



Rancho Murieta Association (RMA)

Emergency Preparedness Plan

COMMUNITY UPDATE, Fall 2019

Dear Community Residents,

We would like to give you some information about the plans for emergency preparedness for our community. On November 20, 2018, the RMA Board created the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (EPAC) which consisted of three RMA Board members and five members of the community. All members were highly interested in emergency preparedness and knowledgeable in various aspects of preparedness, evacuation, and risk assessment for our community. The EPAC worked through the winter and spring of 2019 to produce a final report presented to the RMA Board in June 2019. The **Rancho Murieta Emergency Preparedness & Evacuation Report: Information, Considerations, and Recommendations** contains extensive information about the primary disaster threats to Rancho Murieta, that being Fire and Flood, and the need for on-going efforts to educate, train, and prepare our community for these local hazards.

We highly recommend that all residents review this document. Although quite lengthy, it includes extensive information in efforts to bring critical considerations and numerous documents, maps, and visuals together in one master document. Still a Draft document, it is meant to be subject to changes and revisions as we learn more about better ways to protect our community.

Next Steps

Specific Goals were developed by EPAC and recommended for consideration by the RMA Board. They are:

1. **Development and implementation of a thorough and on-going community preparedness information and training program.**
2. **The reduction of fire-feeding fuels in the community and on surrounding properties.**
3. **An evacuation plan that will identify conditions that will allow for a three (3) hour evacuation; and, conditions that require evacuation in two hours or less.**

- 4. Increasing the number of emergency egress points from the community for more evacuation options, as well as enable emergency vehicle access, particularly via Latrobe Road.**
- 5. Pre-planning that includes the optimal use of regional resources to mitigate hazards of emergency situations.**
- 6. Clarification of jurisdiction and responsibilities for emergency services to our community.**
- 7. Added after the June meeting, the recommendation to organize a Fire Safe Council* in efforts to develop a steering committee to oversee implementation efforts and take advantage of grant funding.**

To work on the Goals recommended by EPAC, a working committee was appointed by the RMA Board to produce a more condensed, user-friendly Emergency Preparedness & Evacuation Plan. The Emergency Preparedness Working Committee is currently working on this project with plans for completion by December, 2019.

Committee members are:

Betty Ferraro John Long
Lou Blouw Cheryl McElhany
Greg Vorster

The full EPAC Report is posted on the new Rancho Murieta Association website at Rma.nabrnetwork.com under Resources.

*Fire Safe Councils are grassroots, community-led organizations that mobilize residents to protect their homes, communities, and environments from catastrophic wildfire. Guided by California State Fire Safe Council, local Councils throughout California educate homeowners about community fire protection activities while working with local fire officials to design and implement projects that increase fire survivability of their communities. For more info: cafiresafecouncil.org