Fires, Favors and Wolves

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OCTOBER 23 – PG&E PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTDOWN

- Provide water to 600,000 people
- Operate four wastewater treatment plants
- Many tanks, booster pumps and lift station
- Needed a lot of generators, a lot of fuel and a lot of people
KINCADE FIRE STARTS
OCTOBER 23
MORNING OF OCTOBER 26
KINCADE FIRE ADVANCES & TOWN OF WINDSOR EVACUATED
SCWA IN EVACUATION AREA

5 PM OCTOBER 26
TWO DRIVES

October 9, 2017

October 26, 2019
OCTOER 26: 6 PM TO MIDNIGHT
EVACUATION OF SCWA

Files and servers, SCADA transfer
CITY OF ROHNERT PARK
SONOMA VALLEY CSD
OCTOBER 27
TOWN OF WINDSOR FIREFIGHT

WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED

What Did Happened: 2/3 of our staff evacuated
OCTOBER 26 TO 31: THE FEW
FAVOR NUMBER 1

Please have plans to protect your heroes
NOVEMBER 1 TO 3: CENTRALIZED POINT OF DISTRIBUTION (CPOD)
FAVOR NUMBER 2

Please train and practice your plans
FUND RAISING AUCTION

Locally harvested and prepared SEAFOOD AND MUSHROOM DINNER for 6-8 guests

Harvesting and fish spearing by local legends Justin Smith and Eric McDermott

Logistics and fish cleaned by Ryan Pedrotti

winner to arrange dinner location
LARKFIELD ESTATES SEWER PROJECT
An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life.

“A fight is going on inside me,” he said to the boy.

“It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves.”
THE STORY OF TWO WOLVES

“One wolf is bad – he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, lies, arrogance, guilt, resentment, superiority, & ego.

The other is good – he is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith.”
THE STORY OF TWO WOLVES

“The same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person, too.”

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, “Which wolf will win?”

The old Cherokee simply replied, “The one you feed.”
THE STRESS OF DISASTER BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER

Fight or Flight
Tend and Befriend

“Kindness is more than a virtue. It is a source of strength. Giving and receiving kindness are easy ways to feel good and to help others feel good too. People, organizations, and societies thrive when they are grounded in a culture of kindness.”

https://www.vivekmurthy.com/blog
FAVOR NUMBER 3

Please unleash and nourish your good wolf;
we need you
THE FAVORS SO FAR

Please have plans to protect your heroes

Please train and practice your plans

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WE ARE NEEDED AND WE ARE INVISIBLE
FAVOR NUMBER 4

Please accept my thanks for your time, intelligence & kindness,
and for working on Favors 1 - 3
SPECIAL FAVOR: BOBBI LARSON