

CLEAR CREEK

COMMUNITY NEWS

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CLEAR CREEK: A YEAR IN REVIEW

This past year has been one of rebuilding, progress, and forward momentum for the Clear Creek Community Services District. With new leadership and strong community support, the District has focused on stabilizing operations, improving transparency, and strengthening both water and fire services. Stronger.

Operations and Financial Oversight:

A major focus this year has been improving internal systems and strengthening accountability. The District modernized financial tracking and administrative processes to ensure clearer reporting and responsible long-term planning. Water System Reliability and Planning Reliable water service remains the District's top priority. Alongside daily monitoring and maintenance, the District has continued planning

for future infrastructure upgrades, including improvements to water storage and distribution to support long-term reliability and fire protection.

Office Opening and IT Security Improvements:

The District office upstairs is now open to the public Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., making it easier for residents to connect in person. In addition, the District completed a full IT update in partnership with Bandon IT, improving cybersecurity, data protection, and overall system reliability.

Governance and Transparency:

The District has strengthened governance practices by improving procedures, meeting organization, and compliance with open meeting and public records laws. The goal is clearer communication and better access for the community.

Fire Department Progress:

Clear Creek's volunteer fire department continues to grow in strength and readiness. The department currently has seven volunteers, including three EMR-certified members who attend regular medical training. The department is now in BLS compliance and has upgraded key emergency equipment. Recent improvements include updated medical supplies, portable suction equipment, a pelvic binder for medical response, and completed AED crossovers to SEMSA. Structure Truck 1124 is fully ready for duty, strengthening structural fire response. The department is also working toward adding Narcan, with training in development.

Looking Ahead:

While much has been accomplished, important work continues. The District remains committed to improving infrastructure, supporting fire protection, maintaining transparency, and serving the Clear Creek community with dedication and care.

FIREWISE AND CLEAR CREEK 2026

Submitted by Elizabeth Horan

Hi neighbors! It's Elizabeth from Cold Creek Flowers / Clear Creek CO-OP. I signed up to be part of the Firewise "residential team" and am looking for 3–5 more residents (full-time or part-time) who would like to help keep Clear Creek a certified Firewise USA site. If you're interested, please email me at ClearCreekFirewise@gmail.com.

What is Firewise USA? Firewise certification is maintained by investing the equivalent of one volunteer hour per residential dwelling each year toward wildfire risk reduction. The great news is — almost everything counts!

What counts as wildfire risk reduction? You might already be doing Firewise work without realizing it: Around your home • Removing pine needles from your roof • Installing screens or making roof repairs • Any upgrades that make your home more fire safe Landscaping (0–100 feet from your home) • Mowing, raking, trimming, or removing trees/branches • Replacing plants with fire-safe landscaping Community efforts • Work in common areas • Tree work by PG&E on your property • Even conversations about fire safety count! Yes — even writing this newsletter article counts as volunteer time.

Why reporting matters. To stay certified, we need to report our combined efforts as a community. My role on the Firewise residential team is to collect and submit that information for recertification. Clear Creek submits for recertification in October, and this reporting year runs from: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026.

You can:

- Send one summary at the end of the year
- Email me as you complete projects
- Tell me in person

* You can also download the official worksheet by searching: FirewiseVolunteerHourlyWorksheet.pdf OR FirewiseTimeExpenseInvestmentExamples.pdf Both are available through the National Fire Protection Association and provide helpful examples of what qualifies.

Look for more Firewise tips and updates in future newsletters — and thank you for helping keep Clear Creek safer!

Community Connection: Clear Creek Needs Page

A community member created a “Clear Creek Needs” Facebook page to help neighbors connect, share resources, and support one another. It’s a fun page where people are sharing things like gardening, projects, local needs, and neighbor-to-neighbor questions — feel free to check it out and join if you’re interested.

The Clear Creek Needs page is intended as a casual, community-driven space for neighbors to share ideas and connect. This page is not affiliated with the Clear Creek Community Services District and will not be used for official District updates or announcements.

At this time, the Clear Creek Community Services District does not yet have an official Facebook page. The District is currently developing one and will share details once it becomes available. In the meantime, residents can visit the District website at: <https://clearcreekcsd.specialdistrict.org/>