

**Placer County Fire Safe Alliance
July 27th 2009 Minutes**

1. **Call to Order:** George Alves called the meeting of the Placer County Fire Safe Alliance to order at 10:10 a.m. at the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE), Bowman Station, 13760 Bowman Road, Auburn, California.
 - a) **Introduction of New Members:** No new members were present.
 - b) **Self-Introductions:** George Alves, Placer County Fire Mitigation Coordinator; Rui Cunha, Placer County OES; Bill Mendonca, Cal Fire; Rich Gresham, Placer County Resource Conservation District; Ed Crans, CALFIRE; Tyler Harkness, Foresthill Fire Safe Council; Karina Silvas, Sierra Forest Legacy; Ryan Bellanca, RCD; Gary Kirk, Foresthill Fire;

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes are available at <http://www.placerfirealliance.org> and all edits have been made.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** The Agenda was approved as submitted.

4. **Public Comment:** None, no members from the public were present.

5. **Information/Non-Action Items:**
 - a) **Sub-committee Update:** Education: The fire insert is being developed. Input has been provided to update the document.
 - b) **State and Federal Grant Availability/Status:** Ed reported that he is still waiting for information on Prop 40 grant money.
 - c) **Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Rui reported that the review process will close in September and sent to the state for their review. They will review for 45-60 days and forward to FEMA for their review. The challenges are to maintain and update the document. Rich recommend that it be updated yearly but Rui pointed out that it would be cost prohibitive to do it any more frequent than the current timeline.

6. **Action Items:**
 - a) None

7. **Project Updates:**
 - a) **Pending/Developing Grant Proposals-** Ryan reported that they received their Bark Beetle grant for the Dutch Flat/Alta road side CWPP project. Ryan also reported that the Todd Valley project is almost completed. Gary reported that the Rooster Ridge funding is in and that they are looking for funding for the Todd Valley phase II project.
 - b) **Biomass Projects Update-** Limited bin funding is available. Six bins have been requested to date in western Placer County
 - c) **Legislative Update-** No report
 - d) **Other-** No report.

8. **Fire Safe Council Reports:**
 - *California Fire Safe Council* – The group had a lengthy discussion on the CFSC Clearinghouse grant process. The group felt that the next step is to understand CFSC roles and responsibilities. Joanne will see if she can get a copy of the MOU. Once we understand the details of the MOU we will decide the next step.
 - *Foresthill/Iowa Hill Fire Safe Council-* As reported above, Rooster Ridge is funded and Todd Valley is 75% complete. Tyler reported that Foresthill is actively planning their Wildfire on the Divide (Harvest Festival) event scheduled for October 3rd and 4th.

- *Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council*- No report. This group will meet Thursday evening at 6 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Colfax. They are actively working to fill three empty seats. Karina Silvas was recently appointed to the FSC.
- *The Greater Auburn Fire Safe Council*- No report. The council is working on their Strategic Plan
- *Fire Safe Council of Nevada County*- Joanne reported that their office has moved to a new location. The FSC is actively working on current projects and is developing a grant to purchase their own chipper with plans to develop a process modeled after the Placer County chipper program.

9. Agency and Stakeholder Reports:

- *Placer County OES*- Planning continues. Currently reviewing the effects of the recent fire in the canyon.
- *CDF/CALFIRE*- All projects are on hold awaiting additional funding. Cal Fire will look to see if they can provide some space at the fair for Karina's Firewise efforts.
- *USFS*- No report
- *BLM*- No report. No report. Jerry Martinez will be the new BLM representative
- *Placer County FMC*- No additional information.
- *ARWG, RCD*- No report
- *NRCS*- No report.
- *Sierra Forest Legacy*- No report

10. Roundtable: No discussion

11. Adjournment and Next Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 12p.m.. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24th, 2009 at 10 a.m. at the same location.