



PLACER SIERRA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES: March 28, 2019

Attendance: Lauraine Bacon (Alta/Secret Town/Emigrant Gap) Don Beldon (Secret Town/Emigrant Gap) John Lippold (Weimar), Sean Lomen (Colfax-City) Alex Harvey (Placer Hills FPD) Robert Zaucha (Meadow Vista)

Quorum: Yes

Representatives: Luana Dowling- Placer County Firewise Coordinator, Brian Eagen- CalFire, Steve Garcia- CalFire

Guests: Mike Fa

1. Meeting called to Order: 6:05

2. Approval of Agenda: John/Lauraine, unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes: Lauraine/John, unanimous

4. Public Comment (5minutes): Mike Fa from Blue Canyon introduced himself as a guest and observer only.

5. Action Items:

A. Wilder than Wild presentation.

Luana reported the next WAC MAC is scheduled to be the same night as the showing. Sean believed it was in error. For panelists, Luana recommended we limit responses to 3 minutes and lead them with specific discussion items in each of these specific areas of expertise. Mark D'Ambrogi will be the moderator for the event. Lauraine will post the event through social media. Sean will look into extra seating for the venue.

B. Cal Fire signs

Sean reported that we are still waiting on CalTran's approval. Brian reported that he is working with Colfax to get the media on the electronic billboard. Additionally, he asked the council to look for land for additional signs.

C. PG&E Presentation at April 26th, 2019 PSFSC Meeting

Per Sean, Rob Kohn will give the presentation.

6. Local Agency reports:

Placer County Fire Alliance- Luana Dowling reported the Fire Alliance is growing in attendance. Several grants will become available through the RCD. Winchester had a viewing of the Wilder Than Wild film. Sleepy Hollow is the newest Firewise Community. California now has the most Firewise communities in the country. Tree mortality removal beginning throughout the county.

10,000 trees identified to be removed with over 7,000 already marked. Bids for removal are in process.

Cal Fire/Placer OES- Steve Garcia held a Public Comment for the North Fork Fuel Project. Project will encompass 5,104 acres treated. The 1st phase will be adjacent to Colfax. Project will use mastication, chipping, burning, and hand treatment. Maintenance will utilize goats and herbicides. Official Public Comment period will open April 5, 2019.

Brian Eagen reported National Guard troops will be conducting fuels projects starting on April 15, 2019. They will start around the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Colfax. April 15, 2019 will also be the start of four additional engine companies in the NEU unit. Pre-attack plans are being updated and the county has been tasked with updating evacuation plans.

Colfax City- Looking at a Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance to address properties needing vegetation removal.

PHFPD- Alex reported Measure A, special tax assessment for the district, is moving forward. John Lippold reporting a greater willingness of residents to become more educated on fire protection and response.

7. Information/Non-Action Items/Adjournment:

Luana reported our information on the Placer County website is not consistent with mission. Recommended updating. Rob will look at updating the language.

Lauraine reported that our old Facebook profile is not accessible and she will be building a new one.

Adjournment: Alex/Sean at 8:00