

Foresthill / Iowa Hill Fire Safe Council

October 21, 2008 Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order.
Reading of the minutes approved.

General Items:

1. Wildfire on the Divide Overview

- Kathy stated that the event "Wildfire on the Divide" had an excellent turn out by the agencies and vendors but lacked the community turn out.
- There was a group that got together and came up with different ideas like having a fall festival to bring in the whole family.
- We need to talk to the Chamber and other organizations to see if we could band together to put together a big fall festival.
- This would be a full community event.
- We should try next year to send a flyer to the schools to hand out to the kids to take home. Maybe make the back side of the flyer a color contest.
- Have a poster contest, pumpkin patch, food vendors and possibly a muster event.

Community Education:

1. Prevention Week Overview

- Gary Kirk reported that everything went well except for one kindergartener that had a problem when a firefighter donned his mask.
- There is a new DVD out that is interactive with kid's through the 6th grade. Firefacts.org is where the DVD originated.
- There was a field trip taken with D+FDMS and did a presentation with the 5th and 6th graders. They asked a lot of good questions.
- Gary met with the Eaglecrest HOA and that went really well. Gary is also asking all HOA's send one representative to the Fire Safe Council meetings.
- There is a large piece of property below Eaglecrest that needs some serious help. If we could look at that for the next possible grant cycle.

Grant Updates:

1. Street Sign Update

- Still have about 5 or 6 left.
- We are going to wait until the rains when the soil is moist.
- We are creating a new list of street signs that were missed.

2. Emergency Escape Route Signs

- The signs are available ready to go.
- Gary stated that we are waiting for the Chief to sign off on the press release.

3. Michigan Bluff fuel Break

- Gary Hall is waiting for everyone to have a free day to get together and walk the proposed area.
- Ed Crans and Gary Kirk are both available tomorrow Wednesday October 22nd.
- There is a scheduled meeting on Wednesday at 1:00 to meet here at the district office.

4. Todd Valley Fuel Breaks
 - o The first phase there are 48 parcels which equals 202 acres.
 - o We are funded for only 137 acres so we need to scale back.
 - o Property owner list is complete.
 - o Letter to the property owners is complete.
 - o Has to be completed by August 2009.
5. 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 We already have the go ahead from the property owners.
6. Monte Verde Fuel Break Maintenance
 - o An ad was placed in the paper for contractors to meet next week for a walk through. There is approximately 43 acres total for this project.
 - o The bids have to be in by Friday October 31st.

Group Reports-

- **PCFSA - Placer County Fire Safe Alliance - N/A**
- **DAT - Disaster Action Team** - Even though the Wildfire on the Divide was slow they were able to have some people sign up as volunteers. Also, Sebastian donated money to the DAT to help pay for CPR training which took place on Saturday October 18th. They are continuing to do assessments on all the shelters in Foresthill for the Red Cross.
- **FFPD - Foresthill Fire Protection District** - Strike team is back from Southern California and did well. Station 90 is currently being painted. Subdivision, Bellaclara, is getting ready to go which is down near Monte Verde Estates. The County collects the funds and hands it over to the District. The District will take care of the maintenance. They are using the Monte Verde Estates shaded fuel break as a model. There is still a 600 foot area beyond that needs to be taken care of but well within their boundaries. This development is surrounded by BOR.
- **Cal Fire** - Prop 40 may be the last year to fund. Nevada, Yuba and Placer Counties have about \$1,500,000 for the 2009-2010. The year 2006-2007 funding is going to terminate in April 2009. Have to get more aggressive on people who are not paying back. There is money available and there is stuff going on. Cal Fire crews are back from Southern California.
- **BLM - N/A**
- **USFS - N/A**
- **Firewise** - There is a Firewise Development Package and it is very good. There is a lot of building codes addressed and very informative as it is address to the contractor. Karina has submitted our Firewise Community Assessment.

New Business.

Good of the order.

Meeting adjourned.