

Summit Town Hall

Constituent Meeting



SUPERVISOR

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1ST DISTRICT

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Broadband RFP to be Released Next Tuesday

26. Authorize release of Request for Proposal No. 21P2-001 for companies to provide broadband services in unserved/underserved areas of Santa Cruz County, and take related actions, as recommended by the Director of Information Services

- \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan funds.
- Infrastructure Bill contains \$42.5 billion for rural broadband.



Cell Tower Status

7th Day Adventist Site

- This cell tower site is still in litigation.
- Hearing was previously postponed by the Courts to June 17th but has been again rescheduled to **August 30th**.
- Case is against the County. Verizon is representing the County in this case.
- Until this site is resolved, and the process becomes more streamlined to add towers, no towers are being planned for the Summit area.



Summit Rd Shaded Fuel Break

Before



After



Phase 1 implementation was **completed last week**, consisting of 2 acres at the intersection of Summit Road and Soquel-San Jose Road. Funded by a Pacific Gas and Electric grant; applied to by the Fire Safe Council of Santa Cruz County; contracted Bay Area Tree Service.

The Resource Conservation District has a 2021 CalFIRE: Fire Prevention **competitive grant awaiting approval for Phase 2** of the Shaded Fuel Break Project.

Fall 2021 Chipper Reimbursement Program

- Resource Conservation District served 250 households with the Spring program. Offering Fall program because of popularity.
- To Apply:
 - Neighborhoods of a min. 8 properties
 - From the date of signing up, the applicant will have 30 days to fill out the Request for Reimbursement Form, including an invoice for completed chipping work
 - first-come-first served
- Reimbursement of \$250.00 per household or \$1.00/linear foot of private road cleared
- Application open this week through Oct 15:
 - <http://www.rcdsantacruz.org/fire>
 - info@rcdsantacruz.org



Fire Mitigation and Protection Efforts

Updates from the First District Office

- \$50,000 of funding allocated to Fire Safe Council of Santa Cruz County
- Board Letter to Governor requesting funding of more hand crews and hand crew site
- New fire camera installation efforts
- Firewise community meetings
- Visit to Last Chance to see CZU fire damage



Minimum Fire Safe Regulations - “Substandard” Roads

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

- The Board of Forestry and Fire (BOF) held a Public Hearing regarding this item on June 22nd.
- The BOF Board did not take any action on this item on June 22nd.
- They received letters of opposition from several residents, government officials and even fire personnel regarding the proposed changes.
- Biggest take away was intention was to make communities safer, but one size does not fit all.
- BOF is revising their proposed draft based on public comments.



Branciforte Fire Protection District Change in Management / Oversight

- The District has nearly \$1M in reserves. It is not losing funding.
- There are no plans to close the fire station.
- The Scotts Valley Fire Protection District has terminated the management agreement with Branciforte Fire Protection District effective September 30, 2021.
- It is necessary to increase staffing to 2 on-duty firefighters at the station from 1 currently (a State minimum).
- The District Board consider hiring an interim fire chief Thursday, August 19th at 6:00 PM on Zoom.
- Supervisors meeting Wednesday, September 1st, 6:00 PM on Zoom.



Upcoming Fire Meeting hosted by First District

Prepared Not Scared

- Presenters will cover the what are the pathways for residents to reduce wildfire risk.
- Presenters include Central Fire District, CalFire, Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience (OR3), Fire Safe Council of Santa Cruz County, FireWise, and the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County.

Wednesday, August 25th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
<https://zoom.us/j/99804006696>
Meeting ID# 998 0400 6696

Prepared Not Scared
What are the pathways for residents to reduce wildfire risk?

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Join us to learn from local agencies and nonprofits about how you can be prepared for future fire events in our now year round fire seasons. Presentations will provide fire mitigation resources, community preparation efforts and fire related topics that will help you be prepared, not scared.

FAA Flight Path Issue

What's the status on Jet Noise?

- FAA held two public meetings on July 20th and July 21st.
- FAA stated they will not be implementing the SCSC Roundtable recommendations, citing safety as their reason for this decision.
- Unclear what the path forward is currently, this must be resolved at the Federal level. Send comments to our congressional leaders at:

Rep Anna Eshoo

<https://eshoo.house.gov/contact/email-me>

(650)323-2984

Rep Jimmy Panetta

<https://panetta.house.gov/contact/email>

(831)429-1976

Upcoming Road Work

Storm Damage Repair approved Aug. 10th:

- Laurel Rd
- Mt Bache Rd
- Lower Highland Way

Pavement Repairs

- North Rodeo Gulch
- Soquel San Jose
- Glen Haven
- Prescott



A photograph of a diverse group of people in a meeting or conference. Many individuals have their hands raised, indicating an interactive session. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the audience members in the foreground.

Questions?

Ask Me Anything...



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Thank You!