

Foresthill / Iowa Hill FireSafe Council

May 20, 2008 Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order.

Reading of the minutes approved.

General Items:

1. Firewise Assessment

- On June 17th, Dave Jaramillo will come up early in the day, and will assess 15 homes in Foresthill.
- There will be advertisement in the community regarding what we are doing.
- This will help us in becoming a Firewise Community.

Community Education:

1. Wildfire on the Divide

- We will hopefully have the invitations done next week and out by the first week of June.
- We are currently communicating with the Carpenter's Place regarding the price. Since we are not charging for the vendor booths they are going to take that into consideration.
- Tyler would like to invite someone to do a demonstration on fire safe materials.

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.
- There have been some good comments on the street signs going in where people were unaware that the streets actually existed.

2. Todd Valley Fuel Break Maintenance

- Spring Garden fuel break maintenance turned into Yankee Jim fuel break maintenance.
- This was estimated of about 26 acres that have been complete.
- The work that has been done is 30 feet on each side of the road for a stretch of about a mile and a half on both sides.

3. Emergency Escape Route Signs

- Everything has been laid out and is in Kurt and Lu's hand as far as which street and how many signs will be placed throughout Todd Valley.
- Gary got a price from Hutch about \$15 a sign and we need about possibly 11 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.
- We are hoping to get these signs up within the month of June.

4. Indian Creek Fuel Break Grant

- This was funded and the work should start the week of the 26th of May.

5. Michigan Bluff fuel Break

- Gary Hall was not available to update us with any information regarding the fuel break.
6. Todd Valley Fuel Breaks
 - Contract documents were signed and sent back in on Monday.
 - Todd Valley Fuel Break (\$265,000 for 137 acres at 300 feet wide)
 - We need to identify locations and parcels in the next couple of weeks.
 - Has to be completed by August 2009.
 7. Pipeline 1 Fuel Break
 - Contract documents were signed and sent back in on Monday.
 - We will start work on the NEPA and CEQA next month.
 - Starting from the Water Agency Plant to Yankee Jims Road.
 - Pipeline 1 (145,940 for 63 acres at 300 feet wide).
 8. Monte Verde Fuel Break Maintenance
 - We will be doing an herbicide treatment out there. We are just waiting for a bid. Once we get a bid then we will present a letter to the HOA and schedule a time to start.
 - Gary put signs at the fire district property warning of the herbicide spraying.
 - This will be a selective spray application. Not a total annihilation. Since the mastication work was done well last year it seems that the best application for this year is the herbicide treatment.
 - The common areas are loaded with weeds. The HOA is short on funds this year due to other issues. They are asking if they could use the funds towards the work that needs to be done. Looking at about 5 – 6 acres. Lu will take this issue to the Fire District Board to see if they will approve.
 - John Nelson, HOA president also wanted to know if there was any way to enforce the absentee property owners to comply with HOA requirements of clearing their property. The HOA doesn't have the funding to carry the burden of clearing their property and never receiving the property owner's monetary portion of the clearing.

Group Reports-

PCFSA- Placer County Fire Safe Alliance – Monte Verde green bin is almost full, with a few extra unwanted items. Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council had a program in Alta with Supervisor Bruce Kranz that was sponsored by the Fire Department as well as women's league and they had about 90 community members attend. Chief Chris Paulis is setting up a program where he met with property owners in the Alpine Meadows area and picked up eight VIP's (Volunteer in Prevention) and another ten more from the PSFSC meeting in Alta, to do inspections

that are not binding. This is sponsored by Cal Fire and they will be trained by the Cal Fire on how to do inspections. He also picked up another 2 from Iowa Hill. It will take a lot of pressure off a lot of people.

DAT- Disaster Action Team – Marge has officially resigned as leader of the DAT team. The coordinator is Michelle Labrador. Jennifer will be the assistant coordinator and will continue to come to the Firesafe Council meetings. They are trying to get young people interested in joining the DAT Team. The Red Cross is restructuring due to the economic times and

FFPD- Foresthill Fire Protection District – Into fire season. We have had two fires already.

One fire was up in Deadwood and the other was off Spring Garden. There was also a woman who had just received her burn permit from the USFS and started a big burn pile. This pile consisted of everything that should not have been burned and was twice the size it should have been and was lit on a no burn day. She claims that she was not educated upon receiving her permit. At that time she was educated. Sub Divisions that are tentative are Rain Tree, Belle Clara, Wilson property and by Joe's monument.

Cal Fire Gearing up for fire season. The Governor approved funding for an extra fire fighter on the trucks who will also be used for fire prevention. Ed has already allocated all his funding for the CFIP projects for the year.

BLM- N/A

USFS- N/A

New Business- USFS is putting together a meeting to put together some informational package to distribute out into local papers. Try getting back with Cal Trans to put information on their reader boards during the summer. High Fire Danger, Fire Ahead, Be Aware of Fire Risk.

Good of the order.

Meeting adjourned