

## UPDATE ON NASH MILL ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Work is scheduled to begin tomorrow morning (Monday, October 7) on the curtain drain project along the top of the slump. On Friday morning, Tom Spinardi, Norm Kobler and Nicole Chapman (NMRA) met for a Pre-Construction meeting with representatives from the contracting company selected to carry out the work (MARZ Engineering of Ukiah), and Josh Kilgore of Brunsing Associates (geo-tech firm who did our soils report).

In the meeting, they addressed the following concerns:

### ROAD CLOSURE

- Duration of project: approximately two weeks from October 7 – October 18.
- Workers will be on-site from 8 am to 5 pm.
- Equipment will entirely block the existing lane for periods of 20 – 30 minutes at a time. **Please plan ahead and be prepared to wait.**
- In case of emergency, they will clear road immediately.
- One person will manage traffic.
- Crew instructed to allow timely passage to families taking children to school.

### SAFETY

- MARX commits to follow best practices and install appropriate signage.

### CULVERT

- Will be diverted a few hundred feet downhill into a creek channel located and approved of by Brunsing Associates.

### GRADING

- Brunsing committed to providing a bullet point list of recommendations for this year's grading of road post installation of curtain drain.
- Verbally, he recommended
  - Do bare minimum of grading this winter to see if movement subsides.
  - Do not add weight.
  - Okay to reduce high points in road and fill dip to reduce moisture accumulation and encourage water to sheet downhill along road and away from slump.
  - Do minimum of earthwork below road. He will recommend some mitigation for the cracking.
  - Removing pile of bad soil now at edge of road is okay

### DRAINAGE PIPE

- Trench will be dug down into bedrock the entire length and filled with aggregate specified by Engineer. Brunsing will do up to 4 site visits to ensure proper pipe placement and slope. Norman Kobler has volunteered to do daily site visits.

- There will be a cleanout at the high point of drain pipe.
- At bottom of slump, pipe will angle across road and daylight over the edge. Tom and Norm will organize a flexible pipe that will extend a couple hundred feet down the hill away from the slump to a location pointed out by Brunsing.

#### DIRT SPOILS

- Location to dump dirt along road below slump approved by Brunsing with consideration of erosion and drainage.
- Dirt is available for free to residents if anyone needs some.
- Pile will be winterized. Methods to be discussed with Brunsing.

#### AGGREGATE

- Aggregate is being sourced from Greenwood Aggregate.
- Quarry will provide a cut sheet with specs on product. Josh believes we can trust that.

## **SUMMARY OF NMRA ZOOM MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3**

About a dozen property owners attended the meeting. The group discussed the Drainage project which is described above in greater detail than was known at the time of the meeting.

Concerns addressed where:

- Location of culvert
- Importance of placing drainage pipe into bedrock.
- Importance of slope to drain pipe.
- Ensuring that drain rock was certified as the specified Class 2 Drain Rock.
  - Dan Sicular volunteered to take sample if necessary.
- Notification of regular delivery drivers (propane companies, UPS and Fedex) of road delays
  - François Christen and John Clouston volunteered to do this.

And, importantly:

- BUDGET

#### **KEY BUDGET ISSUES**

- Accountant has updated our financials
- 30 people out of 55 upper road members sent in the \$1000 special road assessment

- Even with this and a generous donation by one property owner and promises of a couple smaller ones by others, the cost of the drain project (including grading slump section of road after drainage project, engineer inspection fees, and contingency) will deplete our entire balance. **There is no money left for annual road maintenance or any emergency fund.**
- Group agreed to:
  - **Appeal to those who have not yet paid the first \$1000 assessment.**
  - **Send a new solicitation letter requesting an additional \$1000 from each property owner.**
  - **Solicit annual road dues earlier in 2025 (January or February) as had been done in previous years.**
  - Pursue people who are in arrears on dues through phone calls and small claims court.