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Please pull Consent Item #22 – Mt. Murphy Bridge Replacement from the 5/14 BOS Agenda for public discussion, and ensure the entirety of this correspondence is timely posted via the govdelivery system.

A multi-million dollar Mt. Murphy bridge replacement does not address the problem of a potential catastrophe akin to the victims of the Paradise fire. Frequently the Mt. Murphy bridge is blocked by caravans of bus-sized RVs from the Coloma Resort which do not permit residents any egress. Annual fireworks at the Coloma Resort also fuels fears especially when law enforcement refuses to respond to reports made by residents. Additionally there has never been an evacuation plan for residents on the north side of the river.

Both Mt. Murphy and Bayne Roads are one-lane roads with steep drop offs and very deep ditches creating a public safety hazard. Mt. Murphy Road is in deplorable condition and has been in desperate need of repair for many years. The one-lane road has been eroded by storms creating ditches that are in excess of three feet deep in many places. In the event of another wildfire emergency vehicles and evacuees cannot pass each other, nor are there turnouts. Should a car go into the ditch, then it would require a tow truck. Precious time, and possibly lives, would be lost.



It is significant that the county has refused to address this serious public safety issue for several decades. Past and present supervisors, as well as DOT personnel, have been unresponsive to resident's concerns about these public safety hazards. ***There has been no response whatsoever from Supervisor Lori Parlin or Rafael Martinez to the below correspondence.***

Additionally Fire Chief Lloyd Ogan and his board failed to address this matter during the recent 5/3/19 and 5/6/19 Fire Tax meetings. As stated previously, replacing the Mt. Murphy bridge and increasing fire personnel still won't solve the problem of ***safe and sufficient emergency egress for residents on the north side of the river.***

Please don't put the cart before the horse. This is a heavily trafficked region especially during the tourist and fire season. It is essential that necessary ROAD REPAIRS are made first, and that an evacuation plan is in place before any bridge work is to commence.

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"It does not take a majority to prevail... but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men." ~ Samuel Adams ~

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Subject: Public Safety Hazard - Mt. Murphy Road

Repairs to Mt. Murphy Road in Coloma have been neglected for several years. In 2006 I was finally able to persuade DOT to apply a hard surface commencing from Carvers Road in order to cut down on the clouds of airborne particulate stirred up by increased traffic on the lower 1/3 mile of Mt. Murphy Road. This was done at taxpayers' expense.

Annual road *maintenance* involves grading which in reality *destroys* the previous hard surface. Then the application of dirt & gravel atop the *destroyed hard surface* has caused the condition of the road to deteriorate into the deplorable and UNSAFE condition it is in today. This also was done at taxpayers' expense.

The road and the ditches need to be properly repaired to ensure local residents have sufficient egress in the event of another emergency.

As you are aware Mt. Murphy experienced five arson fires within an eight year period; all were ignited either directly on my property or within ¼ mile from my home. It is significant that EDC has perpetually ignored residents' concerns about a viable evacuation plan, bridge egress at the Coloma Resort, as well as complaints about their annual fireworks displays.

In the event of another catastrophic fire it is impossible for emergency vehicles and evacuees to utilize the road without one of them being forced into the eroded ditch. As you can see in several places the ditch is in excess of two feet deep and the surface is undermined by storm erosion. Obviously it requires a tow truck to remove a stuck vehicle which increases the safety risks to everyone involved. But if a tow truck can't get through because the Mt. Murphy bridge is clogged with RVs from the Coloma Resort then the potential for disaster is compounded.

Below are recent photos showing the condition of the lower portion of Mt. Murphy Road. The first photo shows a truck that used my driveway to turn around on April 9th. Ultimately the driver backed right into the ditch where the vehicle got stuck and blocked the road. This happens very frequently. Just imagine in the event of another fire such a situation would be catastrophic to all Mt. Murphy residents:



Mt. Murphy Road near Carvers Road:





2007 Mt. Murphy Arson Fire ignited at base of my property by 3rd generation firefighter Ben Cunha - \$10 MILLION BAIL, same as the King Fire Arsonist:



