

**DIABLO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA<sup>1</sup>  
DIABLO POST OFFICE PARKING LOT  
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023, 5:15 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:**

**President: Kathy Urbelis**

**Directors: Urbelis, Cox, Chartier, Lorenz, Slavonia**

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**1. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATION AND ACTIONS**

Directors Urbelis and Lorenz to report out on the meetings with the Town of Danville concerning the Town's replacement of its Diablo Rd culvert and the traffic management during the proposed Diablo Rd closure from March 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup>. Board to provide any additional direction to staff on actions to minimize the traffic and safety impacts to District roads.

**2. CALL OF NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT**

The next DCSD Regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Diablo Community Services District by

Kathy Torru, General Manager

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## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** March 7, 2023  
**TO:** DCSD Board Members  
**RE:** Diablo Rd Culvert Replacement and Road Closure

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### BACKGROUND/SUMMARY

In the Town of Danville underneath Diablo Rd east of Alameda Diablo is a 12-ft culvert that carries water from the East Branch of the Green Valley Creek and Dan Cook Creek that flows from the mountain through Diablo into Danville. The severe storms at the end of December and early January damaged the culvert and compromised the integrity of Diablo Rd. The Town engineered a temporary culvert fix in January, but unfortunately the temporary fix did not prevent further deterioration and the Town has determined that the culvert needs to be replaced as soon as possible. The project will take 3 weeks and will require the complete closure of Diablo Rd. To minimize the impact on residents who use Diablo Rd, the Town has scheduled the culvert replacement to coincide with the SRVUSD and the Athenian School spring breaks, March 23, 2023, through April 13, 2023.

### TRAFFIC PLAN:

The Town plans to close Diablo Rd to all traffic between Alameda Diablo and Avenida Nueva from Thursday March 23, 2023, to April 13, 2023, in order to replace a culvert and reconstruct Diablo Rd. Diablo Rd traffic will be detoured around the road closure using Blackhawk Rd and Camino Tassajara from the east and Diablo Rd and Camino Tassajara from the west. To minimize confusion and assist vehicular traffic with the detour, the Town will provide traffic control personnel (i.e. "traffic flaggers") at the intersection of Mt Diablo Scenic Blvd and Blackhawk Rd and the intersection of Diablo Rd and Alameda Diablo at least for the first three days of the closure.<sup>1</sup> The Town will also place 9 electronic message signs and 8 static message signs between Blackhawk Rd and Camino Tassajara and between Diablo Rd and El Cerro Rd announcing the closure and alternative detour routes. School buses and emergency vehicles will not be required to use the detour and will be allowed to pass through Diablo.

### CULVERT SIZE:

The Diablo Rd culvert is 12-feet in diameter and carries water from the East Branch of the Green Valley Creek and the Dan Cook Creek under Diablo Rd into Danville. A Questa hydrology study of the East Branch of the Green Valley Creek was performed by the DCSD in 2012 as part of a comprehensive look at culverts and creeks in and around the DCSD. The study identified the 12-foot culvert as undersized in the event of 50-year storm. DCSD shared this information with the Town and requested that the Town increase the size of the culvert. The Town has indicated that this "emergency" culvert replacement project is permitted under federal law (e.g. Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations) and requires a like-kind culvert replacement. The Town also stated that the December 31, 2022, storm was a 100-year storm (which was confirmed by ENGE0) and that the culvert did not flood. The Town is thus replacing the existing 12-foot culvert with a new 12-foot culvert. In any event, the culvert is outside the DCSD boundaries and DCSD has no jurisdiction over it or its maintenance and repair.

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<sup>1</sup> DCSD has requested that the flaggers are present for the entire first week of the closure but at the time of this meeting has not heard from the Town on the status of this request.

## **SAFETY CONCERNS:**

The roads within Diablo are narrow and do not have sidewalks or adequate shoulders. Workers providing services to Diablo properties often park on the edge of the road, and because of the undersized shoulders block a portion of the road with their vehicles creating a one lane road. The closure of Diablo Rd has the potential to add 10,000 cars a day for 21 days to Diablo's roads creating a significant safety risk to children, dog walkers, cyclists and pedestrians attempting to share the roads with these 10,000 cars. The addition of these 10,000 cars will clog Diablo's roads and increase emergency vehicle response times creating a safety risk to residents. These safety concerns are a paramount concern of the DCSD.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The recommendation is to support the Town's education/communication plan and use of traffic flaggers to redirect Diablo Rd traffic away from Diablo. DCSD General Manager and sheriff will observe the success of the plan. If these efforts are unsuccessful at diverting vehicles and the safety of Diablo's residents, cyclists, pedestrians, and children are at risk, the DCSD will revisit other options with the Town, which may include providing DCSD sheriff assistance and/or temporary closure of the entrance to Diablo at Avenida Nueva to all vehicular traffic (including residents).

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board authorize the DCSD General Manager, sheriff, and Board directors Greg Lorenz and Matt Cox to do the following:

(1) observe the implementation of the Town's plan and work with the Town and the County to ensure that implementation of the plan alleviates safety risks to the users of DCSD roads; and

(2) in the event that implementation of the plan does not alleviate safety risks to the users of DCSD roads, to work with General Counsel, the Town, and the County to implement additional procedures to address safety issues, including but not limited to temporary closure of Avenida Nueva at the intersection of Diablo Rd.