



Yosemite West Property & Homeowners, Inc.

YWPHI Board of Directors' Meeting April 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Ted Williams at 7:10pm.

Directors (and guests) Present: Adar Emken, Gary Mazzone, Hilary Bagshaw, Jedediah Ike, Katie Weber, Scott Renfro, Pamela Schulz, Ted Williams

Officers Absent: Nate Mueller, Neil Pack

1. Chipping Day 5/28/2024

Notice has been posted on YWPHI website and sent by Email. Updates from Katie on planning/process/needs.

2. Grants Update

Last time Katie talked to Mariposa County Resource Conservation District, the firewise money is gone so they won't be back to do additional work. There was work on the conservancy land that was slated to get done, but apparently that will need to be funded by future grants or amendments.

Any benefits to YW could be from grants to two IRWM members just received notice from CAL FIRE that they were selected for Forest Health grant funding:

Mariposa RCD - \$6.9 million for Phase IV of the Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery Project, Large Scale Fuels Reduction, in partnership with Yosemite National Park

Sierra Foothill Conservancy - \$6.9 million for the Upper Chowchilla River Watershed Forest Health and Fire Recovery project

3. Firewise survey

Current 2024 certificate has been posted on YWPHI website, and link sent in Chipping email.

4. "Wildfire Risk Assessment" from Noah Haamann

Most of us received unsolicited email from Noah. If anyone wants to reach out to him, feel free.

5. GPZA re-zoning for 7548 Henness Circle (Scenic Wonders property)

This re-zoning was approved by Mariposa planning commission on 10/6/2023, and then Mariposa BoS on 11/21/2023. No additional updates to share.

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6. YWDAC meeting held on 3/14/2024

There have been two YWDAC meetings since our last board meeting and felt like they have had better engagement in recent months. Updates below:

- Expenses for YW sewer expansion is not incurring capital expenses because of money from Covid/ARPA funds and DWR grant.
- Public Works has not prepared a fiscal review since September.
- Matt Hespenheide (Mariposa county civil engineer) provided capital improvement updates to BWA for a new round of Prop 218 rate study (for all 5 county special districts). Nothing yet to propose for rate increases, postponed again to the next meeting.
- Continued discussions about improvement priorities, including relining of leaking sewer pipes, expansion of leach fields, and possibly building a 3rd sewer pond on the new 80 acres acquired by YWMD.
- US Congress directed-spending (earmark) got \$325k for construction of an ambulance bay to put beside new fire-station coming in Wawona. So, emergency response can come out of Wawona as well as the Yosemite Valley.
- Water meter replacement has improved electronic read-rate to 99%
- Considerations for a second well continue, now also motivated by new 2027 requirements from the state water board. Emergency water system interconnect to another system seems less viable now.
- Rosemarie asking for more congressional funding to possibly build the fire-station at Chinquapin.
- Nature Bridge might open this fall for the first time, having been delayed by the pandemic.
- Mariposa County now has a method to turn off water for non-payment, which has apparently occurred.
- Scenic Wonders construction will likely require movement of the supply line from the Yosemite West well to the water tanks at the top of the circle. That will need to meet all new code requirements. Tanks should have enough supply to handle the changeover to the new pipeline.
- There was a camera inspection of the sewer system to identify root damage, which will likely require a liner installation included in the rate study. This is a cheaper solution than sewer line replacement.

7. Labor Day picnic

We'll try to do a Labor Day picnic. As the summer gets closer, we can try to make plans. It can potentially be hosted in Jedediah's area if the weather is good. Gary is happy to help get it together.

8. Treasurer Update

Neil wasn't able to make today's meeting to give an update. He did email an update a few hours ago. Membership is down a bit this year due to lack of personalized, individual follow-up reminders after response to the broad calls for membership have tailed off.

8. Any other items raised by BoD members

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Scott Renfro (edits by Ted Williams)

Schedule of next meetings:

YWPFI BoD meetings are on 2nd Tuesday of each January, April, July, and Sunday pre-Labor day:

YWDAC meetings are on 2nd Thursday of each March, June, September, and December:

- September 12, 2024 at 10am
- December 12, 2024 at 10am
- March 13, 2025 at 10am
- June 12, 2025 at 10am