

K. Payne BOS 4/24/2018

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [18-0378](#) Chief Administrative Office recommending the Committee:
1) Recognize and acknowledge Linnea Marengo for her dedication to CEDAC from September 29, 2015 to January 30, 2018; and
2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Certificate recognizing Linnea Marengo's dedication to community and economic development in El Dorado County.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 5 - Roberta Long, Kris Payne, Glenn Krakow, Ann Wofford and Felicity Wood

Absent: 4 - Charlie Downs, Scot Bernstein, Mark Lobaugh and Leon Abravanel

3. [18-0360](#) Chair recommending the Committee receive and file an update from the Community Planning Ad Hoc Committee. (Est. Time 5 min.)

Received and Filed

4. [18-0361](#) Chair recommending the Committee receive and file an update from the Collaboration for Success Ad Hoc Committee. (Est. Time 10 min.)

Public Comment: M. Ranalli

Received and Filed

5. [18-0363](#) Pursuant to Board direction provided at the November 7, 2017 Board of Supervisors Meeting, Staff is requesting that CEDAC:

- 1) Explore solutions to the County's housing and jobs issue and report back to the Board on the relationship of available housing and jobs to Economic Development. This request is in alignment with Objective 6 of the Economic Development Element of the County's Strategic Plan: Provide diverse workforce housing options - balance jobs with housing;
2) Explore energy alternatives, including clean energy, for the El Dorado Hills Business Park, and report back to the Board on potential alternatives. This request is in alignment with Objective 3: Invest in infrastructure needs to improve and maintain competitiveness; and
3) Return to the Board with their recommended Action Plan for 2018-19 for approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Public Comment: M. Ranalli, K. Witherow, C. Munt

No Action Taken.

Home prices soar amid fierce rush for dwindling supply

CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

26 mins ago

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U.S. home prices jumped in February as buyers compete fiercely over a dwindling number of properties for sale.

The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller national home price index released Tuesday jumped 6.3 percent in February from a year earlier, matching December's increase. That jump was the largest in nearly three years.

Steady job gains and rising numbers of millennials moving out on their own has intensified the competition for homes. February's price gain far outpaces average increases in wages or inflation.

Americans are becoming reluctant to sell their homes as mortgage rates rise, preferring to renovate instead. Others are holding onto their homes because they see few other options available. That's kept supply tight: The number of homes for sale fell 7.2 percent in March from a year earlier to just 1.67 million.

Sales of existing homes ticked up in March but actually declined slightly from a year earlier as the **housing shortage constrained sales.**

Homebuyers are getting increasingly aggressive, snapping up homes an average of 30 days after they are listed in March, down from 34 days a year earlier.

"Competition is fierce, offer windows are short and tensions will inevitably run high for many buyers as the spring shopping season unfolds," Svenja Gudell, chief economist at real estate data website Zillow, said.

There are signs that the **supply crunch** could ease later this year, as listings have picked up in recent months, only to be quickly sold. And developers are



W. Nagel BOS 4/24/2014

Situation of 2018 fire dangers of local area
El Dorado County

Newtown Rd, 2018 Fire potential and Public Notice

Area of concern:
“Newtown Rd. E of Ft. Jim Westerly intersection”
(Or between both E. and W. Ft Jim intersections of Newtown RD.)

**SAFETY NOTICE – CLOSURE OF NEWTOWN RD. DURING FIRE SEASON FOR
ROAD REPAIR**

Proposed road repair during the coming fire season is totally inexcusable, and a extreme safety hazard due to the following conditions:

Steep slope canyons with 100 yr. fuel loads

Uphill slope to East, with prevailing Westerly wind flow, contributing to extreme fast moving flame front; and an “Entrapment” scenario

Escape routes blocked or unusable, especially to the East for Newtown residents

Partial and **untimely** blocked access, by County Road construction; preventing rapid and necessary access for fire equipment to protect persons and property!!

One-way in – one-way out

Over-hanging growth on road, creating a fire “tunnel” effect

NO Publicized escape routes: **NO** proper Safety Zones or Escape Areas

Alarming Lack of awareness of fire danger by affected property owners and families (in immediate area)

Lack of concern by public officials

Severe cuts of Aviation assets across the nation will greatly decrease our firefighters ability to slow or stop fires in our area with retardant drops.

Lowest numbers of aerial resources Nationally
In 40+ years!!

Call or visit your County Supervisor immediately, with your concerns!!!

Failure to Perceive the Threat

Weber Creek drainage and Newtown Rd.

The current conditions in the Newtown Road area in the deep gorge South of highway 50, East of Placerville, constitute a great risk of a catastrophic 'fire storm'. The near vertical topography and the 100-year-old fuel load consisting of pyrophitic species, oaks and conifers combine to form a continuous fuel bed. In an extreme burn period with even a 20-knot upslope wind the fire will burn so intensely that it will burn everything down to mineral soil. If such a fire starts to the West driven by a West wind, it will be unstoppable.

The road system in this area is wholly inadequate for the purposes of evacuation. The proposal to close Newtown Rd. for new road construction further limits the evacuation to one route only and that route is to the West very probably toward the oncoming fire. This is precisely the scenario that presents the greatest risk of entrapment. With no viable escape routes and no safety zones where Citizens can shelter in place, mass casualties can be expected.

There are many urban interface communities throughout California that present the same problems. They are serviced by one road in and one road out. Those roads are often through tunnels of vegetation that will burn at temperatures hot enough to melt steel. Entrapment is the likely consequence of the failure to prepare for this eventuality. Most of these communities have also failed to create the necessary safety zones where people can go to shelter in place.

A strategy for survival must be instituted and it must be done quickly. Number one is to not close down one of the primary escape routes during the fire season. Secondly a massive campaign must be undertaken to defuse the threat by creating firebreaks, safety zones and defenseable space around buildings and the proposed escape routes.

* This year severe cuts in aviation assets across the board will greatly reduce the ability to stop or slow the fire using retardant drops. More and larger fires will be the probable result.

We fail to take these necessary precautions at our own peril.