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Landfill management moves fast to address fire suppression efforts

■ Oversight agencies come down hard on owners after Aug. 6 fire at Clover Flat

By Kim Beltran
Tribune Editor

Owners of Clover Flat Landfill told county officials this week that they had begun taking corrective action in the wake of an Aug. 6 fire at the property – the third in

2018 and the fifth since last August, according to fire officials.

During a special meeting of the Upper Valley Waste Management Authority in Yountville on Monday, landfill owner Bob Pestoni and general

manager Bryce Howard said they were working to meet requirements of an Aug. 8 Notice of Violation that, among other things, ordered them to stop processing green waste, hire a full-time oper-

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Calistoga resident Paul Pedersen snapped this image of the smoke from the Aug. 6 Clover Flat fire from behind Clos Pegase Winery on Dunaweal Lane.

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PAUL PEDERSEN

Canning leaving Chamber Unopposed in mayoral re-election bid

■ Filing for Nov. 6 election closed; Council, school board lineups now final

By Kim Beltran
Tribune Editor

Chris Canning announced Wednesday that he is stepping down as executive director of the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce after leading the organization for eight years.

Canning, who also has served as the city's mayor for the last six years, has taken a position with another firm based in the upper Napa Valley, although he has not yet publicly named the company he will work for.

"The time is right for me to pursue other opportunities and to challenge myself with new endeavors in the interest of personal and career development," Canning said in a statement announcing his resignation from the chamber. "I will continue to reside in Calistoga and will share details of my new endeavors in the coming weeks."



Chris Canning announced this week that he is leaving his job as executive director of the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce.

Canning said his final day at the chamber will be Oct. 12, and that he will be helping the organization

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Neighbors appeal approval of Washington Street 4-plex

By Kim Beltran
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The Calistoga City Council on Tuesday will consider an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of a new four-unit apartment complex on the corner of Washington and Fourth Streets.

Resident Jeffrey Stambor, a neighbor of the project site at 1415 Washington St. for 26 years, filed the appeal.

"To me, this goes against the design guidelines of protecting and promoting Calistoga's rural, small town characteristics," Stambor told the Planning Commission on July 11.

The project, proposed by Dimitri Latkionav and Alla Reykhel, would include four large units in a single two-story building. It would also include a private back yard, eight parking spaces at the rear of the

Planners to consider B&B expansion, seismic alterations

By Claudia Aceves
Tribune Reporter

The Calistoga Planning Commission on Wednesday will consider a request by a local Bed & Breakfast owner to expand the business as well as a downtown building owner's application to make alterations to the front of his property.

The Craftsman Inn at 1213 and 1303 Foothill Boulevard is seeking to remodel and expand the existing B&B to a 13-unit hotel and spa.

The Craftsman Inn currently operates as a five-unit bed and breakfast. The move to more than 10 rooms would re-classify the

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Calistoga Public Works director Mike Kirn shows the individual service organization signs once displayed on a large wooden billboard at the Highway 29 entrance to Calistoga. The signs are being kept at the city's corporation yard on lower Washington Street until they can be displayed again.

Club placards knocked down by winds but who's responsible for re-hanging them?

■ Little information appears to exist about frame on which signs were hung

By Claudia Aceves
Tribune Reporter

If you've noticed something different about the large wooden sign on Highway 29 welcoming visitors to "the Hot Springs of the West," you're not alone.

The bottom half of the sign displaying several individual service organization logos, including Rotary International, Soroptomist International, Native Sons of the Golden West, Lions Club and Girl Scouts, has been missing since last October, blown down by the ferocious winds that ignited the Tubbs Fire. The toppled placards lay on the ground for a couple of months before Calistoga Soroptomist Kathy McCloskey noticed and reported it to city officials. The public works department picked up the fallen placards in December, said public works director Mike Kirn.

The large wooden frame that holds multiple signs, it turns out, does not belong to the city, al-

though the broken pieces are now resting at the public works yard on lower Washington Street.

However, no one seems to know who it belongs to and, therefore, who's responsible for its repair.

It is likely the sign belongs to the Napa County Fairgrounds, as the largest portion of the sign reads, "Home of the Napa County Fair."

Longtime resident and Rotarian Kent Domogalla believes that portion of the sign was placed there more than 50 years ago by the Napa County Fair Association and the service organization logo signs were added later.

Fairgrounds employee Kelly Coudert was unable to provide any information but said she was working to gather information from long-time staffers and association board members to see what she could find out.

Bev Barnes, also a Rotarian, had contacted Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon about the sign when it was first discovered broken because it is located just outside Calistoga city limits.

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