

MEETING MINUTES

COALITION OF FIREWISE COMMUNITIES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 5:30-7:30 PM

Location: Madelyn Helling Library

Welcome and Announcements

Until further notice, there will be no quarterly FSC Public Education Committee meetings prior to our Coalition meetings.

Susan has been in contact with the county about inserting information in all tax bills that are mailed home in November. Everyone gets a tax bill via USPS, we are hoping to get an insert on Firewise activities. ½ Code Red and ½ will be Firewise information.

Survey of “in training” FW Communities is underway. The Coalition is going to help the Firewise Communities in training get their Certification. Bob Long is looking for some help on working with the communities in training. Joan Hardy and Frances Jorgenson volunteered.

Susan encouraged members to fill out the Survey on “How Do You Communicate with your Residents?” It was suggested that we acquire a map of the county with the communities stated. Jeff will contact Anna (FSC) and see what the FSC has.

Election of new Coalition chair – Bob Long volunteered to be the new Chair. There was unanimous support for our new Coalition Chair.

Report on meeting with Fire Safe Council chair and treasurer

Bob and Susan met with FSC. Bob said if you need something from the FSC we can help. There is a new photocopy policy at FSC: 50 copies maximum. Pascal said that Yubanet can help cover some of the printing needs of the Firewise Communities if it arises. Email Pascal and Yubanet will see if they can accommodate. (Pascal Fusshoeller yubanet@yubanet.com).

Bob suggested that if we need funding for a specific project, such as a mailer, we should contact FSC and ask if it would be possible to add this to a grant. In the interest of coordinating our efforts, please contact Bob with needs and he will package the requests. The FSC is working to reorganize. The FSC has filled two interim positions. The office is staffed Monday through Thursday. There are some grants on the horizon that if they come to fruition there will have to be some increased staffing. The chipping program is alive and well. FSC has a new chipper.

Firewise Video Update – Dave Floeter is creating a video documentary about the Firewise Communities in Nevada County. They are hoping to get it into the Wild and Scenic Film Festival. If you have questions contact Dario Davidson or Joan Hardy.

By-Law Revisions , Presentation and Voting – Tabled to August. Suggested changes will be sent before the meeting for your review.

PG&E Community Wildfire Safety Program – Joanne Drummond, PG&E There is a new normal in the wildfire picture. PGE is constantly working on fire prevention in regards to power lines, when they will turn off power, and fuels reduction. Looking at replacing wire, so that it is stronger, replacing

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traditional poles with new more hi tech poles. PGE is also working on developing small micro grids so that if a grid is de-energized local microgrids can provide power to a small community. The Tier 3 map showed the highest levels of fire threat. Nevada County has a pretty wide band of extreme fire danger. Map is on the PGE website. There are approximately 19,000 homes affected in the tier 3 area of Nevada County. PGE is working on some Real Time monitoring of risks. The power shutoff is a last resort. Joanne will share with the Coalition their latest flyer with the information about notification of power outages. You can sign up for My Wild fire Alerts at www.PGE.com/mywildfirealerts. Joanne shared the requirements for clearing around the power lines. PGE is spending 15 billion to *harden* the lines, replacing poles etc. Go to pge.com/wildfiresafety for more info and sign up for alerts (www.PGE.com/mywildfirealerts) so you will be informed when they will be turning off the power. Contact Joanne for more info. joanne.drummond@pge.com

Subcommittee Status Reports

Evacuation – Chris Reilly – Project FireFly where a working group of engineers are working on audible warning devices, flashing signs. Working with OES as to when they will be activated. Met with OES, Public Works etc, discussed the testing of the signage. Signs would be able to be toggled on and off to direct the vehicles to the best route. Small group working on Out OK, badge is placed on mailbox or address sign and lets the PD or Fire Department know that you have evacuated. Sign could signify that you have evacuated or need help. This will expedite the work of the responders.

Enforcement – Nothing new to report but there was discussion about enforcement and it led to open discussion about enforcement and evacuation.

Real Estate – No report

Other

- The Owl Creek neighborhood may need a FWCommunity rep to attend an August meeting to describe the process of becoming an FWC, what do the committee people do, etc. so they can decide if they want to pursue becoming a Firewise Community. No specific date yet in August. Joan and Frances volunteered to help.
- Dark Horse wants to have a mission statement for Firewise activities. Joanne offered the Alta Sierra mission and Frances offered theirs also.
- Frances said there was an insurance company USAA that was writing. Membership requirements for USAA are active, discharged, or retired military. Or the spouse or child of an active, discharged or retired service member. Rank is no longer a determinant. You can contact their website. <https://www.usaa.com/>

Next Coalition Meeting, Tuesday August 7

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Attendance 7/12/2018	
Auld, Pam	Sherwood Forest FW
Babiarz, Charlie	Mt. Lakes Estates
Baldock, Ray	Forest Knolls III HOA
Beesley, Peter	Greater Alta Sierra FC
Bell, Kevin	Bear River Ranch
Bleile, Nancy	Greater Champion
Bottomfield, Marlene	Tumbling Creek Neighborhood
Branstrom, Bob	Wolf Creek Lodge
Buschman, Gena	Greater Cement Hill
Chandler, Steve	Lake of the Pines
x Cuccia, Mike	Mt Lakes Estates HA
Curtin, Ed	Darkhorse HOA Auburn
Dary, Raymond ?	
Davidson, Dario	Lower Colfax FW
Davis, Dennis	Toller Ridge Ct
x Davis, Jim	Fire Safe Council
Diamond, Eve	Owl Creek/Jones Bar Neighborhood
Dodge, Charolette	Wolf Mountain
x Drummond, Joanne	Alta Sierra POA
Ellisor, Jim	Rattlesnake Ridge Estates
Emery, Jack	Echo Ridge Neighborhood
x Enoch, Beth	Greater Cemtn Hill NA
Ericson, Krista	Wolf Creek Lodge
Fish, Cathe	Squirrel Creek HOA
Freeman, Chrissy	Lower Colfax
x Fusshoeller, Pascal	LVRMNA
Gardner, Scott	Sierra Knolls Estates
Gardner, Suzanne	Sierra Knolls HOA
Gilbert, Ames & Nancy	Lower Colfax
Gitchel, Sam	Greater Champion
Gompertz, Virginia	Lake Wildwood HA
Guerwitz, Phyllis	Lake Wildwood HA
Hall, Helene	Banner Mountain Neighbors
Hanna, Bob	Forest Knols III HOA
x Hardy, Joan	Cascade Shores HA
x Hawkins, Vicki	Darkhorse HOA Auburn

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	Hedman, Jan	Dalmation Drive
	Hofeling, Russ	Forest Knolls Estates
	Hoff, Barbara	Tumbling Creek
	Hood, Dave	Stonebridge HA
	Houdyschell, Bill	Tahoe-Donner Assoc.
x	Israelian, Thomas	Dalmation Drive
	Jansen, Sandy	You Bet Community
	Jeffrey, Nancy	The Gazebos
	Johnson, Ryck	Buck Mountain Rd Assoc
x	Jorgensen, Frances	Greater Champion FW
	Knox, Christine	Red Dog-You Bet Community
x	Leach, Pat	Salmon Mine East Sages
	Lee, Bob	Lodestar HOA & FWC
x	Long, Bob	Chair – Sherwood Forest
	Main, Martin	Bear River Ranch
	Mann, Gordon	Lake of the Pines
x	Mason, Jackie	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
	Masters, RuthAnn	Cole Country Estates
	Mathias, Jim	CalFire
	McGillicuddy, Paul	Lightening Tree Rd Assoc
	McLean, Mike	Ridgeview Woodlands HA
	McMahan, Terry	Nevada County Consolidated Fire
	Mezzetta, Jim	Rough & Ready Estates
	Muldord, Steven	Friends of Banner Mountain
x	Novak, Gloria	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
x	Peach, Gale	Friends of Banner Mtn
x	Peach, Jeff	Friends of Banner Mtn FWC
	Peach, Justin	FBM
	Peck, Tom	No Affiliation
	Pettis, David	Wolf Mountain
	Porter, Debbie	Golden Oaks HA
	Pridemore, Karen	6B Ranch Estates
x	Proano, Robert	6B Ranch Estates
	Rees, Kent	Cascade Shores HA
x	Reilly, Christopher	Alta Sierra POA
	Roberts, Moana	Jumper Hills FWC
	Rogers, Susan	Glenwood-Maidu-Charlene
	Russell, John	Rattlesnake Neighborhood
	Scarmon, George	Lake Vera-Round Mtn

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	Scarmon, Jeanne	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
x	Sims, Gopal	Ananda
	Small, F.Mac	Alta Sierra POA
	Smith, Vern	Ranch Rd HOA
	Staetz, Chuck	Friends of Banner Mtn
x	Swisher, Tom	6B Ranch
	Taylor, Marilyn	LVRMNA
x	Taylor, Wendy	Darkhorse HOA Auburn
x	Thane, Don	Salmon Mine East Sages
x	Thrush, Greg	Sierra Fund
	Torrence, Cathlin	Greenhorn
	Van Arsdale, Rhonda	Lake Wildwood HA
x	Warner, Michael	Alta Sierra POA
	Wetzel, John	Upper Rough & Ready
x	Williams, Curt	Foxwood Estates
	Williams, Mike	The Cedars
	Williams, Pete	Greater Champion NA
x	Wilson, Bill	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
	Young, Pam	Wolf Creek Lodge
	Ziebron, Michael	ASPOA - Alta Sierra