

**Harrison Grade Road Emergency Preparedness Meeting
February 23,2020
Notes**

1. Introduction

- a. Prop 13 - 1978
 - i. Trying to get on the ballot to fix some of the loopholes that large corporations take advantage of.
- b. Palm District Hospital (Don)
 - i. Getting on the ballot to dissolve hospital board
- c. Carol Swanson - attendance - sign in sheet
- d. Morelli/Stoetz - new group forming
 - i. Neighborhood #3 - Lead -
 - ii. Working closely with Harrison Grade Group

2. Measure G - discussion/ Country wide sales tax fire safety

- a. Current County Tax - potentially 1.4 million
- b. Occidental Fire Dept -- passed our parcel tax
- c. If there is any fire in Sonoma County, we are affected so we need to support all Sonoma County fire departments
- d. Fire Dept - took a very specific focus on the parcel tax
 - i. Broader trend is to professionalize fire departments - training, equipment, resources
 - ii. In the past volunteers live and work near the departments they serve
- e. Kincaide Fire - not too many fires going in the State and pulled a lot of fireman
- f. This measure buys more equipment, more resources
- g. joining a larger parcel tax for the County would help us afford it
- h. We are at ground zero - extreme fire danger, winds coming
 - i. If we aren't talking consolidation, Occidental area would not have access to the funds

3. Evacuation Routes - website and mapping

- a. Harrison Grade Website has a map
- b. Many different websites and maps of the fire danger in our area
 - i. Occidental Fire District Mapping - in progress
 - 1. Red outline - boundary of the fire district
 - 2. Working with Goldridge - to include all the neighborhoods and all the fire districts in the County
 - ii. CAL Fire - mapping FRA, SRA, LRA (Fed, State, Local Responsibility areas)
 - 1. Mostly CAL Fire responsibility
 - iii. Fire Hazard Severity Zones - three levels (as of 2007)
 - 1. Our area - between high and very high
 - 2. Insurance companies could use the severity zones to determine what to insure

- 3. It's possible, our area's rating could be lower
- iv. the public utilities map (PG&E) - we are on tier 2 or 3
 - 4. PGE is working hard in our area to try and mitigate their business risk.
 - 5. PGE is putting Freestone utilities underground
- v. Historic Fire Map -- Shows little fire in our area
- vi. Bottom line - all maps tell a little different story
- vii. PGE Outage Map
- viii. Weather Map
- ix. Forestry Dept website - dying trees
- x. CAL Fire web app - good but can't access if cells are down
- c. we need one source with one map and all the needed resources in one place including evacuation routes, safety areas, road blocks (i.e. Australian mapping of current fires)
 - i. During the Kincaide Fire, Google Philanthropy did an experimental map using infrared, the front, how fast it was moving, evacuation zones, power outages... updated every 8 minutes.
 - ii. Google and Apple - mapping traffic real time - collecting the number of cell phones in one area and how fast the phones are moving
 - iii. If we have a fire tonight, how would all of us get out?
 - d. We were meant to have a test evacuation - and another will be planned
 - i. Carolyn Sell - committee working - we are working on an evacuation plan currently
 - ii. Google Maps - a warning comes up if there is a problem and you are near the problem area
 - vi. Fire Safe Occidental - working with Camps in area
 - 1. Camp Meeker/CSO camp - trying to mitigate risk of their businesses. They are meeting together to have an evacuation plan in process.
 - vii. QUAKEALERTUSA - sign up for the APP

4. Defensible Space

- a. County has been working on clearing area roads and done a great job. Some of the work has been PG&E also.
 - i. How do we encourage property owners to keep areas cleared?
 - 1. What is the county schedule? Is it yearly? Call our Supervisor, Lynda Hopkins, and Ron, Fire chief
 - ii. Pod by pod bases, help each other take care of the problem
 - 1. Grants available for homeowners
 - b. Assess homes – CAL Fire will do it. Also, Carolyn and Paul have assessed local homes. If you use CAL Fire, making the corrections are mandatory
 - i. Carolyn Sell shared pictures of area homes who are working on clearing.
 - ii. Emergency Call System - Dial My Call - Carolyn is paying for year 1 for call
 - c. Chipping service from the county - 707-565-6070 - requirements online to use their service

5. Conclusion

- a. Fire Alliance Workshop - next Saturday - Feb 29 10-2
 - Jared Childress- burning your vegetation, Biofuels. At Pepperwood
- b. Next meeting June 7 - John and Pauline Loade's home