



## **RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT No. 1** **SHELTER COVE, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

*Electric, Water, Sewer, Fire Protection, Search & Rescue,  
Airport, Golf Links, Recreation*

## **AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER**

### **BOARD TO DISCUSS WATER/SEWER RATES**

In July, the District Board of Directors continued public discussion regarding monthly utility rate changes at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Board has been given many rate options to raise necessary utility revenue over the next five years as outlined in the recent rate study and 5-year capital improvement plan authored by IG Services. The Board has flexibility adjusting utility rates as property taxes can be utilized to subsidize them as has been traditionally the case in years past. New water and sewer rate options will be presented at the August 15<sup>th</sup> board agenda for discussion and new water and sewer rates may be preliminary approved. Sewer rates are not being subsidized by tax assessments in the sewer rate options. A schedule for changing all monthly utility rates, including electric may be approved at this meeting. So please attend and bring your perspective on this important matter.

### **GENERAL LABORER JOB AVAILABLE**

Hourly rate: \$14.77 - \$24.47, with benefits. Full-time, 40 hours/week. Minimum qualifications:

Must have one-year experience general construction work or equivalent. Must have graduated high school or its equivalent. Must be computer literate. Must reside within one hour of the Shelter Cove area.

Application period: Open until filled. Final applicant must have a valid CA DMV issued driver's license and be able to pass a pre-employment physical and drug screening. If you are interested in applying, please stop by our office to pick up a job description and an application form or visit our website for the documents.

### **ELECTRICAL SUPERINTENDENT HIRED**

The District would like to welcome Keith Darling to the District's electrical team. Keith was originally from Eureka and is excited about taking an active part helping the Shelter Cove community and will be supervising the electrical department. Keith's first day of employment will be August 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **BLM 2019 ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM**

BLM and SCARF have announced that applications for their Artist in Residence Program are now available. Application deadline is August 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Sandy Miles for program details at the King Range BLM office, phone: (707) 986-5415, email: smiles@blm.gov

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

#### **CAL FIRE SUSPENDS ALL OUTSIDE BURNING:**

Cal Fire has announced the closure of the burning season so **NO RESIDENTIAL OUTSIDE BURNING** will be allowed until further notice. We have already experienced a few fires this season and want to stress how dry conditions are. Please be fire safe.

#### **Three New Wildland Fire Sirens Installed:**

The District has already installed and commissioned two tsunami sirens located on the lower portion of the development with a third scheduled to be installed shortly in the vicinity of the King Range BLM parking lot. The District has also completed the installation of three emergency wildland fire sirens in the upper portion of the Cove. Once these sirens have been commissioned, the fire department will schedule a siren test for the whole of Shelter Cove.

### **CHIPPER DAYS**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Chipper Day was held on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> concentrating mostly on the Toth area of the Cove. The next Chipper Day is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **School in Session Soon:**

The new school year begins soon, so please drive carefully especially when you observe children or the school bus. The District wishes to remind drivers who use the District parking lot to observe the 5-mph speed limit and to stop when the bus's red lights are flashing.

#### **Holiday Announcement:**

The District offices will close on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

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GM August Newsletter –

Dear Residents and Property Owners –

Last month I described RID's interim Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) plan. Due to the major impact of a power shutoff on our customers and residents daily live I feel it's important to restate the District's PSPS plan.

RID is developing a comprehensive Electrical Systems Wildfire Mitigation plan (ESWMP). This planning effort is required by state law (SB 901) and will identify various wildfire mitigation measures, infrastructure upgrades and changes in operating procedures to effectively minimize the potential for fire starts caused by our electrical distribution system and minimize fire spread throughout our electric grid. This plan will also examine the costs associated with infrastructure upgrades and determine a priority order of action items identified in the plan.

As RID develops a comprehensive ESWMP, RID's electrical system will be subject to an interim RID Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) plan for the rest this year's fire season. This interim RID SPSP will shut down (turn off) electric power to portion of the District (and its customers) when Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) stops transmitting power to Shelter Cove during a PG&E system shutdown due to high wind/red flag warning/fire weather conditions. Outages may be extensive lasting multiple days. RID will restore power once fire weather event has ended and infrastructure has passed an RID staff safety inspection.

The areas within the District that would be most subject to electrical shutdowns include:

Zoo Area – Mill Creek Road, Rain Tree Circle, Puma Drive, Martin Way, Wolverine Way, Raccoon Court, Muskrat Circle, Elkhorn Court, and Cougar Road.

Hillside & TOTH (Top of the Hill) Areas - Shelter Cove Rd (from its junction with Hillside Drive to its junction with Toth Rd), Hillside Drive, High View Circle, Parsons Road, Olson Road, Vergara Court, Toth Road, Willow Glen Road, Greenbriar Court, Cook Road, Vance Road, Hemlock Road, Forest Road, Shasta Court, Burns Court, Bear Court, Wood Court, Blueridge Road, Kelley Road, and Pepperwood Drive.

Please know that all overhead (above ground) electrical lines are subject to complete electrical shutdown. **Customers with special medical needs are strongly encouraged to contact the District/Fire Department so that we may better plan for a community response to an electrical shutdown (example: opening RID offices/Clubhouse for resident use).** Your safety is our number one priority and the District gives much thanks for your patience and cooperation. Thank you.