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City takes steps to protect reservoir from soil erosion

Cal Fire inmate crew installs 7,000 linear feet of wattles on slopes of Kimball Dam reservoir to lessen soil erosion runoff

By Granville Fox
Tribune Reporter

Public works crews, with added help from Cal Fire, have been taking action to protect the city's water reservoir from an expected increase in soil erosion following the Oct. 8 Tubbs Fire.

Much of the land on the northwestern end of the Kimball Dam reservoir off Evey Road was burned, and due to the steep terrain surrounding the reservoir, it is likely to

see increased debris flow, officials said during a Watershed Information and Conservation Council meeting held last Thursday in Calistoga.

City officials have responded to this dilemma by putting in place preventive measures in order to quell some of these concerns.

"We went around the bathtub ring of the reservoir on the burned side and put down a double layer of wattles so that any runoff coming

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Water tests too high for contaminants

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For the second time this year, Calistoga residents have been notified that contaminants in their drinking water exceeded acceptable state standards.

The most recent violation occurred on Aug. 9, according to the city,

when quarterly water testing showed a slightly higher annual average of haloacetic acids than is allowed. HAAs, as they are known, are common but undesirable by-products of the drinking water disinfection process.

Exposure to these contaminants at
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Bingo players, left to right, Jack LeStrange, Rick Collins and Will Densberger mark their cards Saturday night during the Calistoga Firefighter Association's annual Bingo & Raffle Night. Funds raised will go to people living in the 94515 zip code area who were impacted by the Oct. 8 Tubbs Fire. Below, Jessica Tamagni, who lost her Santa Rosa home in the fire, organizes her raffle tickets.

Firefighters make a haul for Tubbs victims

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Calistoga area residents showed their appreciation for firefighters and their love for their beleaguered neighbors Saturday night, helping raise more than \$300,000 for Tubbs Fire victims at the annual Bingo & Raffle Night.

Hosted by the Calistoga Firefighters Association to raise funds for extra equipment or firefighters in need, Bingo Night usually brings in about 350 people and raises about \$50,000.

But this year, with an

unknown number of people and businesses facing huge losses from the Oct. 8 firestorm, the number of event attendees doubled and the outpouring of support generated five times the amount of money.

Calistoga's firefighters were impressed.

"This has been pretty incredible," said CFA president Jason Tamagni. "We were all very happy with the turnout and the support from the community."

The total raised this year was bolstered by several large donations, including \$100,000 from resort developers Bald Mountain and Alcion Ventures,

\$50,000 from the City of Calistoga, and \$50,000 from the developer of a new luxury resort being built on Diamond Mountain.

A silent auction held in conjunction with the Bingo event and expanded with the addition of items from the Rotary Club's cancelled Hoedown fundraiser brought in an additional \$60,000, organizers said.

The remaining funds came from individual donations, as well as sales of Bingo tickets and food, drinks and raffle tickets at the event.

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Calistoga Christmas party one week away

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What began as a one-day Christmas Faire capped off by the Lighted Tractor Parade has morphed into nearly two full days of holiday fun and activities for visitors and residents alike.

While the Lighted Tractor Parade – set for Saturday night, Dec. 2 – remains the star attraction, the festivities kick off on Friday at 4 p.m. as Calistoga is transformed into a Holiday Village, with shopping, dining and wine tasting, games and activities for children, a visit from Santa, a tree lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. and a Holly Trolley that will shuttle

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Berry Street bridge slightly behind timeline

By Granville Fox
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Construction of a new bridge across the Napa River on Berry Street is going smoothly, city officials said this week, but will likely not be finished by the original completion date of Jan. 26.

"It's all a little weather dependent. Like with any construction project there's a lot of variables. The big hurdle is getting all the river work done, so we're thankful to be where we are now," Derek Rayner, Calistoga deputy director of Public Works, said this week.

Crews are currently planting

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