



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

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

## JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

### AIRPORT IS NOW OPEN

The airport was closed in June to perform much needed surface repairs to the taxiway and runway approaches. A \$192,000 grant from Cal Trans paid for 80% of a slurry seal treatment which was completed on June 28th. We thank the pilots, businesses and the Shelter Cove community for their patience while work was being performed. We would like to remind people that the airport runway is not a safe place to walk. Planes cut their engines as they approach the runway and are silent as they land. Planes are moving faster than a car's speed on the freeway so being able to avoid a person or object is very difficult. New signs are going to be installed directing people away from problematic areas.

### **Humboldt County Road Repair Update:**

The Shelter Cove Road slide repair project is scheduled to go out to bid shortly with work potentially starting as early as next spring. This will be a large project that will take months to complete and will require a complete Shelter Cove Road closure with traffic being diverted along Toth and Hillside Drive. There are other smaller road projects scheduled to be completed before the winter rains by the County. These include culvert replacement on Beach Road and vegetation clearing on main evacuation routes.

### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

With the dry season upon us, many people are planning outdoor projects that require them to break ground. To avoid coming into contact with underground utilities while digging please call USA North at 811 at least two working days before you dig. USA North will contact an RID representative who will respond to your request by marking the location of the District's underground utilities.

### CHIPPER DAYS

The 4th Chipper Day was held on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> and the crew concentrated mostly on the Zoo area of the Cove. The SCFD volunteers chipped all day and again processed a massive amount of cut branches and brush. The next Chipper Day is scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to the volunteers for taking on this much needed service.

### 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.

**COMMENTS:** We encourage your comments, so please use your bill stub to provide feedback regarding matters within the District's control.

#### July GM Newsletter

Dear Residents and Property Owners,

Last month RID received public complaints regarding the District's Water Tank Replacement Project. The complaints were directed towards the water tank demolition methods, regulatory notification & monitoring procedures and mitigation of lead hazards performed by project contractors at the Kennedy and Jim tank sites and soil stockpile sites (Pole Yard & Bud Tank site) where soil material from Kennedy Tank site was staged for future backfill use.

In response to public complaints received, soil samples were collected and tested for lead (analysis of lead content) at Kennedy Tank, the Pole Yard and Bud Tank sites. The following is a summary of the laboratory results of lead content detected in the soils examined. The results are given in milligrams per kilogram, and can be interpreted as parts per million (ppm). See page 2



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Pole Yard #1:	15mg/kg or 15ppm
Pole Yard #2:	11mg/kg or 11ppm
Bud:	15mg/kg or 15ppm
Kennedy #1:	15mg/kg or 15ppm
Kennedy #2:	16mg/kg or 16ppm
Kennedy #3:	15mg/kg or 15 ppm
Kennedy #4:	14mg/kg or 14ppm

These test results are well below the established screening level of 320 mg/kg (320 ppm) for commercial/industrial site exposure standards (such as RID's water tanks) set by the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (SFWQCB). In addition, these test results are below the established screening level (80 mg/kg or 80 ppm) for lead in residential exposure standards set by SFWQCB. The highest lead concentration sample from RID's sites is five times below the 80 mg/kg threshold for residential areas.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on their website states that natural levels of lead in soil range between 50 and 400 parts per million.

RID staff will present the above findings to Board of Directors at this month's Board meeting (Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>).

RID staff takes public complaints very seriously. All and any public complaints will be received by this office and acted upon accordingly to the duties and responsibilities of the District.

RID is developing a comprehensive Electrical Systems Wildfire Mitigation plan. This planning effort is required by state law and will identify various mitigation measures, infrastructure upgrades and changes in operating procedures to effectively minimize the potential for fire starts caused by our electrical distribution system. 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 Electrical Systems Wildfire Mitigation plan, RID's electrical system will be subject to an interim electrical systems procedure for the rest this year's fire season. This interim RID procedure 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 so that we may better plan for a community response to an electrical shutdown (example: opening RID offices/Clubhouse for customer use). Your safety is our number one priority and the District gives much thanks for your patience and cooperation. Thank you.

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