final draft of the CWPP is nearing completion, and the committee expects to submit the CWPP for the initial approval process in November 2007.

We reviewed the steps in the approval process. The document will have three signatories: the Fire Chief of the Mariposa County Fire Department, the Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit Chief of Cal Fire, and the Chair of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors. The first phase of the approval process will involve submitting the document to the chiefs of the Mariposa County Fire Department and Cal Fire for their comments and approval. This phase will also include approval from the County Sheriff, even though the Sheriff will not be a signatory. After these individuals have given their approval, the Fire Chief of the Mariposa County Fire Department will schedule a meeting and present the CWPP to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors for its formal adoption. It is optimistic, but not likely that this will happen before year end. The document will not be circulated to the public until the two fire chiefs and the sheriff have had the opportunity to give their input into the final document.

We discussed various options for future public distribution of the document, and agreed that posting the document on the YWPHI website was the easiest and most cost effective method. The federal grant for this project allocates some funds for distribution, so we will evaluate later if

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sufficient funds remain to produce and distribute hard copies and/or CD-ROMs to all property owners of record.

The point was made that we need to inform property owners that the CWPP is entirely independent of the Yosemite West Special Plan and the Mariposa County General Plan, and update the YWPHI website to reflect this fact and avoid any confusion.

The informal discussion ended at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Mock & Kim O'Neil
Acting for YWPHI Secretary