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INTRODUCTION

The following Annual Report covers events from the previous annual meeting on September 29, 2018.

The WRA remains active in providing public information, education, mitigation projects and initial attack fire services throughout the San Marcos Pass communities and is an example of what a community can do to help itself.



The WRA will host its first Community Emergency Response Team training in January 2020 at the San Marcos Camp on Stagecoach Road. CERT is a 20 hour, FEMA certified emergency preparedness course that includes classroom training and live exercise. The instructors will include the same Santa Barbara County CERT team cadre that teaches throughout the county. This class will be supported by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, California Volunteers and the California for All campaign.

The 7th Annual WRA Mountain Art and Garden Sale will be held at Cold Spring Tavern on October 19, 2019. This event continues to grow with last year being the best in both participation and revenue generated; this year's event is shaping up to be even more successful.

The WRA is pleased to announce that the Association has contracted Cynthia Miller for bookkeeping services. This has significantly streamlined our financial processes, improved reporting and streamlined our records. This year the WRA also contracted McGowan Guntermann for advanced accounting and tax services. They have also updated our financial processes.

Mail theft, illegal camping, open fires, property thefts and other suspicious activities have been increasing throughout the San Marcos Pass communities. Clandestine drug labs, marijuana farms and other legal and illicit activities are also a developing concern throughout California with the San Marcos Pass communities no exception. These operations create fire and hazardous materials problems as well as attracting a criminal element. Many northern California counties are experiencing drug-trade-related problems including reduced property values, contamination of waterways, increased crime, various real estate scams and increased out-of-state transient workers. Residents are urged to be alert to suspicious activities, individuals, thefts of water and electricity which are indications of illegal camping and cultivation activities.

PRESIDENT-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-Michael S. Williams

Without question, this year has been good for the Wildland Residents Association (WRA) and San Marcos Pass communities. The WRA enjoyed a successful membership drive and fundraiser at the Cold Spring Tavern. Our public education radio program “*Community Alert*” entered its tenth year of broadcasting and received additional funding for another two years. Amy Love is working on upgrading our website, streamlining content and making it more user friendly. WRA membership continues to grow as indicated by the proliferation of green yard signs.

Unfortunately, many California communities were not so fortunate and it would be unwise to not heed the lessons to be learned from their experiences. Undoubtedly, we will have our own significant wildfire: It is not an issue of if - but when.

We can see the result of poor preparation, mismanagement of resources and lack of evacuation planning that impacted many of these communities. Yet, we can also see the success of those that were prepared and had effective plans in place. As a community we owe it to ourselves, our families and businesses to learn from the unfortunate circumstances of others. It is also a matter of respect to those who lost it all to avoid repeating the same mistakes.

This next year is going to bring significant changes to federal, state and local fire service agencies including the Santa Barbara area. The county, city and several local districts will have, or now have, new fire chiefs. The director of CalFIRE and many immediate executive staff officers will be new as will the Director of the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and CalOES fire chief. There will be a new state fire marshal and changes within their management that will impact codes, training and fees. No doubt, many other state and local executives will be changing as the new governor takes office. These changes, coupled with recent wildfire events, will change the direction and priorities of California’s fire service.

With staffing changes we can anticipate a reevaluation of priorities regarding the prevention, management and response to California’s wildfires. Local agencies will no doubt give more attention to prevention, mitigation and code enforcement. Moreover, residents should expect significant changes in property insurance practices, fees and coverage availability.

As WRA President, I would like to propose a shift in our own priorities to further focus on planning, preparation and prevention. The “*Community Wildfire Protection Plan*” (CWPP) planning committee has the prevention element well in hand. However, the community needs to become fully engaged in the planning and preparation component if we are to survive what may be a historic wildfire within our own neighborhood perhaps as soon as today. Anyone who doubts the impact of wildfires on local communities need only look at Montecito, Goleta, Malibu, Santa Rosa, Weed, Paradise, Redding, Oakland, and Bel Air to name just a few. To this end, I would like to propose the following seven efforts for WRA Board discussion, approval and incorporation into this year’s WRA community wide programs:

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training: CERT is a 20-hour FEMA training program that is promoted at the state level utilizing local program managers at no charge to participants. The WRA is a member of the Santa Barbara County Executive CERT Committee and already approved for a 2019 class. I am suggesting that the WRA sponsor one complete CERT program to be held locally that would include as part of the sanctioned program a fire evacuation drill. The program would include instructors from Santa Barbara County Fire, Santa Barbara City Fire, City of Goleta, UCSB and City of Carpinteria. Our graduates would also participate in the county wide drill later in the year.

Community Education and Outreach: Rocky Siegel is the WRA CWPP Committee representative and Phil Seymour is our representative on the Santa Barbara Fire Safe Council. Phil's recommendation, based on Page 179 of the CWPP, is for the WRA to proceed with the development of an ongoing educational program for all area residents on structure hardening and maintenance of defensible space. This would be in cooperation with the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and supplement the statewide program, "*Ready! Set! Go!*" The elements of this outreach would include:

- Update *wildlandresidents.org* to include comprehensive and current information on home vulnerability analysis, structure hardening options, defensible space requirements, evacuation planning and preparedness, local emergency plans, and contact information for further inquiries.
- Develop a "newcomer" style outreach program for new area residents that would include written information and face-to-face contact by experienced residents or firefighters regarding fire danger, evacuation planning, defensible space maintenance and structure hardening options. This program would encourage new residents to sign up for emergency alerts.
- Update the WRA *20 Weeks to Preparedness* booklet list of supplies and publish updated local information sheets and pamphlets for distribution at community events, on *wildlandresidents.org* or upon specific requests.
- The WRA should sponsor an annual preparedness workshop for the entire San Marcos Pass community with subjects including long-term fire weather forecasts, updates on fuel management, evacuation, local firefighting, available assistance for structure hardening, chipping program and defensible space.
- Establish a speaker list of qualified local representatives from fire agencies and the scientific community to speak at events regarding wildfire safety issues, structure hardening and fuel management planning.

Evacuation Planning: Currently, evacuation planning is minimal - perhaps more reactionary than planned - at the county and local community level. Historically, the county has utilized telephonic notifications coupled with door-to-door contacts by Search and Rescue and/or sheriff's deputies. These efforts have been enhanced by the WRA utilizing the "*San Marcos Pass Emergency Radio Systems*" (SMPERS AM-1040) and our website: *wildlandresidents.org*. Massive ember showers with ensuing spot fires and people becoming trapped in their vehicles are real threats of profound importance that we as a community need to address. I would like to propose a WRA sponsored community workshop to develop a more formal evacuation plan that includes how to help disabled and medically assisted individuals, children and animal care.

Evacuation and Safety Zones: The CWPP addresses the need for safety zones and assistance for those potentially trapped or that cannot evacuate safely. Locations need to be identified and proper authorization obtained to use them. This effort needs to include a drill to ensure that everyone knows what is involved in reaching them in a timely manner. This would be modeled after the yearly drills conducted at Hollister Ranch. I would also like to obtain grant funding or private donation(s) for a passenger van that could be used to assist in evacuations and during prolonged closures, to transport residents to and from their homes to pick-up medications and check on personal assets. This vehicle could also be utilized by our mitigation teams and for local firefighter support.

Emergency and Public Information Communications: The WRA has established a formal communications group (KI6HFQ) under the supervision of Trustee Phil Brittain. We have signed a formal Agreement with the local Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) teams within Santa Barbara County to provide mutual aid assistance as may be required. The intent is to provide reliable, local and updated information during an emergency. We need to explore how to best utilize these resources and how to deploy the necessary assets effectively and efficiently.

UAV Program: Under the leadership of Yesi Thomas and with significant support from FLIR, the WRA has developed a formal Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV or "Drone") program. The primary objective is to provide training and incident support. This can include aerial video of conditions such as traffic, fire activity, community security and reconnaissance. Training and further policy development is continuing but how to best incorporate this technology to support the community is essential. Coupled with our website and SMPERS, the UAV can be an important advancement in our ability to disseminate accurate and timely information based on real time observations.

Local Water Resource Management: Water resources and their management is a profound challenge confronting the entire state. Major changes have already occurred with more in the immediate future that will include small private well systems. The WRA could assist local water companies and purveyors in appreciating the importance of remaining informed regarding regulations and testing mandates. As a community, we need to have a better understanding of what our total water resources are in the event of an emergency. I would propose a WRA sponsored one day workshop for all local water companies and individual operators to come together and discuss issues of mutual concern.

In conclusion, I do not foresee any of these proposals as being expensive or demanding of new funding except for the purchase of a transportation van. However, this effort would be time consuming and perhaps require some additional community members to participate. These individuals would be involved in the planning and development aspects of building a functioning plan with community participation in testing its functionality. This community commitment would require strong WRA leadership from the directors to ensure that all the San Marcos Pass communities are represented.

I urge each of you to consider the opportunity we all have to be proactive in supporting our community by planning for what we all know is going to happen one day and to be as prepared as we can utilizing the resources and assets we have available. Together, let us avoid the prospects of one day meeting to discuss what we could have, or should have, done to avoid a tragedy.

SECRETARY-Ina Brittain

I recently had the opportunity to look back through WRA Board meeting minutes, researching when Roger Haines had been elected to the Board of Directors. He retired in September 2019 and I wanted to see what he had seen in his ten years of service. This little stroll down memory lane lent insight as to why WRA is so successful at representing the mountain communities. It's all about participation. I am reminded of how many of you have taken your turn as Board members, helping with fundraising, volunteering on the fire department, speaking on behalf of yourself and your neighbors before the Board of Supervisors, and generally advocating for the wellbeing of our corner of Santa Barbara County. So now, when I take minutes at the next WRA Board meeting, I won't just be doing it because it is required by law; I'll keep in mind the importance of keeping track, memorializing and honoring the progress we have made. Perhaps someday someone else will look back and be pleased to know how and why this all came to be.

MEMBERSHIP-Ina Brittain

WRA is a membership organization. In 2018, members in good standing included four businesses and 147 household memberships representing more than 270 individuals – most of whom resided in the mountain communities accessed by San Marcos Pass. Dues and donations from these memberships, including employer matching funds, totaled \$32,700 for the year. New members receive yard address signs and, upon renewal, members also receive membership cards, window decals and a tax deduction receipt indicating no goods or services were provided in exchange for their donation.

ADMINISTRATIVE

During the last year, the Board has been successful in many significant administrative improvements that include the following:

NEW WEBSITE – Amy Love, Webmaster



The WRA launched a new interactive website on September 22nd. This is our newest rendition and significant improvement from our first Dreamweaver based website in 2005. The new WRA site includes many of the same features and information of our former site but in a superior format and with improved ease of searching. Older content material has been removed and replaced with new and fresh content. The new website will be a work in progress over the next several months as bugs and formatting issues are discovered and repaired.

UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE PROGRAM – Yesi Thomas, Program Manager

Alex Abatie is a Santa Barbara native, contributing over 20 years' experience as a photographer and design director to the world of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAS) use as our new head pilot for our UAV program. He owns and operates Hawkeye Workshop, an aerial photography company serving the film, and inspection, and construction industries in Southern California. Alex holds Sport Pilot and Remote Pilot certificates from the FAA. His UAS interests include aerial photography, drone journalism, aerial cinematography, mapping and surveying, and industrial UAV applications. He is an instructor for Dart Drones, teaching FAA certification and basic flying skills to corporate clients as well as trained pilots in UAV operations for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, National Transportation Safety Board, and NBC. Alex is an active member of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) Trusted Operator Program Steering Committee.

The SMPVFD UAV Program has been active not only within the San Marcos Pass communities, but with a local dog search organization, SB Dog S&R-Doggy Boot Camp. In June, our UAV team was asked to assist in searching for a lost dog in the Carpinteria foothills. We conducted an aerial search for approximately one hour but due to the very heavy brush, we were unable to locate the dog that night; however, he was located the following day by the search team prior to our return in the morning.

In March, the UAV was utilized to observe county fire burning operations around the Trout Club. Again in April, the UAV team it was utilized to observe a burn conducted by the Painted Cave Mountain Ember Team on Painted Cave Road. The fires were videos monitored with thermal imaging video to locate hot spots and ensure no fire spread was occurring.

KI6HFQ AMATEUR RADIO PROGRAM – Phil Brittain, Trustee



Amateur Radio remains a viable communications tool in the event of a large scale emergency that could knock out traditional radio, telephone and Internet networks. The WRA established a team of dedicated radio operators (KI6HFQ) for such emergencies under the supervision of Phil Brittain (W6OQX).

The WRA participates in the local weekly Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) net every Monday night. Residents are encouraged to obtain their own amateur license so they too can participate in the emergency networks should the need arise.

The WRA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) of Santa Barbara County to provide emergency communications services as may be required during long-term emergencies. ARES is a nationally recognized unit of the American Radio Relay League, Inc. The Agreement includes joint exercise, Incident Command System orientation and fire ground related training between the parties.

WRA EVENT FUNDRAISING - Susan Del Real, Member WRA Board of Directors

The 7th annual Art and Garden Sale will be at Cold Spring Tavern on Saturday, October 19th. If past efforts are any indication, this year's fundraiser should be a huge success. We have consistently met or exceeded our goals since our inaugural event in 2013. Committee members are busy gathering donations from local artists as well as a variety of businesses in the community. There will be themed raffle baskets as well as a huge selection of silent auction items. Proceeds will benefit the San Marcos Pass Volunteer Fire Department. This annual event not only supports our firefighters but also serves to bring the mountain communities together to create awareness of the WRA mission and fosters a sense of camaraderie while working to achieve common goals.



COMMUNITY ALERT RADIO SHOW



COMMUNITY ALERT
NOT IF, BUT WHEN
WITH TED ADAMS AND MIKE WILLIAMS

The WRA radio talk show production "Community Alert - Not if, But When, Positive Preparation for Disaster" on KZSB-AM 1290 first aired on September 30th 2008. Currently, the show is sponsored by a two year California Fire Safe Council grant with additional funding from Aware & Prepare and the Fire Services Training Institute.

Community Alert continues to broadcast live on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m., rebroadcasting Tuesday night at 9:00 p.m., Wednesday morning at 5:00 a.m. and Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. All programs are available at the WRA website at wildlandresidents.org/community-alert/.

SAN MARCOS PASS EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM - SMPERS – 1040 AM

SMPERS – 1040 AM remains a leading local source of emergency information on San Marcos Pass since late 2005 with weather and local information announcements recorded daily. The station was used extensively during the recent Thomas and Whittier fires as well as the Montecito debris flow incidents. The transmitter was recently fully serviced and reinstalled at the WRA radio site high atop Painted Cave.



OUTSIDE ASSOCIATIONS



The WRA remains an active member of the Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council. The WRA holds a chair on the local Board. The Santa Barbara and California Fire Safe Councils are significant supporters of WRA public education efforts. The California Fire Safe Council has been a past sponsor of “Community Alert” over the last eleven years.

The WRA remains a strong supporter of Aware & Prepare and the Emergency Public Information Communicators (EPIC) groups. The WRA holds a chair on the Aware & Prepare Executive and Education Committees. Aware & Prepare is also a sponsor of the Community Alert radio program.



The WRA maintains its membership in the National Volunteer Fire Council. The association consists of hundreds of other volunteer fire departments throughout the country to address issues of training, administration and liability, as well as standards and practices of today’s volunteer fire service.

Several WRA firefighters are members of the California State Firefighters’ Association. CSFA is the only statewide advocate for volunteer fire service in California.



Changes are occurring within the American fire service and it is important that the WRA keep current. Through our membership with the National Fire Protection Association, the WRA has access to extensive training and research materials at no charge or a reduced rate.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The WRA is a member of the Santa Barbara County Executive CERT Committee supporting local Community Emergency Response Team and *Alertar y Preparar* LISTOS training, drills and exercises.



This year's county-wide drill will be held in Goleta on October 26th with participants from throughout the county. The drill will be held in conjunction with member agencies and organizations including the WRA.

Those interested in participating in CERT programs are encouraged to sign-up for the WRA's own CERT training in January 2020. Other programs are available with the Santa Barbara City Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, City of Goleta or UCS



FIRE DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT-Rocky Siegel, Chief Officer

The San Marcos Pass Volunteer Fire Department currently has nine active firefighters, two communication operators, and four support members.

Training continues on the 3rd Saturday of each month with weeknight classes held as required. Various on-line training resources have been helpful in accelerating the training program utilizing William C. Teie's textbook, *Firefighter's Handbook on Wildland Firefighting, Strategy, Tactics and Safety, Fourth Edition*, (2018), Fire Protection Publications, Oklahoma State University. The new text includes an additional chapter and significant updates throughout. Fire calls for service have been light so far this year, involving vehicle fire calls and smoke checks. The department conducted community brush pile burns in the winter and spring. Hauling the Santa Barbara County Fire chipper for community and personal brush chipping remains this year's most common call for service.

The Department's Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) program obtained a Matrice 200 UAV outfitted with the FLIR Zenmuse XT2 thermal imaging camera to supply both visual and infrared images. Firefighter and UAV Program Manager Yesi Thomas facilitated this generous gift from FLIR Corporation. It is much appreciated. Yesi received its first call for service for an animal search and rescue.

Vehicle insurance and workers' compensation insurance coverage remain our primary expense each year. State Fund continues to increase individual rates creating difficulty in budgeting because of mandatory deposit requirements. Efforts to secure a different insurance company, one that is more customer friendly, have yet to be successful.

Individual home owners and the communities have done a good job of brush clearing throughout the mountain communities. This will help protect lives and property during a wildfire that may threaten our area as well as improve the safety and access to escape routes.

The WRA continues to facilitate the community use of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department chipper to shred brush that has been cleared from local community and private properties.

Membership on the Department is open to all residents of the mountain communities. Assignments include front line firefighters as well as support functions such as public information and education, training support, administration and management and fire fighter support. The application process includes an interview, three mile hike, background and preliminary on-line training. Training for new wildland fire fighters includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- L-180-Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service
- S130-Firefighter training
- S190-Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
- ICS 100-Introduction to the Incident Command System.
- I-700-Introduction to the National Incident Management System
- HAZMAT First Responder
- Title 22 First Aid and CPR/AED
- Review of Department Policies and Procedures, and Injury Illness Prevention Program

Recruitment of new firefighters remains a priority for future replacement of retirees and department sustainability into the next decade. Successful completion of the background process and time commitment are the two areas that remains challenging in the recruitment effort. Nonetheless, the WRA holds to its commitment of high standards for new and current firefighters.

The Department is registered with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and FIRESCOPE and serves as a local resource within the Santa Barbara County Operational Area.

DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE

The San Marcos Pass Volunteer Fire Department maintains an "Automatic Aid Agreement" with the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, responding to all fire related calls for service on and about SR-154 between Windy Gap and Paradise Road, East and West Camino Cielo, Stagecoach, Paradise Road, Kinevan and the San Marcos Pass Communities. The Department

may respond to other calls for service that may pose a threat to the community as requested or as appropriate to the nature of the incident.

All calls for service are reported to the California Office of the State Fire Marshal via the California All Incident Reporting System (CAIRS) and the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) maintained by the United States Fire Administration.

The following response log reflects only those calls responded to or where services were provided by the Department. This log does not indicate all traffic collisions, medical aids or public assistance calls in the area that may have been provided by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and/or the U.S. Forest Service. Limited specific information regarding incidents can be obtained from the Santa Barbara County Fire Department: (805) 681-5500.

Date/Time	Call	Location	Number	Dispo
4 Jan. 2019 11:12 hrs.	Smoke Check	SR-154 and Stagecoach	SBC190000140 LPF32 SMM19001	Unable to locate
25 Jan. 2019 08:37 hrs.	Vehicle fire	SR-154 at the bridge	SBC190001144 LPF138 SMM19002	Fully involved. P-1, P-2, SBC E-13 and LPF E42
2 Feb. 2019 08:10 hrs.	Power pole down	Rosario Park	SMM19003	Power pole down to wellhead.
23 Feb. 2019 14:56 hrs.	Vehicle fire	SR-154 at the bridge	SBC190002357 LPF351 SMM19004	Unable to locate
10 Mar. 2019 15:25 hrs.	Community Service	El Gaucho Lane	SMM19005	Chipper service
13 Mar. 2019 06:49 hrs.	Vehicle fire	SR-154 W/Painted Cave Rd.	SBC190003379 SMM19006	Fully involved vehicle fire.
13 Mar. 2019 09:00 hrs.	Community Service	San Marcos Trout Club	SMM19007	Pile burning in conjunction with Santa Barbara County Fire.
22 Mar. 2019 11:15 hrs.	Community Service	Laurel Springs Ranch	SMM19008	Chipper service
23 Mar. 2019 08:30 hrs.	Community Service	2800 Painted Cave Rd.	SMM19009	Pile burn
23 Mar. 2019 08:00 hrs.	Community Service	2674 SR-154	SMM19010	Multiple pile burns
05 Apr. 2019 09:50 hrs.	Community Service	Painted Cave Community	SMM19011	Chipper service
08 Apr. 2019 12:45 hrs.	Community Service	Paradise Rd.	SMM19012	Chipper service
19 Apr. 2019 08:00 hrs.	Community Service	2680 Painted Cave Road	SMM19013	Pile burn
11 May 2019 20:47 hrs.	Vehicle Fire	SR-154 at Painted Cave	SBC190006124 SMM19014	Located at Hidden Valley. Fire out upon arrival.
12 June 2019 08:00 hrs.	Public Education	Ballard School	SMM19015	Public Ed. program
16 June 2019 14:00 hrs.	Mutual Aid	Summerland	SMM19016	Request for drone with thermal camera for animal search and rescue.

6 July 2019 08:40 hrs.	Community Service	2900 SR-154	SMM19017	Chipper service
13 July 2019 09:00 hrs.	Community Service	2111 Old San Marcos	SMM1918	Chipper service
14 July 2019 19:52 hrs.	Vehicle Fire	Painted Cave Rd., "2 miles in from SR-154."	SBC190008999 SMM1919	Fire reported out prior to arrival. Cancelled.
18 July 2019 09:31 hrs.	Smoke Check	In the area of 6572 Stagecoach Rd.	SBC190008483 SMM1920	Nothing located.
21 July 2019 13:17 hrs.	Vehicle Fire	SR-154 JEO Painted Cave Rd.	SBC190009342 LPF1576 SMM1921	Smoking vehicle, USFS E-42 to handle.
28 July 2019 21:05 hrs.	Brush Fire	White Rock Camp	SBC190009654 LPF SMM1922	Fire reported out prior to arrival.
02 Aug. 2019 13:40 hrs.	Community Service	East Camino Cielo	SMM1923	Chipper service
07 Aug. 2019 09:48 hrs.	Community Service	West Camino Cielo	SMM1924	Chipper service
07 Aug. 2019 15:51 hrs.	Vehicle Fire	SR-154 at Paradise Rd.	SBC190010086 LPF1760 SMM1925	Vehicle located at SR-154 just south of WCC. Overheated, no fire.
15 Aug. 2019 10:27 hrs.	Smoke Check	1900 block Old San Marcos Rd.	SBC190010410 LPF1862 SMM1926	Nothing located in the area.
18 Aug. 2019 16:51 hrs.	Smoke Check	Cold Springs Bridge	SBC190010556 LPF1902 SMM1927	Nothing located in the area.
20 Aug. 2019 13:25 hrs.	Community Service	El Gaucho Lane	SMM1928	Chipper work.
23 Aug. 2019 13:45 hrs.	Community Service	2111 San Marcos Rd.	SMM1929	Chipper work.
29 Aug. 2019 09:00 hrs.	Community Service	West Camino Cielo	SMM1930	Chipper work.
30 Aug. 2019 10:30 hrs.	Community Service	El Gaucho Lane	SMM1931	Chipper work.
10 Sep. 2019 13:25 hrs.	Vehicle Fire	SR-154 above Old San Marcos	SBC190011664 LPF2152 SMM1932	Injury traffic collision with fire. USFS reports no brush fire, fire contained to hood area.
11 Sep. 2019 13:12 hrs.	Smoke Check	SR-154 at Painted Cave Rd.	SBC190011716 LPF2164 SMM1933	UTL

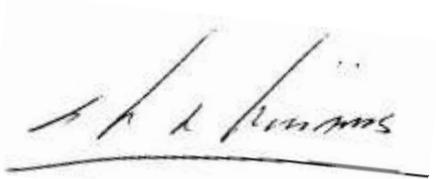
CONCLUSION

The WRA remains successful in building new and retaining existing memberships. However, as in previous years, the primary WRA challenge remains funding for operational expenses. This is not unique to the WRA; it is a challenge confronting most non-profit organizations today. While we have been successful to date, controlling our current and future costs remains essential and a priority of the Board.

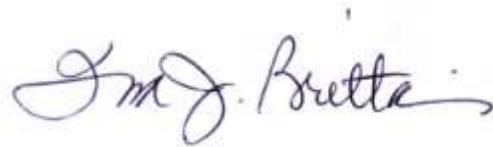
Water supplies remain a significant challenge for all mountain communities. It is essential that everyone keep abreast of water related issues including proposed local, state and federal legislation. Water rights, use and access to your own water are all under legislative scrutiny in Sacramento.

Wildfire, planning, prevention, preparation, conservation and education must remain everyone's priority. Outsiders and special interest groups are influencing local decision-makers adversely to our interest. Remaining an active participant in the wildfire discussions is essential.

This report and the attached Financial Report is respectfully submitted to the Board, members of the Wildland Residents Association, Inc., and to the San Marcos Pass community on this 28th day of September, 2019, Santa Barbara, California.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

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