

## **Berry Creek Community Association**

### **Town Meeting**

November 8, 2008

Berry Creek School

**Meeting begins at 10:20am**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Public Safety:**

Company 61, Chief Reed Rankin reporting:

Our Volunteer Firefighters respond to many types of calls:

80 medical calls

8 downed power lines

142 calls total

Water tender goes where needed. Feather Falls: 4, Concow: 2, Palermo: 3, Paradise: 2,

Sterling City: 2, Chico: 4, Gridley: 4, prpvville city: 2, Yuba City: 2, Bangor: 2

We generate income by responding to calls with our Water Tender.

Reciprocal agreements with water tender are a good thing since we are helped by others when we need it.

We are an active Volunteer Company, staffing and responding

Mike Shorrock, Battalion Chief, CalFire:

We have one of strongest Volunteer Companies in county.

Rain is here but erosion is concern.

Company 62 moved into new station at Harts Mill. Fire season is over until May. Burning is permitted but make sure it is legal material and tended to.

Will Cotter, Firefighter:

Our current Squad is 18 years old and has no water capabilities. New squad will have water tank. Money raised and donated: \$1,000 Berry Fest, \$1,600 Grange + money from our Water Tender fund. CAKE Concert \$21,000 raised. \$ 45,000 total raised as of 11/8/08. Our goal is \$60,000. T-Shirts Fundraiser, \$20 donation. T-Shirts will be available at Canyon Creek.

Fire Safe Council: Loren reports that the Chipper Program is starting. Free. Sign up with Loren.

Kathy Brady reporting on crime stats. Sheriff says there is an initial increase on reporting of crime when a deputy is assigned. 2004-2008 arrests are up 90% which is good. We hope to have a more complete report in spring. Type of crime is unavailable at this time. We will pursue further info.

We are interested in being better prepared for a future fire emergency. Fire Safe Council is working on lead. BCCA has been in contact with OES and is coordinating a meeting between all services reps.

Skip reports out on Radio frequency; distribute lists of codes people can use with scanners during emergency. Lists channels available to Butte County. During last fire Skip had trouble getting to radio to broadcast. [95916@yahoo.com](mailto:95916@yahoo.com) will have scanner info online.

**Public Health:** Cathy Jaborski

1<sup>st</sup> Flu shot clinic will be on Nov 20. County will be coming to shot clinic at Grange. 8 different organizations and Departments will be represented. Whole community is invited. \$2 /flu shot, cash only.

Organizations that are coming...Legal Service, Independent Living Services, Butte County Public Health including HIV testing on site/Recovery/Children's Health, Visiting Nurse, Behavioral Health, Adult Daycare Center, Low cost health insurance. North valley Catholic Social Services for those 18 and younger services such as parenting classes, Veterans Benefits. Next year we will have it scheduled earlier in the year.

Mark Trumm, presentation on health insurance

**Roads and Trails:** Andy Jaborski:

Bald Rock Trail cleanup: 40 yard dumpster filled with large garbage.

Thank you Bill Connelly for help getting the dumpster. Hope for twice yearly cleanup. Discovered more dumping sites. First step in long journey. We are making progress but still more to do.

County is looking into unmet public transit needs. Submit comments on your needs to Butte County Association of Government. Dec 11 is deadline for comments.

People with family members with kids with disabilities. Lots of resources in Oroville but no current transportation. 9 families. Work program only goes to Lakeside Market.

Kathy Brady met with county regarding signage on Bald Rock Hwy 119 to Sugar Pine. Advisory signs needed. Asking community for any sign they see are needed.

We have collected 400 signatures for Road Widening Petition. Bald Rock at Centerion Way up Ruckerfeller. We want widening where it narrows. Do we need to widen to current codes?

Bill Connelly's response: Can improve existing road.

Berry Creek Road has been reopened. Concern about illegal dumping. Ask Public Works for removable bollards to allow for multi use of the road and emergency services.

**Planning and Zoning:**

2 big things accomplished: 1. Participate in General Plan 2030. 2. Alternative 4 accepted by Board of Supervisors, including expanded boundaries for Berry Creek.

Request from Pat Kuehner to open Cafe in old recycling center at Menzie Lane. Planning and Zoning Committee asked her for evidence that neighbors have no problem with the plans. She provided proof. We support use of property as a Café. BCCA is now recognized by the County and are conferred with.

**Watershed:**

Still working on grant to get a water survey completed.

**Parks and Rec:** Loren, liaison reporting: Talking with USFS about Harts Mill and Bald Rock Trailhead. Want concrete picnic tables and pole stoves that are safe and cleanup that area.

Waiting for Park District to ask for Harts Mill to be turned over to them. \$5000 for attorneys... Forbestown is model museum. Same contract. Feather River will provide services. Still in CalFire's hands. Captain's quarters could be used as Sheriff's substation. Maintain 10,000 gallon water tank.

Foreman Creek status is on hold until DWR signs contract with County.

**Treasury:** Asking for donations. \$101.00 donated at meeting.

**Business Directory:** Asking for info for local businesses for Berry Creek website. We want to promote resources that are available on the mountain. We need to make them known.

**At our next meeting in December, the Executive Council will take up amendments to bylaws.** 1. Officially change designation from Environmental Committee to Watershed. 2. Change Spring meeting to March to avoid conflicts with events.

**School Board:** Will Cotter, School board Member: 95-97 students currently enrolled, 16 students in preschool is at full enrollment.

Financially the school district is in good shape, good reserves and nest egg. 3 year projection is excellent.

Principal Freddenburg invites community to come to school and visit anytime.

Looking to integrate community involvement with school. Chess club? Bring whole community into school activities.

**Supervisor Bill Connelly:** We have higher attendance than county supervisors meetings. Great job on organizing Health Clinic for November 20.

Berry creek Road: they said it would never happen and it did.

B Line would have to be used to work.

Unmet needs of the handicapped. Will work on a solution.

General Plan is a Constitutional Guideline. We are now part of the process.

Cleanups \$\$ available for that.

Best satisfaction is seeing community come together.

If you witness Illegal Dumping, get a picture. Do not interact except to snap a picture.

Law to enforce now. Resource to fine people if you find their name in garbage dumped.

Vehicle seizure law is rarely used but is available.

All Berry Creek Fire-Rescue Donations can be sent to: Po Box 338, BC Fire Dept. If you want your donation to go directly to squad fundraising effort, designate Squad 61 Fund, on your check. Otherwise your donation goes to main BC Fire-Rescue account.

Q? How long after we raise money for squad before we have it here? Process is slow once the money is there. Order the truck could be 8 months or more to be built. But, no worries, the money that the county is matching us will be available when we have reached our \$60,000 goal.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40am