

**ALPINE SPRINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Pursuant to notice given, the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, Alpine Springs County Water District, was held Monday, October 10, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., District Board Room, 270 Alpine Meadows Road

1 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

2 President Danz called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m., Monday, October 10,
3 2005.

4 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5 Skipped.

6 **ROLL CALL**

7 Directors Present: Barbara Danz, President; Janet S. Grant; Jon Northrop;
8 Virginia Quinan

9 Staff Present: None

10 Guests Present: David Bourke/BCA; Shirley Ellis/AMEA; Ken Gracey/AMEA; Al
11 Pride/AMEA; Julie Pride/AMEA; Sam Quinan/JMA; Lin Winetrub /AMEA; William
12 Woultmann/AMEA; Bryce Keller/NTPFD; Linda Ferguson/USFS; Clint Celio/ C.G.
13 Celio & Sons, Co.

14 **2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

15 None.

16 **3. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION**

17 **Community Fire Plan Development:**

18 Clint Celio, C.G. Celio & Sons, Co., the consultants engaged to develop the
19 Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Alpine Meadows, led the meeting and
20 reported on the work of the consultants. Clint distributed the draft of the Alpine
21 Meadows Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Clint stated that the objective of
22 the meeting was to prioritize the four mitigation projects that are proposed in the
23 Plan. In addition, the meeting participants were invited to propose other projects
24 or adjustments to the projects proposed by the consultants. Clint discussed
25 briefly each of the background sections in the Plan. These had been discussed in
26 detail at the previous two meetings and include: Demographic, Location and
27 Topography; Fire Service Overview; Water Sources and Infrastructure; Fire Call
28 Detection and Response; Community Preparedness; Hazard Assessment; Forest
29 Health, Fuels and Fire Behavior; Ignition Assessment; and, Fire Weather and
30 Topography. In the Community Preparedness section, Clint highlighted websites
31 for companies which make flame-resistant siding and treatments for exterior
32 wood siding. He noted that the objective in treating or replacing siding and
33 roofing materials is to have building materials which meet a Class A fire rating
34 standard. Clint recommended mitigation measures in two groups: Residents and
35 Landowners; and, Community Fuels Projects.

36 • Residents and Landowners:

- 37 (1) BCPC: Clint recommended that BCPC, as the valley's architectural
38 design review committee, review standards for building materials and
39 landscape design to encourage landowners to use flame-resistant
40 landscaping and building materials.
- 41 (2) Information Materials Distribution: Clint recommended that ASCWD
42 provide the public with copies of various brochures regarding appropriate
43 building materials, once they are approved by BCPC. Clint had samples
44 of several brochures which he gave to ASCWD.
- 45 (3) Form a Local Fire Safe Chapter: Clint recommended that local
46 homeowners' association representatives form a group to assist ASCWD
47 and NTPFD with fire safe activities such as defensible space inspections.
48 Clint stressed that the group does not need formal organizational status;
49 rather, it should be a group of citizens concerned with local fire safe

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1 issues. This group could also work with the Placer County Fire Safe
2 Council.

3 • Community Fuels Projects.

4 (1) Chipper Program: Clint recommended that the current chipper program
5 be expanded to operate an average of two days per week for 16 weeks
6 during the summer. This project would cost approximately \$32,000. Chief
7 Keller stated that the current NTFPD chipper program is funded by
8 Proposition 40 monies. The NTFPD crews service Squaw Valley also.
9 Chief Keller expects that the chipper program will continue for a few years
10 with these funds.

11 (2) Open Space Fuels Reduction/Riparian Improvement Project: Clint
12 recommended that the homeowners' associations treat the open space
13 property along Bear Creek in AMEA and BCA. This area has a
14 significantly high density of "dead and down" materials. The aim of the
15 project is to reduce tree density to improve the health of the forest. More
16 riparian vegetation should be planted to maintain the aesthetic screening
17 which the trees provide. The maximum cost of the project would be
18 \$862,500 for treating the entire 345 acres; however, some of the acreage
19 would not need treatment, e.g., the creek and the pond. Clint suggested
20 that a key area within the open space be identified where the
21 landowner(s) agree to participate. Then, the homeowners' association or
22 other group could apply for a grant to treat only those acres. Other
23 landowners might then be persuaded to treat their property. He
24 suggested that the local Fire Safe Chapter spearhead the process.

25 (3) Juniper Mountain Fuels Reduction Project: Clint recommended that the
26 USFS land to the north of JMA be treated by removing dense growth so
27 that fire suppression personnel can create a fire line along the north side
28 of the community during a fire event. Clint noted that a grant application is
29 not likely to be successful for this project since the USFS owns the land.
30 The USFS would therefore be the lead agency for implementation of this
31 project. The project covers 162 acres at an estimated cost of \$243,000.

32 (4) Alpine/Bear Forest Improvement Project: Clint recommended that
33 projects be undertaken to improve the forest in the open land (1) above
34 AMEA and BCA and (2) east of AMEA. Treatment in these areas should
35 consist of removing density and ladder fuels. A fire, started on the
36 downhill side of these lands, could spread quickly and burn uphill
37 threatening other homes. This recommendation affects the private land of
38 a few landowners. These landowners could obtain assistance in
39 implementing this treatment. This project covers 738 acres at an
40 estimated cost of \$1,107,000.

41 Clint asked the community members in attendance to establish priorities for
42 these projects He noted that the highest likelihood of receiving funding was for
43 the enhanced chipper program. The group concluded that the priorities should be
44 as follows: 1-Chipper Program; 2- Open Space Fuels Reduction/Riparian
45 Improvement; 3- Juniper Mountain Fuels Reduction Project; 4- Alpine/Bear
46 Forest Improvement Project. Clint stated that if the community is able to fund and
47 implement priorities 1 and 2 within the next couple of years, it would be a great
48 outcome. Once Clint finalizes the Plan, it must be adopted and approved by
49 NTFPD, ASCWD, the Board of Supervisors and CDF. Clint expects that the final

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1 plan will be submitted in time for the December 2005 or January 2006 ASCWD
2 Board meeting. Once adopted, the Plan should be reviewed every year to assure
3 that the priorities are still applicable.

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5 The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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9 Respectfully Submitted, Approved as amended 11-10-05

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13 Barbara Danz