

SCSD NEWS

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Positive vote for wastewater system!

Assessment Increase Approved

The eagerly awaited results of the second ballot proposition submitted to Spalding property owners were announced on April 6 at a public meeting held in the Eagle Lake Community Hall. The proposed wastewater system assessment increase was unanimously approved by 73% of voters, supporting the District's request for an increase in the assessment from \$7,279 to \$9,274 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). The meeting was well attended and SCSD Board members, project engineers and the bonding attorney were on hand to answer questions. Following the positive vote count, a resolution was passed approving the increased assessment and awarding the construction contract to Sundt Construction.

Spalding property owners previously approved assessments to fund the estimated project cost in July 2004. Construction bids were then solicited. Even after receiving a very competitive bid from Sundt Construction of Novato, the project budget had to be revised, principally due to increased materials costs. Accordingly, the assessment amount was also revised and the new ballot was issued to secure property owner approval.

The \$9,274 assessment can be paid up front or in semi-annual installments spread over 40 years with interest at less than 5%. The estimated annual assessment payment is \$491 per EDU, plus a USDA reserve fund charge of \$49 for a \$540 total annual payment.

Property Owner Assistance

Grant funds to assist with assessments and on-site improvements are available for eligible property owners. Cynthia Celaya of the Lassen County Community Development Department will be contacting property owners with details and instructions to determine eligibility. In order to qualify, property owners must reside in Spalding for at least six months of the year and have an income below 80% of the County median. Income includes gross wages plus other sources of income, such as unemployment benefit, public assistance, social security, pensions, alimony, child support and net farm or business income. For example, a family of four with an income below \$42,000 will qualify under 2006 income limits. Cynthia may be reached at 251-8308.

Sundt Moves In!



Sundt Construction is already moving in their people and equipment. They will be based at a site in Spalding on the Strand for the duration of the project. Fred Soares, the Sundt Project Superintendent, has told us that the company will be seeking to hire local construction workers to complete their project team. Sundt will publish a local phone number for project inquiries once their job site headquarters is established. See www.sundt.com for more on the company.

ELCA Disbanded

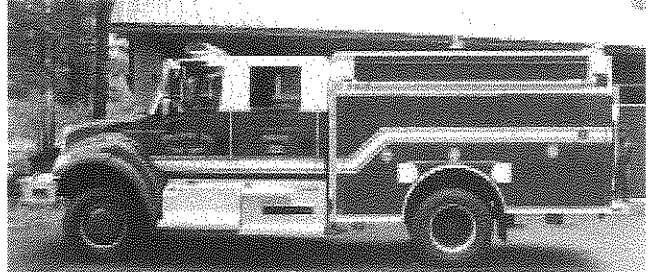
The Eagle Lake Community Association (ELCA) has been officially disbanded. If you are a member planning to pay your membership dues, this is no longer necessary. The ECLA has kindly donated their share of the community building to the SCSD.

SCSD Building Available to Community

We are making the SCSD building available for a variety of events. Small group meetings through to weddings and large parties can be accommodated for a nominal fee and deposit. We hope many community members will take advantage of this opportunity. Contact Merle Lay at 825-3258 to make arrangements.

New Fire Engine Arrives

The new Wildland/Urban Interface Pumper Fire Engine was brought to us by Chief James Watts and Lorene Watts earlier this month. The technology in this vehicle offers a significant improvement for the safety of our community and the volunteer fire team. Accessory equipment is currently being installed to make the engine ready for this year's fire season.



Our new pride and joy!

Barbecue and Breakfast Events

Funding activities for the benefit of the Spalding VFD are always lots of fun. Mark the following dates on your calendar!

BBQ and Fire Engine Celebration
May 28 from 11 am

Breakfast Events 6 am - noon
May 29
June 18
July 3
August 13
September 4
October 9

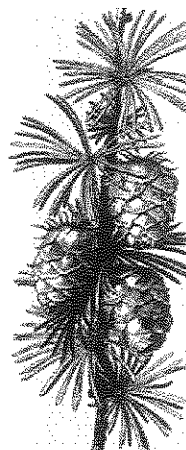
SCSD EXPLAINED

The Spalding Community Services District (SCSD) is our community's form of local government. Our Board of Directors is elected by Spalding registered voters. Directors must be property owners and are elected to four-year terms.

The SCSD is active in several areas of community development and services delivery.

- Fire suppression and medical emergency response (VFD)
- Marina development and operation
- Wastewater system development and operation

See the Spalding CSD website at <http://www.spaldingcsd.org>.



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