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Fire Safe Occidental July 1, 2020 Newsletter



First Red Flag Warning Day of the 2020 Fire Season

It's hard for all of us to think about another threat to well being on top of all the other issues we're facing this year, but the first Red Flag Warning has gone out. It's time to check your go-bags, make your evacuation plans and do final home hardening, and vegetation removal for this year. Hopefully, with more time at home due to sheltering in place, your meadows are all mown and your limbing is close to completion.

Fire Safe Occidental is still working hard

While COVID has prevented Fire Safe Occidental from holding the in-person trainings, neighborhood gatherings and educational events that brought our community together last year, we are still actively working to make Occidental more fire resilient and prepared in the event of an emergency. With the help of Zoom, FSO board

members are actively working with Sonoma County agencies to improve fire safety in our area, meeting with businesses and camps to assess the area's risks as well as coordinate evacuation plans, and plan future projects.

Board members are at work on a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) which many of you contributed to via our survey (link). This CWPP will help us receive future grant funding. We are exploring current grants to assist obtaining dedicated chippers for use in our neighborhood fire-clearing.

However, we also have current operating expenses before we receive any of these grants (even in a reduced COVID-mode) and are requesting assistance from our community to fund these needs. Fire Safe Occidental incurs ongoing expenses such as insurance, postage, and material costs.

Please consider donating to help FSO continue this important work. As with any community effort, large and small contributions are both extremely helpful, as even small donations demonstrate our unity as a community and our combined commitment to a safer Occidental.

Donations are tax-exempt and can be made to Safer West County, our 501(c)(3) on behalf of FSO.

THANK YOU!

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