SWARM PO Box 869 Willits, CA 95490 January 20, 2019

Dear neighbors,

Good News! - The survey of our roads is complete. This means that we have completed the initial task to move forward with the grant. For those of you who haven't been paying attention: SWARM has been working on the Eel River Sediment grant which will bring in as much as \$200,000-\$300,000 of road work, of which we have to pay in 25%. That means all our roads will be worked on, all the declining culverts will be replaced, and drainage along the road will be improved! Plus our road maintenance will be substantially reduced. But hang in there: it will take a couple years to get the 'blades on the ground'. In the meantime, we are saving our money.

As you all know, the risk of fire is ever increasing. Please do your part of keeping all of us safe by reducing vegetation around your house and along the road. Our roads are natural fire breaks and the only routes for us to evacuate on in emergencies. High grass, low limbs, dead trees, and brush limits the fire breaks and the way out. **Everyone is responsible for reducing the vegetative matter along the road.** Please do your part and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

Enclosed is your billing for 2019. We increased the base fee by 2% to at least partially keep up with the 'cost of living'.

Thank you, blessings to all on the this rainy day.

Catrina Fish Paloma Hill

PS: Please check the website (www.sherwoodgates.org) for updates on the finance balance sheets for SWARM

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