

Supervisors CSA4 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 6, 2016  
Copperopolis Fire Station Training Room

Attendees:

Committee Members Jeane Kennedy, Bob Toynbee  
DiamondXX Residents (29)

Invited Guests:

County Supervisor Debbie Ponte, Copper Fire Scott Hershog, Cal Fire Battalion Chief Scott Fremd, CHP Officer Jennifer Hannum, Calaveras County Deputy Sheriff Holden, Calaveras County Public Works Engineer Mark Davis

**PROJECT UPDATES**

**Stagecoach low water crossing** – Engineer Mark Davis reported that negotiations are still underway to acquire necessary right-of-way. He believes construction of a bridge might begin in the spring of 2017.

Committee originally reserved \$90K to meet fund matching requirement. Now appears that as little as \$55K will be necessary to meet fund matching requirement.

**Singletree washout** – Mark Davis offered opinion that bridge construction could begin in spring of 2019. Environmental studies are underway.

**Stagecoach washout** – CalTrans has rejected request to bridge the washout on the basis that there is no evidence a bridge ever existed. Mark Davis asked residents to aid in proving that a crossing did exist, perhaps by dated photographs. Audience member suggested querying CalTel for any engineering maps they might have that would demonstrate a crossing existed. Another suggestion was to search the Calaveras County archives. Perhaps a newspaper article exists describing the washout. The washout is believed to have occurred in 1986.

**Sulkey rehabilitation** – Bob Toynbee reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of rehabilitation should begin mid-August. It will consist of improving drainage with the addition of three culverts, re-sculpting drainage ditches, hammering out boulders in the middle of the road, then regrading. Estimated cost \$16K. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, to be performed in 2017, would be to pave with asphalt cement at an estimated cost of \$36K.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATION PROBLEMS CAUSED BY STAGECOACH AND SINGLETREE WASHOUTS:**

Discussion began by asking for any help from the agencies present (Public Works, County Supervisors, Cal Fire) in getting one or both of the washouts repaired so they can be used for evacuation during an emergency. Public Works engineer Mark Davis did not see any way to circumvent California Environment permits & laws in order to speed up the process already in place for the Singletree Bridge.

Bob Toynbee has been successful in getting Google and Garmin to update their maps to show that both the lower portion of Stagecoach and Singletree roads are washed out. However, we are still waiting for action by MapQuest, Apple, and TomTom GPS maps. CHP & CalFire both agreed to make sure their maps have been updated to reflect the road situation in Diamond XX.

Discussion ended with areas of the community planning to get together to plan their own evacuation routes.