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## AGENDA

Special Meeting  
Arbuckle Golf Course  
5918 Hillgate Rd, Arbuckle, CA 95912  
December 13, 2023, at 4:30 pm

**Note time and day!**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:**  
Cortina CSD Board of Directors Roll Call: President: Bradford\_\_\_\_ Members: Gomez \_\_\_\_ Valles \_\_\_\_  
Zarate \_\_\_\_ Gimple\_\_\_\_
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** *(Each speaker is limited to two minutes)*  
*Members of the public are appreciated for taking the time to attend this meeting and provide comments on matters of District business. Any member of the public may address the Board relating to any matter within the District's jurisdiction. This need not be related to any item on the agenda; however, the Board cannot act on an item unless it was noticed on the agenda.*
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**  
*Items listed on the consent agenda are considered routine and may be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for discussion at the request of the Board or the Public.*
  - a) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting September 25, 2023
  - b) Ratification of September-November 2023 Disbursements
  - c) Approval of December Payables
  - d) Review YTD Financials
5. **DISCUSSION / REPORTS: ACTION ITEMS:**
  - a) Discuss the Community Facilities District dismantle and LAFCo approval.
  - b) Review and discuss the Colusa County Hazard Mitigation Plan renewal.
  - c) Discussion on Owl boxes and pollinating plants
  - d) Streetlight on Asa not working.
  - e) Botanica maintenance
  - f) Tetherball set up on Williams St.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE, STAFF and BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** Updates and New Business
  - a) Form 700;s and Ethics and Harassment training.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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  - A paper copy mailed pursuant to a written request and payment of associated mailing fees.
  - An electronic copy received by email. Note – if you would like electronic copies, please email the General Manager at [karl@kdmanagement.us](mailto:karl@kdmanagement.us) prior to the Board meeting.
  - On the CSD Website on the Friday proceeding each regular meeting date. A limited amount of meeting materials will also be available at the meeting. The next Cortina CSD Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on January 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Arbuckle Golf Club

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# CONSENT CALENDAR

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## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm

### Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Board President Rod Bradford called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm
2. **ROLL CALL** – Present were board members Rod Bradford, Victor Zarate, Lacey Gimple and Kimberly Valles. Dolores Gomez was absent. Also present, General manager, Karl Drexel of KD Management Services, LLC.
3. **PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE** – Rod Bradford led the Pledge of Allegiance
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Guest of the meeting reported the ditch at Barbara Way floods the road. They also asked that Botanica trim the trees and pick up the debris that falls under the redwoods on the walking path. Discussion continued about the runoff from the orchards to the south of River Glen. The General Manager noted that he has tried to get the county to dig a ditch along Wildwood Road to divert that runoff into the county drainage ditch. Rod said he did not know the farmer in the first orchard, but Kimberly said she thought Dolores knew them and she would see if Dolores could talk to them.

### 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent Calendar was presented for the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 24, 2023, Ratification of July and August Disbursements, Approve Payables for September 2023, Review YTD Financials.

Motion made by:	Kimberly Valles to Approve the Consent Calendar	Motion seconded by:	Lacey Gimple
Ayes:	Rod Bradford, Kimberley Valles, Victor Zarate, Lacey Gimple	Noes:	None
Abstained:	None	Absent	Dolores Gomez

### 6. DISCUSSION / REPORTS: ACTION ITEMS

- a) **DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT DISMANTLE AND LAFCO APPROVAL.** The General manger noted that he has been in communication with the District's attorney regarding having LAFCo remove the latent powers assigned to the District for Fire and police services. He has also written letters to Colusa County LAFCo. Nothing new to report.
- b) **REVIEW AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-24-02 REGARDING HOLDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

Motion made by:	Lacey Gimple to Approve Resolution 23-24-02 to have remote meetings	Motion seconded by:	Victor Zarate
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Ayes:	Rod Bradford, Kimberley Valles, Victor Zarate, Lacey Gimple	Noes:	None
Abstained:	None	Absent	Dolores Gomez

- c) **REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE COLUSA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN REVISIONS.** The General Manager reported that as has been discussed in the past, Cortina was unable to get OES and FEMA funding for the Salt Creek embankment damage, because they require a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Colusa County has a LHMP that they are going to update and have indicated they would annex Cortina into their plan when it is renewed. They are asking for any agency in the County that wants to be annexed into the LHMP to submit their name by October 3, 2023.

Motion made by:	Lacey Gimple to participate in the Colusa LHMP if there are enough agencies	Motion seconded by:	Victor Zarate
Ayes:	Rod Bradford, Kimberley Valles, Victor Zarate, Lacey Gimple	Noes:	None
Abstained:	None	Absent	Dolores Gomez

- d) **REVIEW AND APPROVE 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MANAGEMENT LETTER** The General Manager submitted copies of the 2020-21 and 2021-22 Audited Financial Statements for review and approval. He noted that there was nothing derogatory or unusual with the audits and recommended approval.

Motion made by:	Lacey Gimple to accept and approve the audit and management letter	Motion seconded by:	Victor Zarate
Ayes:	Rod Bradford, Kimberley Valles, Victor Zarate, Lacey Gimple	Noes:	None
Abstained:	None	Absent	Dolores Gomez

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- 7. **STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS** The Manager reported that we were still missing Form 700s and Ethics and Harassment training from one of the Board members.
- 8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourn at 6:44 pm – Next meeting will be a Regular Meeting to be held on November 25, 2023 at 6 pm at the Arbuckle Golf Club.

Approved

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Rod Bradford, Chair

Attest

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Karl Drexel, Secretary

# Cortina Community Services District

## Disbursements

October 1 through December 8, 2023

Type	Num	Date	Name	Account	Original Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	469261	10/11/2023	Arbuckle PUD	03511 Red Ranc	-211.76
Bill Pmt -Check	469261	10/11/2023	Arbuckle PUD	03512 Riv Glen	-54.60
Bill Pmt -Check	469274	10/11/2023	KD Management	03511 Red Ranc	-1,382.70
Bill Pmt -Check	469274	10/11/2023	KD Management	03512 Riv Glen	-377.10
Bill Pmt -Check	469274	10/11/2023	KD Management	03513 Wildwood	-335.20
Bill Pmt -Check	469276	10/11/2023	PGE	03513 Wildwood	-98.74
Bill Pmt -Check	469276	10/11/2023	PGE	03512 Riv Glen	-172.77
Bill Pmt -Check	469276	10/11/2023	PGE	03511 Red Ranc	-456.70
Bill Pmt -Check	469277	10/11/2023	SDRMA	03511 Red Ranc	-1,902.65
Bill Pmt -Check	469277	10/11/2023	SDRMA	03512 Riv Glen	-518.91
Bill Pmt -Check	469277	10/11/2023	SDRMA	03513 Wildwood	-461.25
Bill Pmt -Check	469279	10/11/2023	Streamline	03511 Red Ranc	-41.58
Bill Pmt -Check	469279	10/11/2023	Streamline	03512 Riv Glen	-11.34
Bill Pmt -Check	469279	10/11/2023	Streamline	03513 Wildwood	-10.08
Bill Pmt -Check	469287	10/11/2023	Botanica Landscapes	03511 Red Ranc	-2,800.00
Bill Pmt -Check	469287	10/11/2023	Botanica Landscapes	03512 Riv Glen	-750.00
Bill Pmt -Check	469300	10/11/2023	PGE	03511 Red Ranc	-2.59
Bill Pmt -Check	469300	10/11/2023	PGE	03512 Riv Glen	-2.59
Bill Pmt -Check	469465	10/11/2023	Sucavich Construction	03511 Red Ranc	-4,950.00
Bill Pmt -Check	469465	10/11/2023	Sucavich Construction	03512 Riv Glen	-1,350.00
Bill Pmt -Check	469465	10/11/2023	Sucavich Construction	03513 Wildwood	-1,200.00
Bill Pmt -Check	470094	11/16/2023	Arbuckle PUD	03512 Riv Glen	-65.66
Bill Pmt -Check	470094	11/16/2023	Arbuckle PUD	03511 Red Ranc	-250.92
Bill Pmt -Check	470119	11/16/2023	KD Management	03512 Riv Glen	-189.00
Bill Pmt -Check	470119	11/16/2023	KD Management	03513 Wildwood	-168.00
Bill Pmt -Check	470119	11/16/2023	KD Management	03511 Red Ranc	-693.00
Bill Pmt -Check	470122	11/16/2023	PGE	03512 Riv Glen	-173.36
Bill Pmt -Check	470122	11/16/2023	PGE	03513 Wildwood	-99.06
Bill Pmt -Check	470122	11/16/2023	PGE	03511 Red Ranc	-461.05
Bill Pmt -Check	470127	11/16/2023	Streamline	03512 Riv Glen	-11.34
Bill Pmt -Check	470127	11/16/2023	Streamline	03513 Wildwood	-10.08
Bill Pmt -Check	470127	11/16/2023	Streamline	03511 Red Ranc	-41.58
Bill Pmt -Check	470132	11/16/2023	Botanica Landscapes	03512 Riv Glen	-750.00
Bill Pmt -Check	470132	11/16/2023	Botanica Landscapes	03511 Red Ranc	-2,800.00
Bill Pmt -Check	470135	11/16/2023	Sucavich Construction	03511 Red Ranc	-1,200.00
				Total	-24,003.61

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## December Payables

As of December 8, 2023

	<u>Current</u>	<u>1 - 30</u>	<u>31 - 60</u>	<u>61 - 90</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>Botanica Landscapes</b>	1,010.00	3,550.00	0.00	0.00	4,560.00
<b>KD Management</b>	0.00	1,365.00	0.00	0.00	1,365.00
<b>PGE</b>	733.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	733.46
<b>Streamline</b>	63.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>1,806.46</u></u>	<u><u>4,915.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>6,721.46</u></u>

**Cortina Community Services District**  
**Profit & Loss by Class**  
July 1 through December 8, 2023

	<u>03511 - Reddington Ranch</u>	<u>03512 - River Glen</u>	<u>03513 - Wildwood</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>410510 · Property Assessment</b>	154,008.00	43,524.00	34,596.00	232,128.00
<b>44190 · Interest</b>	3,034.28	1,007.57	158.40	4,200.25
<b>441901 · Interest Adj. to Mkt Value</b>	-10,659.56	0.00	0.00	-10,659.56
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>146,382.72</u>	<u>44,531.57</u>	<u>34,754.40</u>	<u>225,668.69</u>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>53175 · Insurance Expense</b>	1,902.65	518.91	461.25	2,882.81
<b>53180 · Professional Services</b>				
<b>53187 · Road Maintenance</b>	4,950.00	1,350.00	1,200.00	7,500.00
<b>53181 · Accounting/Audit</b>	4,837.80	1,319.40	1,172.80	7,330.00
<b>53182 · Consulting</b>	7,890.30	2,151.90	1,912.80	11,955.00
<b>53185 · Landscape Maintenance</b>	19,355.94	6,895.92	0.00	26,251.86
<b>Total 53180 · Professional Services</b>	<u>37,034.04</u>	<u>11,717.22</u>	<u>4,285.60</u>	<u>53,036.86</u>
<b>53260 · Utilities</b>				
<b>53262 · Street Lights</b>	2,273.66	862.58	492.93	3,629.17
<b>53263 · Irrigation Controller</b>	2.59	2.59	0.00	5.18
<b>53264 · Water Service</b>	1,097.96	324.46	0.00	1,422.42
<b>Total 53260 · Utilities</b>	<u>3,374.21</u>	<u>1,189.63</u>	<u>492.93</u>	<u>5,056.77</u>
<b>53265 - Web Hosting</b>	249.48	68.04	60.48	378.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>42,560.38</u>	<u>13,493.80</u>	<u>5,300.26</u>	<u>61,354.44</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>103,822.34</u>	<u>31,037.77</u>	<u>29,454.14</u>	<u>164,314.25</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>103,822.34</u></u>	<u><u>31,037.77</u></u>	<u><u>29,454.14</u></u>	<u><u>164,314.25</u></u>



DISCUSSION / REPORTS

ACTION ITEMS



## *CORTINA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT*

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**TO: CORTINA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2023**

**FROM: KARL DREXEL, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: DISCUSS DISMANTLING OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT**

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Discussion has been taking place over several years about dismantling the Community Facilities District. In 2006, when the Cortina CS was formed by the County to be responsible for the street maintenance, flood control and streetlights for the County, a Community Facilities District was formed as well. This CFD was supposed to be a temporary venue for funding the Police and Fire Departments to provide services to the District until the developments were built out and the County got the 1% property tax under Prop 13.

Subsequent to the formation of the CFD, LAFCO approved the formation of the Cortina CSD. Among the latent powers, the County wanted the District to take over, such as Street lights, street maintenance, and flood control, they also included the latent powers of providing police and fire services to the residents.

In order to dismantle the CFD, the District needs to petition LAFCO to remove the Police and Fire services from our list of latent powers and turn them over to the County. I have requested information from the Colusa County LAFCo as to the procedure of how to remove those two latent powers from the District's charter, but have not heard back. I have sent several emails to the Executive Director of LAFCo and have called him. With no response in my most recent phone conversation, Mr. Benoit assured me he would look into it and get back to me.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

No action necessary at this time.

**From:** [cortinacsd@sonic.net](mailto:cortinacsd@sonic.net)  
**To:** "[j.benoit4@icloud.com](mailto:j.benoit4@icloud.com)"  
**Subject:** FW: Dissolution of CFD and removal of Latent Powers for CSD  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 1:25:00 PM

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Good Afternoon Mr Benoit,

I wanted to circle back around with you to get the process to have the latent powers of the Cortina CSD removed with regard to Police and Fire Services. I wrote you the below email in September and have not heard anything from Colusa County LAFCo nor do you have any minutes posted since July on your website, so I am not sure my original request reached your office. Please see below and respond at your earliest convenience. Thank you

Karl Drexel, General Manager

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**From:** cortinacsd@sonic.net <cortinacsd@sonic.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2023 4:25 PM  
**To:** 'j.benoit4@icloud.com' <j.benoit4@icloud.com>  
**Subject:** Dissolution of CFD and removal of Latent Powers for CSD

Dear Mr. Benoit,

The Cortina Community Services District, established in 2006 by the Colusa County Board of Supervisors in order to provide street lights, flood control, and streets and sidewalk maintenance for three residential developments, among other things, is hereby requesting assistance from the Colusa County LAFCo to dissolve a Mello Roos Community Facilities District, also established in 2006 as a temporary funding mechanism for Police and Fire services in the said developments until such time as the developments are built out and the County is receiving the dedicated property tax from the residences. This year saw the final build out of the last development, Wildwood. Additionally, the District would like the Colusa LAFCo to remove the latent powers, established in the formation documents, for police and fire services the County provides to all other residences without additional costs.

After having reviewed the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, I am unable to find any sections or citations explaining the process of petitioning for the above. The District has talked to Supervisor Corona and County Administrator, Wendy Tyler about this, and although they expressed their disappointment in our Boards decision, they agreed it is our right to do so. They just didn't have the process to share with us. We would like a complete step by step description of the process to follow to get this done from you and your staff. Thank you.

Karl

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**TO: CORTINA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2023**

**FROM: KARL DREXEL, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: DISCUSS PARTICIPATION WITH COLUSA OES ON LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

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### **BACKGROUND:**

During the last National Disaster, Salt Creek bank was eroded from high flowing water. It would have been approved for mitigation funds if the District was part of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. There was not enough time to have a LHMP for the District done and the cost (~\$100,000-\$150,000) would have been untenable. There also was not enough time to get the County to be the lead agency or to have the Cortina CSD adopted into the County plan.

The County's LHMP is due for renewal this Fiscal Year, and they asked all of the special districts in the County if they want to participate. This Board approved participating in that plan. I will be attending the LHMP Planning group meeting on Wednesday December 13, so will have more information to report at the Special Meeting that afternoon.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

No action necessary at this time. However, after the LHMP Planning Meeting, we may have a cost factor presented.



## *Colusa County 2024 LHMP Update: Kickoff meeting email invite*

Greetings:

Colusa County is kicking off efforts to develop a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Update to their 2018 LHMP. The County is partnering with the two incorporated communities, the Kletsen Dehe Wintun Nation, and numerous Special Districts for the Update. The purpose of the LHMP development process is to help reduce the impacts of natural hazards to the citizens, property, critical facilities and infrastructure, and other key assets in the County. In addition, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires that local governments have a FEMA-approved LHMP in place to be eligible for certain pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding to protect communities from future disaster-related losses.

You are receiving this email because we would like to invite you to take part in this LHMP Update as a member of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC).

County, city, district, agency, and stakeholder participation and coordination is a requirement of an approved plan, as is the inclusion of any hazard data, information, and mitigation projects your department or agency considers important to the development of the LHMP. Thus, your input will be critical to the success of this project. Participation includes:

- Attending and participating in the HMPC meetings (5 anticipated over the next 11 months)
- Providing available data/information requested of the HMPC
- Reviewing and providing comments on the plan drafts

Colusa County, Office of Emergency Services, is taking the lead on coordinating this project for the County. A project kickoff meeting of the HMPC will be held at the following time and location:

**December 13, 2023 (Wednesday), 1:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Colusa County Sheriff Office - Training Room**  
**929 Bridge Street**  
Colusa, CA 95932

The kickoff meeting will explain the LHMP development process and how you can be involved. A public stakeholder meeting will also be held the evening of the same day of the kickoff meeting. Details on the public meeting will be forthcoming.

Please RSVP and plan on attending or delegating attendance to this important meeting.

Thank you,

Jackie Olivares



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**TO: CORTINA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2023**

**FROM: KARL DREXEL, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: OWL BOXES AND POLLINATING PLANTS**

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Discussion started at the last meeting we had regarding owl boxes and pollinating plants. Lacy asked to put owl boxes on the agenda, and Rod has been in conversation with some agency regarding pollinating plants. In my work with another district, I learned that “the USDA supports the critical role pollinators play in agriculture through research and data collections, diagnostic services and pollinator health monitoring, pollinator habitat enhancement programs, and pollinator health grants”. The National Resource Conservation Service, locally, and the Colusa Resource Conservation District may be able to help. I have included some information on the pollinators and pollinating plants for your review.

Additionally, the Western Shasta Resource Conservation District, whom I do work for, makes, and installs, owl boxes in Shasta County for free. The local RCD here in Colusa might also if approached. I have included some information on owl boxes for your reference.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss pollinating plants and owl boxes.



Pollination services from honey bees and other insects provide the backbone to ensuring our diets are diverse and plentiful with fruits, nuts, and vegetables. In all, there are over 100 crops grown in the United States that depend on pollination. USDA supports the critical role pollinators play in agriculture through research and data collections, diagnostic services and pollinator health monitoring, pollinator habitat enhancement programs, and pollinator health grants.

2022 Annual Strategic Pollinator Priorities Report is now available!

### Read the Report

(PDF, 1.8 MB)

<a href="#">USDA Pollinator Offices and Initiatives</a>
<a href="#">External Federal Pollinator Partners</a>
<a href="#">Department of Defense Pollinator Page</a>
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<a href="#">U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Pollinator Page</a>
<a href="#">U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Pollinator Page</a>
<a href="#">U.S. Geological Survey, Native Bee Inventory and Monitoring Lab</a>
<a href="#">E-Extension Bee Health Community</a>
<a href="#">Bee Health Collective</a>



# Pollinator Fact Sheets, News and Blogs



## 2022 Annual Strategic Pollinator Priorities Report

A report on federally-led efforts to address factors impacting pollinator health.

[Read the report](#)

(PDF, 1.8 MB) >



## Beekeeper Resources Fact Sheet

Programs and Resources that support Beekeepers

[Read the fact sheet](#)

(PDF, 194 KB) >



## Native Plants for Pollinators



## The Buzz About Pollinators

Protecting and supporting pollinators is key to maintaining U.S. agriculture.

[Read the blog](#) >



## Meeting Honey Demand in the U.S.

## What's All the Buzz About?

See the impact of USDA's efforts focusing on pollinator health, crop production, and conservation.

[View the infographic](#) (PDF, 1.5 MB) >

Use this resource to learn about pollinator-attractive plants.

[View the infographic](#) (PDF, 1.1 MB) >

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## Barn Owl Boxes

*Tips for building a Barn Owl box.*

Barn owls are one of the most desirable owls to attract to your property, due in large part to their unending appetite for rodents. A single pair feeding young can catch up to 70 pounds of rodents, especially voles, during the breeding season!



Photo: Brian Scott

It is one of the best studied raptors, and what we've learned is fascinating. For instance, the Barn Owl has amazingly keen hearing that can detect the sound of prey under snow, leaves, or grass. Its ears are slightly offset, which is thought to aid the bird in localizing its prey at night. Studies have shown that the Barn Owl is able to catch prey in zero light, depending entirely on its sense of hearing.

Following the below tips will welcome this monkey-faced raptor to your ranch or farm.

### Site Selection

Grassland, fallow fields, hayfields, open marshes, savannah, and cropland/pasture are ideal habitat for barn owls. Abandoned or seldom-used barns are the best location to install a nest box. However, mounting one on a pole or tree works as well.

### Building Specifications

- The floor-space should be 10" x 18"

- The depth should be 20" - 24"
- The entrance should be 5"
- The entrance should stand 4" from the floor
- It should stand 12" - 18" off the ground
- [For complete plan drawings, please visit 50birds.com](#)

### **What to do when the box becomes occupied**

Barn owl nesting occurs at different times of year depending where in California they live. In Southern California they can nest year-round. A typical clutch is composed of 5 - 7 eggs and incubate for around 32 days. During this time try to eliminate any disturbances around the box. Owlets will fledge at 8 - 10 weeks of age. Mates will return to the same spot to breed year after year.

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## *CORTINA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT*

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**TO: CORTINA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2023**

**FROM: KARL DREXEL, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: STREET LIGHT OUT ON ASA LN IN REDDINGTON RANCH**

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### **BACKGROUND:**

It was brought to my attention recently that the streetlight on Asa Ln in Reddington Ranch is still out. Victor and his wife reported this light out to PGE using their online reporting portal about two years ago. I have called PGE Business Customer Service directly on several occasions over the last year and a half. They say they are putting in a work order to have it fixed every time. The most recent call I had said that they ordered a part for the light in October – of 2022. I have asked for a local number for the maintenance department that fixes streetlights, and they say they do not have it. I have tried finding the local PGE office, but the phone number is the main customer service number for all PGE.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Someone get me the name and number of the local PGE maintenance supervisor in Colusa.



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**TO: CORTINA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2023**

**FROM: KARL DREXEL, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: BOTANICA MAINTENANCE AND WALKING PATH**

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Recently I was told that Botanica was doing a great job in the retention ponds at Reddington Ranch, but there were 3 or 4 more sprinklers broken along the walking path. I have alerted Botanica to the broken sprinklers, and they have put the repairs on their schedule. It was also brought to my attention that the walking path is heavily cracked and in need of repair. This has been an ongoing situation that Rod, and I have talked about. As I am not an engineer, the best thing to do is to get an engineer to look at it and recommend the best, and least expensive way to address the problem. When we had the roads done a couple of years ago, there were two different repairs. In Reddington Ranch and Wildwood, the roads had the cracks ground out and filled and a slurry layer over the top. That process did not work out so well, as the cracks in the road are already back. River Glen on the other hand had the entire road ground out and a new foundation and asphalt layer installed. That obviously was the better product, but also quite a bit more expensive. At the time, the River Glen path was ground out and a new path installed. It cost \$30,730 at that time, and the company was already there, and equipment was already there. Also the River Glen walking path is shorter and narrower. We are probably looking at \$50-100,000 to repair the walking path. Reddington Ranch has about \$260,000 in reserves currently.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board discuss the options and advise staff on how to proceed.













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**TO: CORTINA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2023**  
**FROM: KARL DREXEL, GENERAL MANAGER**  
**SUBJECT: TETHERBALL ON SIDEWALK ON WILLIAMS ST**

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**BACKGROUND:**

This issue was brought to the Board at our September meeting. Apparently someone had moved out of their house on Williams St and left the tetherball stand behind. It was on their property after they moved, but is now on the public sidewalk. Lacey has investigated and it appears the owner is Fabian and Dolores was going to ask him to come and get it. It is still there three months later.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board discuss the options and advise staff on how to proceed.



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November 15, 2023

Hello and Happy November! I love this cool weather. I hope you are enjoying it too. This is my annual letter to give you some information on what the next few months will look like.

Our Holiday Schedule. Our office will be closed and all our employees will be enjoying time with their families on the following days:

- November 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 24<sup>th</sup>
- December 25<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>

We have spoken with each crew, and they will be working on your property a little extra before and after these holidays. Especially the Monday accounts – we won't forget you.

*If you need to reach someone during this time, please call or text me, Jennifer, at 530-415-5284.*

Around the holidays we are often asked the best way for our customers to tip their crews (tips are by no means expected, but always appreciated). If this is something you would like to do, you may give the tip directly to them, or mail it or bring it by our office at 5411 Colusa Highway; Yuba City, CA 95993.

Please remember. If there is extreme weather (very high winds, heavy rain, etc.), our crews will drive their regular routes and check for any hazards in your yards, but they will not be performing regular maintenance duties on those days. We will use those weather days for training, so we can better serve you.

Green Dumpsters. If you have green dumpsters on your property, and if we could use them to dispose of the debris from your own yard, that would help us keep our costs down. If you don't mind us using your green dumpster(s), please email Tracy at [tboeldt@botanica.net](mailto:tboeldt@botanica.net); or call her at 530-671-1029.

Fertilizer. We are continuing to apply fertilizer twice per year, this is included with your maintenance service.

Extra Services. In addition to regular maintenance services, we offer many other extra services as well. Some examples are: irrigation repair, lawn aeration, spring and/or fall planting, bark refresh, removal and replacement of plants/shrubs, tree removal, etc. Depending on the work, we will either provide you with a quote for the project, or a Time & Materials proposal. Please contact Ashleigh at our office (530-671-1029) if this is something you are interested in.

As always, feel free to contact me directly with any questions, comments or concerns.

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