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Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council Minutes

Date: May 19th 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Auburn City Hall Room 10 & Virtual

8:55 | **Meeting Location:** Auburn City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn CA - Room 10 (2nd Floor)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4647233700>

Dial by Telephone: 1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 464 723 3700

9:00 | **1. Call to Order: at 9:00 am**

a. Introduction of members- Frank U., Daniel B., Rob K., Rita P., Kathy B., Danielle H.

9:03 | **2. Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Kathy B., seconded by Daniel B.

3. Review of Minutes: April 21, 2023 Motion by Kathy B. seconded by Frank U.

9:05 | **4. Public Comment:**

Any member of the public may address the Council on any matter that is NOT listed on the agenda. Comments will normally be limited to 5 minutes.

9:15 | - Kenneth Ludwig asked for information about public workshops, as it relates to City Ordinance 2328. He has concerns about red flags being reported to insurance companies leading to policy cancellations. Chief Spencer reported that implementation of that ordinance to paused to gather more information and further public meetings will be held.

9:30 | - Jack from the Grand Oaks Fire Safe Community thanked Chief Spencer for allowing a truck and crew for their neighborhood's event on May 6th.

- Rob K. speaking for Falcon Point Fire Safe Community will be reshooting the movie Elemental at City Hall sometime in the end of June. He also thanked Bob S. for his long service and dedication to the GAAFSC.

- Daniel B. reported that the Stop the Embers Event went well, set up a good framework for future events, and thanked those involved.

10:00 | **5. Agency and Stakeholder Reports:**

10:30 | • CAL FIRE/Placer County Fire – Chief Peter Moffett reported on the predicted weather patterns for the region for the summer, which is suggesting a later than normal fire season in the mountains. Cal Fire will be peaked season staff by mid-June, including air attack base and helicopter. Defensible space inspections are ongoing. Placer County Fire is reporting more water rescues and escaped burn piles.

• Auburn Fire (include update on special project day) - Chief Spencer thanked for support at Stop the Embers Event. For the upcoming Community Fire Day, they will focus on education in low income areas instead of a project day.

• Penryn Fire/Newcastle Fire Chief D'Ambrogi reported that new projects are keeping him busy. Company inspections on commercial properties are in progress. Crews are doing their annual trainings preparing for wildfire season. Insurance cancellations are picking up in Newcastle and Penryn.

• Placer County/Fire Alliance/Firewise Community Report – The next meeting is in July. There are 74 Fire Safe Communities in Placer County, with 16 pending.

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- Placer Resource Conservation District – Lewis C. reported that the tree removal cost share program is out of funding. Cal fire is funding the Mosquito Fire restoration via grant. The chipper program is 2-3 weeks booked out.

- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Other

6. New Items

- a. Guest speaker: Erin Fox, Director of the Community Wildfire Resiliency Coalition (CRWC). Erin will speak about the CRWC. Their mission statement is: The Community Wildfire Resiliency Coalition (“CRWC”) exists to bring together wildfire resiliency and protection solutions by providing support and connecting resources with communities in need of addressing their state of wildfire preparedness. (cwrcoalition.org)- Erin provided a slide show about the organization, which focuses on grants and education.
- b. Treasury Report- Danielle- The council has \$21,613.55 with \$2,250.34 set aside for the Robie Point Fire Safe Community. One invoice from the Stop the Embers event of \$271 is awaiting payment.
- c. Finance SOW- review updates- Danielle/Kathy- Danielle provided an updated SOP for finances to simplify and update the process for the council’s funds. Daniel B. moved to approve the updated SOP, Kathy B. seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- d. Review and approval of support letters for the Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act 2023- Frank- After discussion, Kathy B. moved to approve sending the letters. Frank U. seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- e. Discuss future of the GAAFSC fiscal sponsor- Daniel- As part of ongoing discussions, various options were discussed. Item will be brought back in the next meeting to form a committee to reach out to other Fire Safe Councils to gauge interest in combining fiscal sponsors.
- f. Discuss how we support homeowners becoming compliant with their defensible space inspections- Rob- Council held a discussion on how to support these homeowners.

7. Roundtable:

Discussion of items of mutual interest, introduction of new issues, and proposed future Agenda items.
- None

8. **Next Meeting Date and Adjourn:** Next meeting; May 19th, 2023 - 9:00 AM - Meeting adjourned at 10:28.