

## *Foresthill / Iowa Hill FireSafe Council*

### *September 16, 2008 Meeting Notes*

Meeting called to order.

Reading of the minutes approved.

#### **General Items:**

##### 1. Firewise Assessment

- Karina Silvas has all the information done for the assessment.
- Need other communities to add to her assessment. Gary Kirk will provide the list for her.
- Next step is The Wildfire on the Divide where we can get the word out.
- Try to give a few more presentations at different organizations.

#### **Community Education:**

##### 1. Wildfire on the Divide

- We have decided on a date for Saturday October 11, 2008.
- October has Fire Prevention Week and we can build on it.
- A committee so far consists of Lu, Kathy, Gary and Jennifer.
- We need to set up a date for the committee to get together.

##### 2. Fire Prevention Week

- This year it is October 8 – 13th and we are focusing on the elementary school and middle school.
- Dave Davis, Mike Reilly and Gary Kirk are scheduled to go to the schools. Gary has got the elementary school covered but needs a little more help with the middle and high schools with fire prevention materials.

#### **Grant Updates:**

##### 1. Todd Valley Fuel Break Maintenance

- We are waiting on the contractor now and when that date is set Gary would like to be there to make sure that it runs smoothly.

##### 2. Indian Creek Fuel Break:

- We have been funded.
- We are waiting for the archeologist; they are preparing the document as we speak.

##### 3. Michigan Bluff Fuel Break:

- No updates.
- Still have to get a hold of Melissa at the Great Commission to set up a meeting. This is their busy season.

#### **Other Business:**

##### 1. Maps

- Tyler is working on getting updated fire information from Cal Fire.

- We have new maps that have fire dates up to 2004. It takes a lot of work to create the maps that we have.
- Steve Holl from the county came in and went over the maps, reviewing them.
- 2. Dave Shaw
  - Dave had questions regarding getting funding for his property located on Stagecoach hill.
  - He has talked to Ed Crans before but has not heard anything.
- 3. John Nelson, President Monte Verde Homeowners Assoc.
  - CCRs mention the removal of trees 6 " or greater requires a permit to be removed unless it is for defensible space.
  - Is there a county ordinance that can help prevent the builder from clear cutting the property? Gary will look into this issue and he believes there is one in place.

### Group Reports-

- PCFSA- Placer County Fire Safe Alliance - N/A
- DAT- Disaster Action Team - We had 16 or 18 people attend the Basic Class from the Red Cross. We are trying to have the Red Cross come up the hill to provide more training classes. The Heritage Days we had about 5 people sign up to volunteer their time. The Red Cross is trying to take over what the DAT has accomplished. Marge says over her dead body.
- FFPD- Foresthill Fire Protection District - Just approved Nellie Jo Phase I development plan. Shaded fuel breaks needs to be identified on this project and all future projects.
- Cal Fire We are still staffed with two engines here in Foresthill. There was a structure fire where we were able along with FFPD, to prevent the fire from spreading to the house. Our chipping crew is still running. We have three chippers running right now. Gary has been campaigning throughout Todd Valley regarding the chipper service.
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- BLM- N/A
- USFS- N/A

### New Business-

- Tyler will look into the High School media program assisting with reporting structure or wild land fires. These articles could appear on the website and maybe in the Messenger as well Also, he is looking into the High School also media program to see if there would be an individual interested in managing the FSC website.

Good of the order.

Meeting adjourned.