

THE WOODS



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CMWC NEWS

CYBER-SECURITY MAINTENANCE

On April 7, 2026, Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the FBI, NSA, and EPA issued an urgent joint advisory, to **XiO**, regarding active, Iran-affiliated cyber attacks targeting U.S. water and wastewater systems (CISA advisory AA26-097A).

XiO monitors our Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system-SCADA.

On April 27 and 28, **XiO**, conducted a thorough review of all their systems and initiated a process to migrate their main database and several customer-facing servers to harden them against cyberattacks and improve system performance by moving to the next generation of hardware.

These upgrades were performed without service disruption.

XiO's control systems are designed to revert to safe operation when the cloud is unavailable. The upgrade may impact the cloud portals, but not the field hardware.



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

**AS OF APRIL 2026
THE FIVE FOOT ZONE HAS BEEN
MODIFIED**

Defensible Space Zones

The first five feet from your home is the most important. Keeping the area closest to buildings, structures, and decks clear will prevent embers from igniting materials that can spread the fire to your home.

What to do:

1. Use hardscape like gravel, pavers, or concrete. No combustible bark or mulch.

2. Remove all dead and dying plants, weeds, and debris (leaves, needles, etc.) from your roof, gutter, deck, porch, stairways, and under any areas of your home.
3. No shrubs or bushes are permitted. Some plants may be allowed, but must be spaced out, neatly maintained, and non-combustible. Remove all branches within 10 feet of any chimney or stovepipe outlet, and branches within five feet of the roof.
4. Limit combustible items (like outdoor furniture and planters) on top of decks.
5. Relocate firewood and lumber to Zone 2.
6. Replace combustible fencing, gates, and arbors attached to the home with noncombustible alternatives.
7. Consider relocating garbage and recycling containers outside this zone.

Consider relocating boats, RVs, vehicles, and other combustible items outside this zone.

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/dspace#:~:text=Zone%20%3A%20Start%20Closest%20to,Your%20Home%20to%20be%20Ember%20Resistant&text=Zone%201%3A%20Keep%20it%20Lean%2C,and%20Green%20Within%2030%20feet>

Lithium-ion Batteries Blamed for Two Garage Fires

In April of 2026, Fresno Firefighters stopped two garage fires that were caused by lithium-ion batteries.

Fire sprinklers in both homes were activated, containing the fires to a small area, preventing the fire extending into the rest of the home.

These batteries power much of our daily lives, however, when damaged, overcharged, or stored improperly, they can ignite quickly and without warning.

Firefighter's safety tips for lithium-ion batteries:

- Use only manufacturer-approved chargers and batteries
- Never charge batteries unattended (e.g. overnight) unplug once fully charged

- Charge on hard, flat surfaces. Avoid charging on beds, couches or other combustible surfaces
- Keep batteries from heat, moisture, and direct sunlight
- Check your batteries often. Stop using batteries if it smells bad, changes colors, gets too hot, leaks, or makes strange noises.
- Store batteries in well-ventilated areas
- For E-bike/E-scooter – charge these larger batteries outside if possible, being careful not to block exit paths
- Follow proper disposal guidelines, and NEVER throw batteries in the trash

ANOTHER TREE BORER IN CALIFORNIA

CAL FIRE and the U.S. FORESTRY AGENCY have issued notices to the public regarding the **Goldspotted Oak Borer** (GSOB).



This tiny pest is responsible for killing more than 200,000 oak trees across California—and it's still spreading.

The Goldspotted Oak Borer (GSOB) attacks black oaks, coast live oaks, and canyon live oaks, cutting off the tree's ability to move nutrients and water. Once infested, trees often die within a few years.

Be on the lookout for:

- ➡ Thinning or dying oak canopies
- ➡ D-shaped exit holes in bark
- ➡ Bark staining or dark sap patches

What you can do:

- 👍 Buy or gather firewood where you plan to burn it
- 👍 Don't move firewood out of infested areas
- 👍 Report suspected infestations to local and state officials

Protecting California's oaks helps reduce wildfire risk, supports wildlife habitat, and preserves our landscapes.

Learn more and report suspected infestations at:

www.gsob.org

[#CALFIRE](#) [#ForestHealth](#) [#OneLessSpark](#)

[#InvasiveSpecies](#) [#ProtectOurOaks](#)

CMWC NEWS

WATER MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The CMWC Board will be sending out an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws soon. Details will be explained in the cover letter. Watch for this mailer. It is important that the votes be returned to satisfy the quorum. Thank You.

FIREWISE

Carol Eggink will host a meeting of the community Firewise volunteers on May 16, 2026, at the Cascadel Clubhouse at 2 pm.

All Cascadel Woods and Heights residents are invited to attend. Carol will be sharing some of the areas which need to be cleared for our well being, to help slow down the progress of wildfire.

Your ideas and concerns are important and you are asked to share with the group. Let's make a list and create a plan.

This will keep us all on the same page for the fuel mitigation needs of Cascadel Woods and Cascadel Heights.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **May 10 – Mother's Day**
- **May 16 – Firewise Meeting**
Clubhouse 2 pm All volunteers welcome
- **May 25 – Memorial Day**

NEXT MONTH

- **JUNE 12 – CMWC Regular meeting of the board**
Clubhouse – 3 pm
- **JUNE 20 – FIREWISE BBQ & POTLUCK**
Lunch at noon. Details to come.

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed this month's edition of **The Woods Newsletter**. Send your submissions for the June edition to Carol Eggink by May 25, 2025, at egginks@netptc.net or call/text at 559-676-3783