



Middle River Community Service District

Road Report - May 6, 2023

The beginning of this year has not been good for us. After our February meeting, March brought heavy rains, more debris in our newly pulled ditches, then the road slide in mid-March on upper Barney. That slide not only abandoned seven properties, but it also shut off access to the fire escape for most of the neighborhood. In March and April I had meetings and phone calls with CAL-OES, Calaveras OES, and SAM.gov. seeking a grant from FEMA to replace our road. I am in limbo with the slow-turning wheels of our Government. I hope to have an answer on how we are to move forward by the end of this month.

Now for an update on road matters. After we paid \$1600 to have Hertzig pull our ditches we had another storm that loaded them again. I had DeBoise pull the ditches and level the road on Patricia and also on Barbara which cost \$1050. I had Sporthill bring in rock on Patricia and Barbara, which was a truck and trailer load. I had another load, to fill potholes, dropped at the top of Patricia to finish rock on Fay. That's two truck and trailer loads for \$1700. I will need another truck and trailer on Lower Barbara. I will need one or two loads on Timber and one on Upper Patricia. That's four loads for \$3400. That will take care of rock for the year. Now we have to clear a number of culverts, seal cracks in our asphalt roads, and do chip-n-seal work. I don't know what it will cost to clear the culverts, it could be nearly \$1000, but I will work with Jeff Morgensen and the Fire Department on that. The crack sealing could cost about \$250 for labor. The chip-n-seal will cost \$4500 for the seal material. The chips will cost \$1250. My budget to start this year was \$12,000, if you add all the costs I have listed I will be at \$14,750 and that does not take into count the number of receipts I have turned in. I am asking the Board at the end of my report for a vote to give me an additional \$3000 to this year's budget bringing it to \$15,000.

Now for a little more on our slide. When the slide happened it shut off access to the neighborhood for three families. The water department shut off the water to seven properties leaving one family without water. Two of those families ended up on this side of the slide with their vehicles. I asked Teresa Gonzalez, who has a house on Barbara if it would be ok for those folks to park on her property and if Gunoni's family could use her water and she said yes. Now that's what good neighbors do for each other. We also need to thank Ashish Goel for allowing the use of the property for access to Jures Road. We need to thank our West Point Fire Department for their help closing the road and sealing the slide with plastic to keep water from doing more damage. CAL FIRE also helped with that. Thank you to all who stepped up to help. I would also like to thank another good neighbor who paid to rock most of Fay, and his name is

Ken Gebelien. That is the end of my report. Please, at this time vote to grant my request for more money.

Thank you,

Ken Bender, Road Manger
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