



# Yosemite West Property & Homeowners, Inc.

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## YWPHI Board of Directors' Meeting July 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Ted Williams at 7:06pm.

Directors Present: Gary Mazzone, Katrin Kuttner, Neil Pack, Scott Renfro, Pamela Schulz, Ted Williams

Directors Absent: Hilary Bagshaw

Officers and Guests Present: Melinda Barrett, Katie Weber

### 1. MCRCD grant update from Melinda Barrett (Mariposa County Resource Conservation District)

- Phase 1 work in our YW subdivision mostly done
- Lawsuit and proposed injunction from Earth Island Institute; EII agreed to remove the community portion (i.e., Yosemite West and Wawona) from the suit.
- Park agreed to temporarily hold on work in surrounding areas (YNP land, 11-mile road, sewer road), focusing instead on community work not under dispute.
- Did work at south entrance, around grove, and along Wawona Rd, which allowed them to safely do back burning during the Washburn fire. So the work already done has been helpful.
- Potential "round 2" work and applications; hoping to keep the workers busy rather than pulled away to other jobs.
- Need more letters of support for the work. New letters could highlight importance of the grant work to defense against Washburn fire right now.
- We have already used the entire budget for Yosemite West. We need to be able to fill a full load of trees to transport to a biomass facility in Sonora to make it cost effective. Don't have enough money to do everything that needs to be done, but if we have enough work, it might be possible to do more.
- Melinda will talk to the contractor about how many dropped hazard trees do we need to make full loads.
- Loads need to be grouped and separated. More rotted wood goes to the biomass plant. Younger (recently felled) wood goes to the wood-shaving plant.

## **2. Chipping day (originally planned for 6/1/2022)**

- Concluded chipping day 7/6/2022
- Cal Reforestation came out last week to perform the chipping and clean up
- Thanks to Katrin and her daughter for helping mark and check piles and more
- Haven't heard complaints, and have heard from several community members that the results look good, so plan to pay the invoice when it arrives unless something changes
- Would like to see owners use the chipping service for more creation of new defensible space rather than just spring cleaning

## **3. Mailbox locker expansion complete**

- Big thank you to Bert Kroon and Pamela Schultz and others
- Complex coordination with USPS, but the parcel box installation is complete and active now

## **4. Plan for next community-wide paper mailing in August**

- Membership invitation
- We should include grant news in the hard copy and will have to consider whether it makes sense to suggest there might be a chance to do more work.
- Gary agreed to do the mailing. Let's aim to get drafts done by August 1, 2022
- We'll reuse the same mailing address list as October, 2021

## **5. Fire Insurance**

- We received a request from Rosemarie on behalf of CA Dept of Insurance about better regulating rates, particularly where communities do defensible space work. Several people in Yosemite West sent letters, but we haven't heard back.
- Ted sent a letter from YWPHI to California Department of Insurance today encouraging the department to require insurers consider community investment before setting fire insurance rates. It's posted at: [http://yosemitewest.org/CDI\\_support\\_letter\\_YWPHI\\_20220329.pdf](http://yosemitewest.org/CDI_support_letter_YWPHI_20220329.pdf)
- Ted invited the department to come speak at our September community meeting, and it looks like we'll get a local person from Fresno from their communications department to present.
- Additionally, Segio sent a letter to the department after a 4x+ insurance premium increase. Not clear if any response yet.

## **6. Annual community meeting on Sunday 9/4/2022**

- Planning to hold it in person in Yosemite West
- Katrin has secured our traditional location at the end of Azalea Lane, and there's no renters so we just have to clean up.
- Katrin proposed that we do a BBQ, and she is willing to run the BBQ. We'll combine that with a call for people to bring potluck food.

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- Proposed budget \$400 to cover 50 people since the insurance talk should draw people.
- Katrin will try to have a one-page announcement to Ted by last week of July to include in the mailing
- Ted has contacted Cal Dept Insurance who have tentatively agreed to provide a speaker, but they might still backout or convert to virtual.

## 7. YWDAC 6/9/2022 meeting news (Ted's notes from his attendance)

- Larry Harris now appointed Mariposa Utilities Manager in addition to being Mariposa Public Works Deputy Director
- Public Works maintenance falling farther behind due to lack of staffing. Want to double (from 2.5 to 5) employee count in PW utilities.
- Transition to County's new accounting system is troublesome. Budget proposed at 6/21/2022 BoS meeting filled with gaps (several months missing from YTD totals across all county accounts).
- Claim that M Pardi will come to 9/8/2022 meeting to "explain" YWMD financials
- Larry Harris plans to restart rate study with BWA (approved by Mariposa BoS on 1/4/2022). Some data now sent to BWA. Claims PW will be more transparent this time, to all districts.
- Effort by Tina Moesly of YC to potentially place a composting dumpster. Is there recycling dumpster opportunity on YC land?
- California SB522 "drought support" might provide funding for additional well drilling
- Leach field purchasing, claim to be waiting for seller, perhaps including land for a potential new well site
- Now that Wawona is also District 1, more attention likely for written water rationing plan, perhaps similar to plan already in effect at Wawona.
- No other news from NESCS, GPZA, YC

## 8. Email Gsuite expiration

- All "[@yosemitewest.org](mailto:@yosemitewest.org)" email serviced through Google Gsuite is going away.
- We think we have configured it to continue operating for free, but Scott will work with Ted to download a copy of the mail to be safe.
- Otherwise, we'll move to our domain hosting service APLUS. We have to move everyone all at once and give everyone new passwords to do that.
- Katie will also check if she can get clarification.
- Secretary/webmaster Scott Renfro planning transition

## 9. Treasurer's report

- Tax returns filed for 2021, both fed and state.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Scott Renfro (with edits by Ted Williams)

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**Schedule of next meetings:**

YWPHI BoD meetings are on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each January, April, July, and Sunday pre-Labor day:

- September 4, 2022 in-person following YWPHI annual membership meeting
- January 10, 2023 virtual at 7pm
- April 11, 2023 virtual at 7pm
- July 11, 2023 virtual at 7pm

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

- September 8, 2022 at 2pm
- December 8, 2022 at 2pm
- March 9, 2023 at 2pm
- June 8, 2023 at 2pm

YWDAC meetings were virtual during the pandemic, but new County policy has reverted to requiring them to be in-person at ADA compliant facility. Ongoing hybrid-meeting virtual accessibility challenges.