

January 17, 2012

Cross Mountain Ranch Residents:

The CMRHC Board has been advised that the SAWS waterline project discussed in 2010 along Cross Mountain Trail (CMT) has been revived. Carlos De Leon, Steve Surratt and Steve Sardegna met with 4 SAWS representatives on Tuesday January 10. We met the engineer and the project manager. They incorporated some of our concerns from 2010 discussions in their overall plan and bid. Here are some of the highlights of the proposed project:

- 1) Actual construction is planned for start in May, 2012 and completion in June 2013. The project is to lay a 24" water main from the water hydrant just east of Adams crossing, go across CMT on the north side and go all the way to Scenic Loop Rd. It will cross Scenic Loop Drive and then go north for about 1500', connecting with an existing water main coming from Boerne Stage Rd. One benefit of this project is that water hydrants will be installed along CMT.
- 3) In general they will open a 42" inch open trench in order to lay the pipe. Most of the digging will be an open trench but in cases where they come up to driveways, mail boxes, trees, some culverts, etc. they will bore under these objects. From the plans it looks like they will bore about 5' under each object. After they bore under driveways or other concrete/rock structures they will backfill the holes with a type of grout that hardens and stabilizes the ground. On the plan it looks like they have already identified some of the bore locations.
- 4) They have language in the bid for specific protection of trees, vegetation, driveways and other structures. There is also language about temporary as well as permanent erosion control. Steve Sardegna strongly recommended they provide additional water trucks to reduce the amount of the dust that the drilling machine will generate. They will look into it and let us know.
- 5) Work will be done Mon-Fri, between 8-5. Traffic control will be provided by the contractor and they said that they would probably close the entrance to CMT from Scenic Loop to thru traffic. The contractor is supposed to provide access to residents at all times. This includes mail and deliveries.
- 6) Restoration plans: SAWS has taken pictures of the route to include ground, driveways, mailboxes, trees, etc. to use as a guide in restoring these areas. I would recommend residents along the route take their own pictures. There is extensive language in the bid about erosion and restoration.
- 7) There is a project manager assigned and we can contact him during the project if anything comes up.
- 8) Over the next few weeks there may be drilling crews taking samples and measurements for the project.

Our attorney has sent a letter to SAWS addressing our concerns but he advises us that due to "eminent domain" laws there is little likelihood of stopping this project. Our plan is to try to get them to address as many of our concerns as possible prior to the start of the project and to address project problems as they come up. A copy of the plans will be available at the regular monthly board meeting on Feb.2. SAWS representatives will be available at the March 1st board meeting for questions from residents. If you have any questions please email president@crossmountainranch.org

Sincerely,
Carlos De Leon
CMRHC, President