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Mr. Steve Boero, President
Tierra Oaks Homeowners' Association
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September 18, 2023

Dear Mr. Boero;

This letter will acknowledge the extensive fire protection work you have done and the excellent working relationship that has developed over several years between the City of Redding Fire Department and the Tierra Oaks Homeowners' Association. Through our Fire Marshal staff and your Fire Committee, we have maintained excellent communication, exchange of ideas and review of projects. Most recently, Assistant Fire Marshal Andrew Atkins visited the Subdivision to review your preparations for the 2023 fire season and was in total agreement with the preparations made.

The City of Redding is proud to maintain an ISO Class 2 Department rating. Fire protection for the Subdivision is provided by the following Agencies:

1. City of Redding Fire Station 6 located at 1695 Beltline Road, Redding, Ca that is 5.5 miles from the center of the Subdivision
2. Cal Fire Fire Station 73 located at 11555 Old Oregon Trail, Redding, CA that is 4.6 miles from the center of the Subdivision

These agencies will be evaluating the use of your 3 maintained emergency exits as a means of ingress for our equipment to more quickly access portions of the Subdivision.

While the City of Redding Fire Department has the primary protection responsibility of providing service to all incidents, including but not limited to, fires, medical aids, hazard/fire menace standby, fire smoke checks and public assist to persons, assistance from Cal Fire/Shasta County Fire Department, as outlined in the current Mutual Threat Zone Agreement will be provided. As you know, this agreement was amended in November 2020 to provide automatic response on a year round basis from Cal Fire's Station 73 in the event of a fire in or threatening your subdivision, which lies within the Mutual Threat Zone. This amended agreement should certainly strengthen your position when dealing with fire insurance companies.

Your subdivision has been active in providing fire fuels mitigation and along with being surrounded by an irrigated and maintained golf course enhances the protection from approaching wildfires. Your Fire Committee, working in conjunction with our Fire Marshal staff have identified areas where that added layer of protection has been compromised over the 30 year life of the golf course. You have acted by thinning these areas over the last several years, and we encourage your decision to continue this program using both mechanical thinning and goat grazing.



Former Fire Marshal Wittner informed me that he had made recommendations to your Fire Committee concerning strengthening existing lot maintenance requirements to include removal of all dead and downed trees and branches, accelerating the annual lot clean-up and requiring removal of all tree branches up 6 to 8 feet from the ground. You incorporated these suggestions into your Rules and Regulations and approved them on February 26, 2019, and have actively enforced them since that time. Might we also suggest that you annually remind your homeowners to rake or otherwise remove all landscape bark from within 5 feet from all foundations and combustible decking prior to fire season. This area within 5 feet from the home is called "the home ignition zone" and can be critical to the survivability of the home when wind driven fire embers land adjacent to and on homes. I understand that the Fire Marshal's office will be presenting other ideas at your Annual Homeowners meeting in October.

The Redding Fire Department appreciates the proactive approach that your Fire committee and Board are taking in lessening the danger of wildfire to your subdivision and we have been pleased to provide assistance and suggestions for review. Our mutual preparation has been tested twice now, once by the Fern Fire approaching from the North and once by a smaller fire from the South. In both cases we had plenty of room to work and plenty of defensible space, and the subdivision was unscathed.

Lastly, I want to commend you on your recent designation as a Firewise Community by the NFPA. This is another great recognition of the fire protection work you have done.

Sincerely,



Jerrod Vanlandingham
Fire Chief

