
ALPINE SPRINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Directors: Janet S. Grant, Janice Ganong, Evan Salke, Dave Smelser, Christine York
General Manager: Joe Mueller

PUBLIC NOTICE

Park, Recreation, and Greenbelt Sub-Committee Alpine Springs County Water District

Date: Thursday February 11, 2021
Location: District Office, Board Room
270 Alpine Meadows Road
Time: 12:00 pm
Members: Christine York, District Director, Chair
Jan Ganong, District Director
Joe Mueller, General Manager

AGENDA

NOTE: IF YOU NEED A DISABILITY-RELATED MODIFICATION OR ACCOMMODATION, INCLUDING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES, TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS LISTED BELOW PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, issued March 17, 2020, the Alpine Springs County Water District Board Room will not be accessible to the public for this meeting. The meeting will be accessible via teleconference only. Public comments will be accepted by the committee and should be submitted to the Board Secretary at info@alpinesprings.org; by mail or in person (drop box) 270 Alpine Meadows Rd., Alpine Meadows, by Monday February 8th 2021 at 12:00 p.m. and via ZOOM on any item on the agenda until the close of public comment on the item.

ZOOM LINK: At the specified time, 12:00 p.m., connect to the ZOOM Mtg. ID: 999 1555 3822; passcode: 321632. Please mute yourself unless you are speaking. Times listed are approximate.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

It is the policy of the Alpine Springs County Water District to give the public the opportunity to address any item of interest, related to the Committee's activities, at this time. No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment that are not on the agenda. Individual public participation will be limited to five minutes in duration.

If a member of the public wishes to address the Committee on an agenda item after consideration by the Committee, but prior to a vote, the individual should raise his/her hand to be recognized by the Chair of the Committee.

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3. ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE DISCUSSION & ACTION

- a. Review and select 3 committee members from applicants to present to the Board for approval.
 - i. Current community members who will remain on committee are Ingrid Bourke (Bear Creek), Don Fulda (AME), and Lee Massick (Juniper Mountain)

4. MEMBERS' COMMENTS

In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a), Committee members may make brief announcements or brief reports on their own activities. They may ask questions for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Agenda items may or may not be taken in the order sequence presented above.

I certify that on or before Monday February 8th, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m. I personally posted this agenda as required.

Pam Zinn

Pam Zinn, Office Manager

pam@alpinesprings.org

From: Bert Clement <bert.clement@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 9:09 PM
To: pam@alpinesprings.org
Subject: More info

Hi Pam,

We 've had a home in Tahoe since 2008 and have been full time for the last year and a half.
I'm also the current president of the river run HOA.

Best,
Bert

February 7, 2021

John Moise

The Alpine Meadows Fire Safe Council met last week and decided to appoint me to the Greenbelt Committee to represent our Council as well as Dawn Grass as an alternate in the event I am unable to attend a meeting.

I have had a home in Alpine Meadows since 1986 and initiated the committee that later became known as the Alpine Meadows Fire Safe Council in 2006. At that time I was concerned over the risk of Wildfire spreading into and through our Valley. During that time we focused on education about defensible space and worked closely with the North Tahoe Fire Protection District. Our group was instrumental in working with North Tahoe to seek grant funding to treat the Bear Creek area where there are homes (as identified in the 2004 Community Wildfire Protection Plan). The grant was successful and was administered by ASCWD and resulted in over \$100,000 of risk reduction work. Also at that time I submitted the application for Firewise status, which was approved.

Our primary home is in Sonoma County. After the Tubbs Fire in Sonoma County the need for a more concerted effort towards fire safety in Alpine Meadows became apparent and I helped organize and strengthen the community's fire prevention efforts through the reestablishment of the Fire Safe Council. This involved seeking active partnerships with the ski area, all HOA's, the Fire Dept and the Water District. Our work resulted in being re approved as a Firewise community, hosting evacuation drills and trainings, conducting the annual clean up day, working closely with North Tahoe Fire Protections prevention staff and making presentations at the annual home owners meetings promoting fire safety. This included developing effective relationships with the Fire Department, Alpine Squaw, Placer County Sheriffs office, Placer County, the 4 HOA's in Alpine as well as USFS.

The Fire Safe Council is the recognized group in Alpine Meadows promoting, coordinating, planning and organizing efforts in our community towards greater fire safety. ASCWD is one of the entities responsible for large land holdings in our Valley. Our group is seeking to participate in the Greenbelt committee to facilitate a comprehensive approach to reducing our collective risk of fire before its too late.

February 7, 2021

Christine Mixon York
Alpine Springs County Water District Board Member

Dear Christine,

I am writing regarding your request for more information relating to the Park, Recreation, and Greenbelt Committee.

My family has owned several properties in Alpine Meadows Estates for about 25 years. We spend about 1/3 of the year living in AME.

My daughters and I spend a lot of time each summer at the Alpine Springs Community Park. The Park has been a fixture in our lives since the girls were born and we really value the recreational opportunities as well as the peaceful Tahoe feel. I am very interested in making sure the Park continues to meet the needs of the community.

When I was President of AMEA, I spent some time researching the Greenbelt properties owned by ASCWD and AMEA. I have been interested in finding the best way to utilize the lots and to stay current with the defensible space. I think these lots are a real value to the community and should be maintained in the best way possible.

I would love the opportunity to be more involved in maintaining and enhancing the Park experience as well as protecting the Greenbelt lots.

Sincerely,

Felicia Cole

From: Julia Hover-Smoot <jhovermoot@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 11:35 AM
To: pam@alpinesprings.org
Subject: Re: Interest in Park, Recreation & Greenbelt committee

Hello ASCWD!

I am writing in response to an email from Pam, asking for further information about my interest in serving on your Park, Recreation and Greenbelt Committee.

My name is Julia Hover-Smoot.

I currently live full-time with my husband, Scott, in Bear Creek at 2031 Bear Creek Drive, but my history of Alpine Meadows goes all the way back to 1963, when my mom and dad bought a condo in the mountain “wilderness” on Scott Peak — we were the first development up on Scott Peak (all alone) and I have wonderful memories of the family station wagon getting stuck in the snow and walking the last mile up Ginzton Access to the cabin in a raging snowstorm. The only phone was over at Stanford Chalet (when it was finally built) and the sledding hill behind the cabin was epic (ha ha, still is!)

Winters we skied! Summers we picked wildflowers and played out our family’s equivalent of The Sound of Music — although today I would never pick a wildflower, so brief and beautiful — how our world has changed.

I would bring my love of the Sierras and specifically my love of Alpine Meadows to the table. I would act to protect and share what that wonderful place offers.

Julia

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 2, 2021, at 9:54 AM, pam@alpinesprings.org wrote:

Hello,

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pam@alpinesprings.org

From: Michael Cadra <mecadra@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 1:14 PM
To: pam@alpinesprings.org
Subject: Re: Interest in Park, Recreation & Greenbelt committee

Pam,

We purchased our condo at River Run in 2008. Since that time, I have been on the RR Board of Directors 11 of the almost 13 years that we have owned, serving as President for 5 years. For the past 2.5 years I have chaired the Defensible Space Committee. As a young man, I was a paid call volunteer firefighter, then became a seasonal firefighter with service with CDF (now CalFire) and County of Orange. After obtaining both medical and dental degrees I have had experience on several professional association boards as well as the board of a large health care organization. I am recently retired from a career in medicine and we are spending more time in the Valley. We purchased initially to have our children compete first at Alpine Meadows, then Squaw Valley. I still enjoy skiing, but we have come to love the shoulder seasons. I seek the position because of concern about the fire hazard throughout the valley and wish to protect this investment.

Michael E. Cadra, MD, DMD, FACS
PS My CV is available upon request

-----Original Message-----

From: pam@alpinesprings.org
To: lisa@peck-law.com; lee_broughton@mac.com; riesjustin@gmail.com; cesarlucchese@hotmail.com; jhovermoot@gmail.com; shoch58@gmail.com; mecadra@aol.com; clementkids@comcast.net; 'Kerry Kennelly' <kennelly.k@gmail.com>
Cc: Christine York/ASCWD Board <cyork@alpinesprings.org>; 'Janice Ganong' <jganong@alpinesprings.org>; Joe Mueller <joe@alpinesprings.org>
Sent: Tue, Feb 2, 2021 9:54 am
Subject: Interest in Park, Recreation & Greenbelt committee

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If it is after our regular hours you can contact the 24/7 emergency number at (866)696-9608 and someone will be paged.

From: Ursula Hirsbrunner <casparh.ursulah@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 3:41 PM
To: Pam Zinn; christine.mixon@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Interest in Park, Recreation, and Greenbelt Committee

Hi Christine,

My husband Caspar and I purchased our home in 1989. For the first 6 years our daughter and I were full time residents while she attended Tahoe middle school and high school. She was an aspiring ski racer at the time. She went to UNR on an athletic scholarship. I went back to live full time in the bay area where I worked until 2008 when I retired and moved to Alpine permanently. Caspar had retired earlier and helped remodel our home in 2004.

We supported the idea of a community park from the beginning and we have purchased a membership ever since the park opened, we are tennis players and enjoy swimming in the refreshing pond. It is a most wonderful park for families with children of many ages. As grandparents we were ever so grateful to have had a place where the grandsons were able to play in a safe environment.

I believe I know a lot about the park and of course about Alpine Meadows. It is important to me that the park continues to be beautiful and functional and I understand that the park is a financial burden to the Water District.

Thankful for your consideration.
Ursula Hirsbrunner

On Feb 2, 2021, at 12:22 PM, christine mixon york <christine.mixon@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: Justin Ries <riesjustin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 5:59 PM
To: pam@alpinesprings.org
Subject: Re: Interest in Park, Recreation & Greenbelt committee

Dear Pam,

I am interested in serving on the Alpine Meadows Park, Recreation, and Greenbelt Committee. I have lived in my home at 2010 Big John Rd (Bear Creek) since 2010. I also own a second home in Deer Park at 1640 Upper Bench (since 2012). My wife's family (Vastine) lived in Bear Creek from 1983 through 1996. And my brother-in-law's family (also Vastine) has lived in Bear Creek since 2012. I therefore have a strong and committed interest in the planning of park resources and green space in the valley which I and my extended family have loved and lived in since 1983. I am a professor of geosciences and presently hold a visiting scientist position at the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC), so I have professional expertise in the environmental sciences that I believe would be valuable to the PRG Committee. My appointment at TERC, along with my active research project studying the impact of rising atmospheric CO2 on the water chemistry of Bear Creek, Truckee River, 5 Lakes, and Lake Tahoe, has familiarized me with local environmental issues and regulations that are relevant to the activities of the PRG Committee.

Thanks for considering my request to serve on PRG Committee. Don't hesitate to reach out if you require any additional information.

Best wishes,
Justin

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Justin Ries, PhD
Professor of Geosciences
Tahoe Environmental Research Center
UC Davis
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919-536-9070

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From: Jennifer Limbird Faber <jenniferlimbird@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 12:45 PM
To: Pam Zinn
Subject: Re: Interest in Park, Recreation, and Greenbelt Committee

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Hi Pam (and all those that this might concern),

Although we have just become homeowners in Alpine Meadows (October 2020), we've been traveling through this valley frequently since 2006, when my brother moved to Tahoe City to work at Alpine Meadows. I have a background in environmental biology and molecular biology and did some water and ecological studies in Boulder, CO, while attending university. After that, I moved into molecular biology as a precursor to a position with Johnson and Johnson in orthopedics. While I moved away from environmental sciences, the outdoors and the preservation of the environment have always been very important to me. Now, with three young boys (ages 6, 8, and 9), the role that we have as keepers of the world is more important than ever. We, as a family, try to regularly clean up around us, whether at the beach or at the Alpine Springs water district park. It's of the utmost importance to me that we keep this place that we call home clean and beautiful and that we protect it for generations to come.

All of my best,

Jen Faber

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Jennifer Limbird Faber
401.378.0709