## RIVIERA WEST EVACUATION GUIDE

Because of the limited egress available from Riviera West and along Soda Bay Road, leaving at the first sign of an approaching fire is imperative. Even before an official notification, if you sense that you may be in harm's way, you should consider evacuation.

# Don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel threatened.

If you receive notification of an advisory evacuation you should act on the advice and evacuate. If you wait until a mandatory evacuation notice is given, you will join some 5,000 residents of the Soda Bay corridor trying to leave the area at the same time. Be first, not last.

#### **Evacuation Routes:**

- 1. Main exit to Soda Bay Road via Riviera West Drive
  - If possible, determine more than one way to get to Riviera West Drive from your house.
  - The direction you take on Soda Bay Road is dependent on the location/ movement of a fire and directions from law enforcement or fire officials.
    Distance from Riviera West entrance to Highway 29 via Soda Bay Road going south is 5.4 miles, going north is 11 miles.
- 2. Emergency exit at the end of Shoreline View Drive. There is a dirt service road behind the metal gate that is drivable. The gate may be opened by a nearby volunteer neighbor, but if not, it can be lifted off from its hinges. The service road exits onto Soda Bay Road near the entrance to Konocti Harbor Resort.
  - Locate this exit and do a practice drive to this location.
- 3. The Marina. In a worst case situation where leaving the area does not seem possible, you can escape to the marina, shelter out on the docks and enter the lake as a last resort.
  - Locate the marina and do a practice drive to this location.
  - Make a flotation device part of your evacuation "go bag".
  - In an emergency, if you drive down to the marina, park uphill near the water plant and walk the rest of the way down to avoid blocking rescue vehicles.
- 4. Walking out. There are several places along the boundaries of the community where it is possible to walk out going north or south including:
  - South:
    - i. End of Riviera West Drive
    - ii. End of Scenic View Drive
    - iii. End of Greenwood Drive
    - iv. Broadview Court off Broadview Drive

#### North

- i. At the end of Broadview Drive there is a trail that leads into the forest area (Back Forest).
- ii. At 8226 North Heights Drive there is a steep sloping lot that descends to an open space alongside the forest above Soda Bay Road.

Please note that these walk-out paths cross uneven, uncleared ground and are generally not recommended and should be used only when escape by foot is your only option.

### **Recommendations:**

- 1. Familiarize yourself with all available evacuation routes and practice getting to them.
- 2. Prepare your evacuation list and post/place it in an easy to access spot.
- 3. Read all the enclosed fire safety and evacuation materials provided by CalFire and Riviera West.
- 4. Practice your evacuation plans by verbally walking through each step with every member of your family at least every few months.

Prepare – Practice – Leave