



Town of Paradise
Community Development Department
Building Resiliency Center
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Meet Your Inspector Minutes

Location: Building Resiliency Center

Time Started: 3:05 p.m.

October 5, 2022

1. Opening

Pattie Samons opened the meeting with welcoming everyone and with introductions of Town of Paradise Staff.

Staff Present: Patti Samons (Plans Examiner), John Rollo (Building/Onsite Inspector II), Wes Cannon (Building/Onsite Inspector I), Russ Nelson (Building/Onsite Inspector) Shane DeValera (Fire Prevention Inspector II) Fran Morrow (Building Onsite Inspector) Roy Wallis (Senior Supervising Code Enforcement Officer) Aisha Tennin (Office Assistant Building Division) Tanya Yelenskaya (Building/Onsite Permit Technician I), Bob Larson (Onsite Sanitary Official) Bryan Cobb (Onsite Inspector) Nadia Alekseev (Business & Housing Dept.) Sarah Richter (Business & Housing Dept.)

2. Pattie Samons (Plans Examiner):

- Building Updates

Single Family Residences

2537 - Applied
2359 - Issued
178 - In review
1602 - Certificates of occupancy

Multi-Family

548– Units applied
437 – Units issued
111 – Units in review
354 – Units with certificate of occupancy

- **Tanya Yelenskaya (Onsite Permit Technician): & Brian Cobb (Onsite Inspector):**
- Do's and Don'ts For Your Septic System

Some important things to know for how to take care of your wastewater systems. Dumping or flushing dangerous and damaging substances or chemicals in your wastewater system can be harmful and kill all the natural bacteria in your tank. Don't ignore leaky plumbing fixtures or running toilets or faucets. A leaky toilet can waste up to 2,000 gallons of water in a single day. Don't dump RV waste into your wastewater system. It will increase the frequency of required septage pumping. Don't dig without knowing the location of your wastewater system. Do collect grease in a

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container and dispose with your trash. Do use your trash can to dispose of substances that cause maintenance problems and or increase the need for septic pumping.

Keep lint out of your wastewater treatment system by cleaning the lint filters on your washing machine.

At the Control Panel, familiarize yourself with the location of your wastewater system and electrical control panel. If you have a pump system, it will come with a control panel, and alarm. Usually, there will be a red light with an alarm that's loud when it goes off. Push the red light to silence the alarm, then call your septic maintenance provider.

For more information on How to Take Care of Your Wastewater System, please check out the attached handout on our website.

3. Susan Hartman (Director for Planning & Wastewater):

- Landscaping

We are working with consultants right now to prepare residential Landscape plans that will just be available to homeowners for free to used. We are particularly working with them to make sure that we're using grouping of plant types that are not invasive to the septic. We're hoping to have those up on our website for people to download and use with the irrigation plans by end of year.

4. Bob Larson (Onsite Sanitary Official):

- Building Seer Connections with Slab Floors

A few issues that have been coming up recently are about 90% of the houses we see going up are slab floors. If your septic system pass evaluation you can hook to that. For most septic systems, the houses were raised foundations, so now when you slab floor it, and it's on the ground and we're having issued that the tanks are to hi, and the leach lines are too high. This really should be verified by a septic contractor and a Plumer working with them. Please verify your outlet and building sewer on your slab floors and your existing tank is being utilized.

The other issues are cuts and fills. On the GIC mapping it will link you to the GIS Paradise soils map or you may find the soils map by going to our website under Septic/Onsite. The top 24 to 30 inches of soil in Paradise is good for treating. On the map under soils survey, it will give you the types of soils in Paradise. You're also able to see all the streams in town.

5. Jen Goodlin (Executive Director, Rebuild Paradise Foundation)

Lindsey Churchill (Project Coordinator, Rebuild Paradise Foundation):

- Septic Grant

If you're not aware, you can access the Septic map on the website by logging onto www.rebuildparadise.org If you haven't started building yet we encourage you to use the Town's Septic Grant because it's more generous. The Rebuild Paradise Foundation is a non-profit origination separate from the Town of Paradise. The septic

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grant they offer comes as a reimbursement. Anyone rebuilding in the Campfire footprint can apply for their grant who plans on living here long term. You don't have to be affected by the campfire to receive their grant, if you're moving to Paradise and are new to the area you can receive their grant if you plan on staying here. Most of their grants go to people who have been affected by the campfire. They are allowed to give 20% of their grants to non-campfire affected families. Their grants are not intended for contractors or investors, they do allow a single-family rental property to use their grant. If you're building a home and you also own a rental and you would like to apply, for your main home and for your rental property, that's allowed. Their septic grant covers most septic related expenses, including septic system inspection, repair, or replacement. Their grants are retroactive, the owner pays for the septic work to be done and then they reimburse you for some or, all expenses. For more information about their septic grants, please contact them by logging onto their website.

6. Sarah Richter & Nadia Alekseev (Business & Housing Dept.):

- Town of Paradise Septic Repair & Replacement Grant
The Town's Septic Grant goes up to 17,500 and is not based on the applicant's income. The grants are available to assist qualifying property owners who were uninsured or underinsured with the repair or replacement of septic systems damaged during the Camp fire. The program funds cover eligible cost of a licensed and Town approved contractor to repair or replace a septic system to serve a residential structure. Please call or visit Sarah or Nadia in our Housing department for more on the Town's Septic Grants.

7. Mario Remono (PG&E Supervisor for Inspections) & Nick Tover (PE&E Customer Relations):

- Q & A with PG&E
PG&E needs to have a 3-foot minimum with the burrier and HDG pipe to get into your property for electric service to your house.
- PG&E –Here every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month now meeting inside

8. Suggested topics for next meeting:

- Guest Speaker: Christopher Olvera, California Energy Commission
- 2022 Code Updates

Meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm.

Next Meeting: Wed., November 2, 2022, 3-4 p.m., Building Resiliency Center

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The following handouts were distributed at the meeting and are available on the Town of Paradise website building page:

- Meet Your Inspector Flyer
- How to Take Care of Your Wastewater System
- Rebuild Paradise Foundation Septic Infrastructure Grant