



PLACER SIERRA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES: September 26, 2019

Attendance: Don Beldon (Secret Town/Emigrant Gap) Mark D'Ambrogi (Colfax-Greater), Sean Lomen (Colfax-City), Lauraine Bacon (Alta/Secret Town/Emigrant Gap), Rob Zaucha (Meadow Vista)

Quorum: Yes

Representatives: Brian Eagan, Cal Fire,

Guests and Members of the Public: Lori Brennan, Sheila Steinberg, Rose Craighead, Herb Douglas

1. Meeting called to Order: 6:01PM

2. Approval of Agenda: Mark/Rob unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes: Sean/Don unanimous

4. Public Comment (5minutes):

Rose Craighead introduced herself, Meadow Vista resident, and is interested in the FIREWISE program. A brief discussion took place reviewing basics of the FIREWISE program.

5. Action Items:

None

6. Local Agency reports:

Cal Fire- Change in weather but open burning is still a ways out. There are planned broadcast burns schedule in the near future in fuels treatment areas. North Fork SFB is about 48% complete, approximately 400+ acres treated to date. Acreage will increase once broadcast burning starts. A grant has been applied for in the Baxter area that will tie in the Gillis Hill project. Approximately 80 acres of treatment is proposed of which will greatly benefit the Alta area. Mt Howell now has a 24/7 live camera that NEU ECC has access to. Others are scheduled to go into operation around the state as well.

Fire Alliance- (September meeting) Looking for volunteers to staff the WUI building at the Home Show on 9-27, 28 & 29. The new North Auburn FSC is up and running.

7. Information/Non-Action Items/Adjournment:

PSFSC website info- The Placer County OES is developing websites for all the FSC's. A Facebook page for the PSFSC is established. Looking at Next Door as a medium as well.

Brian Crawford of USFS was unable to attend and present an overview of the Nyack proposed project, he will reschedule for a future PSFSC meeting. USFS conducting broadcast burning as conditions allow in the Deadwood area.

FIREWISE- Alta and Casa Loma are beginning the process for FIREWISE.

Brian, Cal Fire, reviewed the process and status of developing "templates" (map and data) to be used in all risk evacuations by first responders. The greater Colfax area is being used as the first model, anticipate by end of the year will have a rough draft.

Discussion took place with members of the public about evacuation in an emergency incident. It is important that residents take the time and effort to know their communities and multiple ways of ingress and egress in the event of an emergency as well as facilities and or locations that can be used as refuge locations during an emergency. Evacuation information and direction will be disseminated as the particular incident develops. Residents are encouraged to sign up for Placer Alert as a means to receive such information.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51