

**ALPINE SPRINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Pursuant to notice given, the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, Alpine Springs County Water District, was held Monday, June 20, 2005, at 6:30 p.m., District Board Room, 270 Alpine Meadows Road

1 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

2 President Danz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 20, 2005.

3 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4 Skipped.

5 **ROLL CALL**

6 Directors Present: Barbara Danz, President; Tony Stefani, Vice President; Janet  
7 S. Grant; Jon Northrop; Virginia Quinan

8 Directors Absent: None

9 Staff Present: Pam Zinn, ASCWD Office Manager.

10 Guests Present: Merritt Cutten/Alpine Manors; Sam Quinan/JMA; Lin Winetrub  
11 /AMEA; Lee Massick/JMA; Cynthia Lujan/JMA; Diane Stefani/AMEA; Al Pride  
12 /AMEA; Julie Pride/AMEA; Troy Caldwell; Mark Hadley/AMEA; Ken Gracey  
13 /AMEA; Devie Nelson/BCA; Bryce Keller/NTPFD; Doug Rinella/Truckee FD; Kara  
14 Fox/Tahoe World; Patricia Hickson/Sierra Club; Linda Ferguson/USFS; Clint  
15 Celio/ C.G. Celio & Sons, Co.; Rori Perkins/C.G. Celio & Sons, Co.

16 **2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

17 None.

18 **3. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION**

19 **Community Fire Plan Development:**

20 Clint Celio and Rori Perkins, representatives from C.G. Celio & Sons, Co., led the  
21 meeting. C.G. Celio & Sons, Co., is the consulting firm which has been engaged  
22 to develop the Community Fire Plan. Clint stated that the Alpine Meadows Plan is  
23 the continuation of efforts undertaken in the Lake Tahoe Basin for communities in  
24 both California and Nevada, including all such communities served by NTPFD.  
25 Although Alpine Meadows is served by NTPFD, it is not in the Lake Tahoe Basin  
26 and therefore this additional planning effort is required. The development of the  
27 Plan is a collaborative process among Federal, State and community agencies  
28 and the community itself and is funded with Title III funds from Placer County.  
29 The methodology for developing the Plan is outlined in the Community Wildfire  
30 Protection Plan Handbook and includes the following phases: 1-Assess Hazards;  
31 2-Develop Mitigation Projects to Address Hazards; 3-Prioritize Projects. Clint  
32 discussed how the Plan would be developed and what the report would contain,  
33 as follows:

- 34 • Community Information: As a first step, the consultants will acquire  
35 information about the community. Much of the information has already  
36 been obtained from: Placer County (parcel base); ASCWD  
37 (infrastructure); USFS (ownership information); CDF (State-wide GIS  
38 information on fire perimeters and threats). Clint showed a GIS map of  
39 the valley which illustrated information such as: types of trees, grasses,  
40 location of buildings, ownership of the land (private vs. USFS land), etc.  
41 Clint noted that the Plan will include detail mapping by fuel type which will  
42 indicate the areas of the highest potential concern. Clint suggested that  
43 AM has three "communities" which are as follows: AMEA, BCA and JMA.
- 44 • Methodology: The first step is to assess the current fire-related dataset by  
45 an on-the-ground evaluation and identification of obvious fire hazards.  
46 During the on-the-ground inspection, the consultants look at: (1)  
47 homes/structures and community design (building materials, defensible  
48 space, width of roads, etc.); (2) community infrastructure; (3) fuels (open  
49 space, adjacent lands, etc.) This will also include gathering photo points

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- 1 and fuel modeling information. Then a community assessment will be  
2 completed. The community assessment will identify hazards in the  
3 community and determine how well prepared the community is to deal  
4 with a wildfire. The consultants will look at building materials, utilities,  
5 ignition risks, evacuation strategies, etc.
- 6 • Report Outline: The report will include five sections: 1-Demographics,  
7 Location Topography and Climactic Data; 2-Community Overview; 3-  
8 Community Preparedness; 4-Hazard Assessment; 5-Prioritized Mitigation  
9 Measures. For each mitigation project (approximately 5-10 in total), a  
10 project worksheet will be developed which can be used to acquire funding  
11 from various governmental and non-governmental sources.
  - 12 • Public Input: The public will be solicited to provide input as to its  
13 expectations and questions, identification of locations of highest wildfire  
14 concerns, and issues of concern during a wildfire event. Clint asked how  
15 many more meetings the community would like to have regarding the  
16 Plan. The group favored two more meetings – one to review the results of  
17 the field assessment, the second to review and prioritize the mitigation  
18 projects. Before the Plan is formalized, it requires several levels of  
19 approval: ASCWD (local governing agency), Placer County, and State  
20 (CDF). No Federal approval is necessary but because the Plan needs to  
21 be a collaborative process, the Federal agencies are involved in its  
22 development. plan.
  - 23 • Clint solicited questions from the public. Director Stefani asked how long  
24 it would take to formulate the Plan. Clint said that it would take two or  
25 three months. Chief Keller stated that the Plan is a living document which  
26 will continually be updated. Director Northrop asked when the on-the-  
27 ground evaluation would take place. Clint responded that it would be  
28 completed by the end of July. Ken Gracey asked which organizations can  
29 request grant money. Clint responded that ASCWD, NTFPD, Placer  
30 County, homeowners' associations, not-for-profit groups involved with fire  
31 safety. Julie Pride asked what the ground inspection entailed. Clint  
32 responded that the consultants look at homes/structures in the  
33 community, infrastructure, and fuels. Director Stefani asked if we are  
34 required to have the Plan to obtain funds. Clint responded that the Plan is  
35 required to obtain funds under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act but not  
36 necessarily for other granting authorities. However, all agencies want to  
37 see a collaborative Plan in place. Merritt Cutten asked whether the  
38 commercial and condominium area at the base of Alpine Meadows Road  
39 is considered a community for the purposes of the Plan. Clint agreed to  
40 include it as a community. Chief Keller asked also about the  
41 condominiums up at the Chalet area. Clint said that would also be  
42 considered a community for the purposes of the Plan so that there would  
43 be five communities. Al Pride asked about the Ski Area. Clint did not  
44 believe that the Ski Area should be considered a community since it does  
45 not pose a major wildfire threat although it does play a critical role in the  
46 event of a wildfire (refuge, staging area). Chief Keller stated that the Ski  
47 Area should have a Plan section to cover its role in the event of a wildfire.  
48 Director Quinan asked if the Plan would include an evacuation plan for  
49 the valley. Clint responded that the Plan will address the issue. Chief

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1 Keller said that the objective is to build a community where it is safe to  
2 stay at home in the event of a wildfire. If one must leave, however, the  
3 place to go is to the Ski Area. The base of Alpine Meadows Road will  
4 probably be used as a staging area. Clint suggested that the publication  
5 of the evacuation plan might be a good project for funding. Lee Massick  
6 asked if the Plan will address avalanche issues. Clint said that they will  
7 not be addressed in detail. Director Quinan asked whether the on-the-  
8 ground evaluation will consider the beetle infestation of some trees. Clint  
9 said the consultants will address forest health issues, like the beetle  
10 infestation. Merritt Cutten asked how the Plan will relate to USFS plans.  
11 Clint responded that the Plan will incorporate the plans that USFS has for  
12 the area. Lee Massick asked if the Plan will address greenbelt  
13 management. Clint said that it would. Director Northrop expressed  
14 concern about potential liability issues connected with greenbelt lands.

15 **4. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

16 None.

17 **5. ADJOURNMENT**

18 The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Approved 7/8/05

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Pam Zinn

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Recording Secretary