



PLACER SIERRA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES: August 22, 2019

Attendance: Don Beldon (Secret Town/Emigrant Gap) Mark D'Ambrogi (Colfax-Greater), Sean Lomen (Colfax-City) Alex Harvey (Placer Hills FPD) Lauraine Bacon (Alta/Secret Town/Emigrant Gap)

Quorum: Yes

Representatives: Brian Eagan, Cal Fire, Luana Dowling FIREWISE/Fire Alliance

Guests: Will Stockwin, Lori Brennan, Frank Stempfer, Jerry and Lovina Shavlik, Jason Tiffany, Leslie Hobson, Rob DeSotle

1. Meeting called to Order: 6:00PM

2. Approval of Agenda: Alex/Lauraine unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes: Sean/Alex unanimous (June meeting, no meeting in July)

4. Public Comment (5minutes):

Rob DeSotle inquired about fuel reduction along roadways such as Placer Hills Rd., Meadow gate, etc. Brian Eagan gave an overview of responsible agencies for fuel reduction in right-of-ways for roads. Cal Trans does the interstate and continues with various projects. Placer County Roads is responsible for county roads and has limited resources to do a thorough job as everyone would like to see.

The Shavliks expressed their concerns regarding vacant property owners in the Iowa Hill Rd area that pose risk to neighboring properties. A review of the Placer Co. Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance was provided as a means to address such properties. Also FIREWISE is another program that may assist with property owners to get involved. Discussion took place as to the insurance issues many homeowners are facing in out areas. There is a Town Hall meeting scheduled for August 28, 2019 6PM at the Gold Country Fairgrounds with Insurance Commissioner Lara addressing these concerns.

5. Action Items:

None

6. Local Agency reports:

Cal Fire- Fires are down at this time across the state, but very early still. North Fork SFB in progress. Total of about 5100 acres Yankee Jims to Ponderosa. Phase 1 around Colfax area is about 40% complete. Target date for completion is Dec. 31, 2019, depending on fire activity and available resources.

PHFPD- Looking at purchasing property for a new Admin Building across from current station 84. This will allow the opportunity to remodel the current Admin buildings and station to accommodate personnel and equipment better. In process of adopting a local Ordinance to address fuel management, similar to the Placer Co Ordinance but will give PHFPD the ability to enforce.

Fire Alliance/FIREWISE- There are approximately 25 FIREWISE communities in the PSFSC area. About 85 communities overall are in some form of process for as FIREWISE communities. Reminder about signing up for the Placer Alert system,

7. Information/Non-Action Items/Adjournment:

PSFSC website info- The Placer County OES is developing websites for all the FSC's. Members reviewed the procedures on how to submit items to be posted on the website.

FIREWISE- Discussion occurred on how the PSFSC can support and assist the FIREWISE Coordinator with FIREWISE communities and requests in the PSFSC. Luana will reach out to the PSFSC to assist in various FIREWISE issues.

Nyack Project, USFS- There is a proposed fuel reduction project to occur in the Yuba Gap/Blue Canyon area by the USFS. USFS will be invited to a future PSFSC meeting to further present the project.

Midway Heights County Water District proposed project- Jason Tiffany presented information and an overview of a proposed project that will provide fuel reduction, means of egress and ingress, and water sources for fire resources. He is asking for any assistance to implement this project. The PSFSC will create a project sheet and place it onto the CWPP project list for the PSFSC in an effort to obtain grant funding.

Sky Mountain Lodge- The San Joaquin School District is in the process of purchasing the Sky Mountain Lodge and use as an educational facility. A representative from the District made attended the August Fire Alliance meeting and is interested in partnering with local agencies and organizations as they go through this process.

The IAFC Academy has an online course Fire Adapted Communities for the Fire Service that has good information for FSC members. The link to this course is: learn.iafcacademy.org

Meeting adjourned at 7:20