

Foresthill / Iowa Hill FireSafe Council July 15, 2008 Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order.
Reading of the minutes approved.

General Items:

1. Firewise Assessment
 - o Karine Silvas, a Firewise coordinator with Sierra Forest Legacy, joined our meeting.
 - o We need to get community members involved to have their property assessed.
 - o We need to assess about 15 properties, the good, the bad and the real ugly.
 - o The objective of Firewise is to get the community involved and have them take responsibility for their property.

Community Education:

1. Wildfire on the Divide
 - o Letters are complete and ready to be mailed out. We hope to get these out next week.
 - o The Carpenter's Place has authorized us to use their facility free of charge for that Saturday.
 - o Lu mentioned that Rich Grishom would like to tie together NRCS/CFIP information workshop with a possible field trip.
 - o He might want some flyers to hand out along with the workshop flyers.

Grant Updates:

1. Street Sign Update
 - o All but about 5 or 6 left.
 - o Some of our fire crews are currently out so when they get back we can finish putting them in.
2. Todd Valley Fuel Break Maintenance
 - o Has been completed.
 - o All access roads are clear and taken care of.
3. Emergency Escape Route Signs
 - o The signs have been ordered and are waiting for delivery.
 - o 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.
 - o We are hoping to get these signs up soon.
 - o The signs will be a blue field with white lettering and will be placed on the stop sign posts.
4. Indian Creek Fuel Break Grant
 - o There is just a little bit left that needs to be done with the Timbco. It will hopefully be done soon. Just a little strip left.

5. Michigan Bluff fuel Break
 - o Gary Hall was not available to update us with any information regarding the fuel break.
 - o Gary V. Hall is looking to talk with George Alves, Gary Kirk and Ed Crans to see what can be done for the Community of Great Commission.
 - o A lot of work has been done. The USFS has been working out there.
6. Todd Valley Fuel Breaks
 - o Contract documents are complete.
 - o Todd Valley Fuel Break (\$265,000 for 137 acres at 300 feet wide)
 - o We need to identify locations and parcels in the next couple of weeks.
 - o Lu is looking at meeting with Ben Wing and Tyler Harkness to determine where the fuel break will go to tie this into other projects that been done as well.
 - o Has to be completed by August 2009.
7. Pipeline 1 Fuel Break
 - o Contract documents are complete.
 - o We will start work on the NEPA and CEQA next month.
 - o Starting from the Water Agency Plant to Yankee Jims Road.
 - o Pipeline1 (145,940 for 63 acres at 300 feet wide).
 - o Kurt Reed is putting together a map of the exact location of the pipeline.
8. Monte Verde Fuel Break Maintenance
 - o We planned on doing herbicide spraying but some of the property owners did not want us to us chemicals. Plus they had a change of officers in the HOA which has slowed things down.
 - o Unimproved properties are the ones we are trying to target.
 - o We might have to use a hand crew to clear up in order to be in compliance with our contract.

Group Reports

PCFSA - Placer County Fire Safe Alliance - N/A

DAT - Disaster Action Team - Fourth of July was pretty successful in getting volunteers. There is an updated calling tree available now. With the change over of officers things are starting to come together.

FFPD - Foresthill Fire Protection District - Ran over sixty calls and we currently have a strike team on the Shasta Fire. We have been rotating crews on the strike team for the past 21 days.

Cal Fire N/A

BLM- N/A

USFS- N/A

New Business -

Good of the order.

Meeting adjourned.

