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PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL RETREAT

Time/Date of Meeting: 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 Location: Virtual Meeting

TO: Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee

FROM/PRESENTER: Sharla Benjamin (Engineer II, Planning Division) and Stefan

Reinold (Manager, Resource Management Division)

AGENDA ITEM: Cal-Wood Fire Recovery Update

ACTION REQUESTED: Information Only

Recovery work is still underway at Heil Valley Ranch from the devastating Cal-Wood Fire. Recovery operations from 2021 included hazard tree removal, aerial mulching, seeding, erosion prevention and debris catchment structures for the major watersheds, and damaged fence replacement. Recovery operations in 2022 include more erosion prevention and debris catchment structures and replacement of visitor amenities and park infrastructure including bridges, parking stops, and signs.

Reminder

Flash floods are a real concern in burn areas especially after the soil has absorbed as much moisture as possible from previous storms or snow melt events. We have seen rain events as small as 0.35 inches in 15 minutes or 0.75 inches in one hour causing alarming flash floods at Heil Valley Ranch. 2021 rainstorms were mercifully of short duration, and we hope that trend continues in 2022 but preparedness plans are in place for larger events.

Sign up to receive reverse 911 emergency messages for potential flooding. Messages are generated by the Office of Emergency Management using Everbridge Alerts. To add Heil Valley Ranch trailhead, use the following address:

Heil Valley Ranch Main Trailhead – 1188 Geer Canyon Rd.

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