

Foresthill / Iowa Hill FireSafe Council

April 22, 2008 Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order by Lu.

Reading of the minutes approved.

General Items:

1. Fire Wise Workshop
 - The consensus was the work shop was great. Very informative with good group of speakers.
 - The whole proceeding was video taped and George will work on converting the tape to cd's ready for the public.
 - We need to work on getting more of the general public to come to the meeting.
 - Gary would like to take the same information and present it to the HOA's and other community organizations.
 - We should write a follow up article in the Messenger covering topics that were touched upon during the workshop.

Community Education:

1. Wildfire on the Divide
 - We will be sending out mailers sometime this week or sometime this month.
 - We need to make a decision on where we would like to hold the Wildfire on the Divide. The Carpenter's Place is available as well as the park. We just need to investigate the price comparison.
2. California Firesafe Council Tour
 - This is scheduled for May 5th between 1:30 to 4:30 and meet at the District Office.
3. California Firesafe Council Board of Directors meeting
 - They have a board meeting on May 6th from 10:00 to 3:00 at the Holiday Inn in Auburn.
4. Bruce Kranz BBQ
 - There will be a BBQ in the park on May 3rd from 11:00 to 2:00.
 - This is for his campaign and is asking the fire officials to attend and make a presentation.

Grant Updates:

1. Street Sign Update
 - All but about 5 or 6 left. The guys are working really hard.
 - Looks like we need to order more signs for streets that do not have a current sign.
2. Todd Valley Fuel Break Maintenance
 - Spring Garden fuel break maintenance. We finally got documentation on the fuel break.
 - This was done around 2001 by CDF and Lu found out that it was done on a voluntary basis (meaning if the property owner did not want it done then it was not done).

- It was also supposed to have been maintained by the property owners.
 - Hand crews are the way to go and we are contracting with Brushbuster to start this project which this needs to be done by May 15th.
3. Emergency Escape Route Signs
 - Dave and Gary have not been able to get together due to full schedules.
 - Gary got a price from Hutch about \$15 a sign and we need about possibly 7 or 8 signs.
 - This would be a good time to educate the community with an article in the Messenger showing the new escape route signs as well as the new street signs.
 4. Indian Creek Fuel Break Grant
 - This has funded and we are waiting for the contractor to start work which will be in about 2 weeks.
 5. Michigan Bluff fuel Break
 - Gary Hall was not available to update us with any information regarding the fuel break.
 6. Todd Valley & Pipeline Fuel Breaks
 - All documentation is in to the Clearinghouse and we are waiting for our application to come back from them.
 - Todd Valley Fuel Break (\$265,000 for 137 acres)
 - Pipeline Fuel Break (\$145,940 for 63 acres)
 7. Monte Verde Fuel Break Maintenance
 - The best way to attack this is an herbicide program. There is about 20.7 acres that need to be covered.
 - Once we get a bid then we will present a letter to the HOA and schedule a time to start.
 - This will be a selective spray application. Not a total annihilation.
 8. Roach Hill project
 - Progressing right along. But Lu hasn't been out there since before the snow.

Group Reports-

PCFSA-

Placer County Fire Safe Alliance – Next Alliance meeting is Monday at 10:00 at Station 10. George has a proposed logo for the Alliance. The Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council is also meeting this Monday and will be walking the Auburn Shaded Fuel Break on BOR, Parks and private land. At 3:00 pm they will meet at the Auburn City Hall room 10 upstairs. This was a cost share program with the property owners. The Box Program is still available and there is some funding still available on this project. It works great for communities or HOA's.

DAT-

Disaster Action Team – The cots and Red Cross stuff is currently temporarily stored in the Association container but needs to be moved. They are looking at possibly storing it at the Carpenter's Place. The other option will be the other container that the Association has. The DAT team is in a transition with the death of Marge's husband, she plans on selling her house and moving to Yuba City. The DAT team has a meeting on Wednesday and will hopefully establish ranks by then.

