

# JAMESBURG CACHAGUA TASK FORCE

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## Minutes:

### **CWPP Community Meeting**

3/19/2009

7pm - 8:30ish

Location: Cachagua Store

Attendance: 11

- 1- 1<sup>st</sup> Official Public Meeting
  - a. County Plan: How do we fit in and what is it for.
  - b. What are our priorities?
  - c. What are our principals?
  - d. We are going to need to have a serious of community CWPP meetings over about a 2 month time frame.
- 2- There is a deadline for the County Plan, which we are trying to keep up with but we do have a little extra time.
- 3- We need to find a representative for the Laurel Springs and Parrot Ranch area.
  - a. Need to extend an invitation to them. Their areas are very important for fire safety.
  - b. Suggested that the Secretary write a letter to these communities to invite them to come to one of the meetings and tell them who we are and what we are doing.
  - c. Suggested that Vic and Lesley Veranta (spelling of name?) have a phone tree and we should try and reach out to them so we can get the word out.
    - i. This brought up the importance of taking pre-established phone tree lists and combining them.
- 4- List of Mini-Communities in our area:
  - a. Upper Jamesburg (up from Kin Canyon to the Forest Boundary line)
  - b. Lower Jamesburg (Tassajara from Kin Canyon to Carmel Valley rd.)
  - c. Tassajara Hot Springs
  - d. Lambert Flats
  - e. Laurel Springs (to the Forest boundary line)
  - f. Parrot ranch
  - g. Trampa Canyon
  - h. Asoleado
  - i. The Camps (includes road in-between)
  - j. Middle Cachagua (All of Cachagua Rd. to Via Celio)
  - k. Lower Sky Ranch
  - l. Upper Sky Ranch
  - m. Carmel Valley Rd. (Ranches Not Interested)

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- 5- Safety Zones:
  - a. Where are they located, if any?
  - b. We need to be thinking about worst case scenarios, trying to find ways to work in and out.
  - c. Looking for wind patterns, how they can change depending on the time of year or the time of day.
  - d. Cachagua Fire has lists and maps of gates codes and water storage.
  - e. Community Safety zones should include ingress and egress for individuals and their families.
  - f. Personal fire Shelters vs. Community safety zones.
  - g. Education:
    - i. Reaching out with education.
    - ii. Possible Cachagua Fair information booth?
    - iii. Preparedness, community clean-up, chipper use, brush clearing, end with a party.
  - h. Denise King with Cal-Fire will bring us the Chipper with 2 weeks notice, when ever we need it.
    - i. King is coming out 4/9 to work at Tularcitos ridge.
  - i. CDF is responsible for issues and complaints of neighbors and their clean-up.
  - j. Stay and Defend or Leave Early:
    - i. Kelly's flow chart to informing those who chose to stay during an emergency.
    - ii. Recognition of the concept assuming that everyone would leave and not educating them will cause large problems.
    - iii. Knowing who has stayed and where they are.
    - iv. Levels of stay and defend, knowing not survivable situations, must leave or die.
  - k. Clearing around homes need to be generally site specific, depending on, grade, wind, exposure, vegetation, and materials surrounding them, for flame height.
  - l. Possibly sponsoring a movie night for educational information
  - m. Examples of fire education materials:
    - i. "Will my Home Survive" Book
    - ii. "Controlling Natures Wrath" Video
    - iii. Lists of Fire Resistant Plants
- 6- CWPP Priorities:
  - a. What are our priorities and how do we chose their importance.
  - b. Monterey County Planning, environmental report, possibly increasing endangered species. Could tie up grant money in lawsuits. Group went or is going to go and voice their concerns.
  - c. Tularcitos Ridge

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- d. Roads, rivers, existing dozer lines including those that lye within the National Forest
  - e. Education
- 7- Next Community CWPP meeting tentatively set for April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
- a. Location to be decided at next meeting.