

Placer County Fire Safe Alliance
January 28, 2008

1. Call to Order: George Alves called the meeting of the Placer County Fire Safe Alliance to order at 10:13 a.m. at the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE), Bowman Station, 13760 Bowman Road, Auburn, California.

a) Introduction of New Members: Ryan Bellanca was introduced as the new GIS employee from the Placer County Resource Conservation District (PCRCDD).

b) Self-Introductions: George Alves, Placer County Fire Mitigation Coordinator, Office of Emergency Services (OES); Brett Storey, Placer County Executive Office; Rich Gresham, Ryan Bellanca and Jane Keillor, Placer County Resource Conservation District (Placer County RCD); Edward Crans and Bill Mendonca, CALFIRE; Gary Hall, Foresthill Fire Department; Chuck Thomas, Truckee Fire Department; Joanne Drummond, Fire Safe Council of Nevada County; Tyler Harkness, Foresthill Fire Safe Council; Robin Yonash, Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council.

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as submitted.

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

4. Public Comment: None

5. Information/Non-Action Items:

a) Membership Update: Tim Mullen will be replacing Ken Hood in representing the Bureau of Land Management.

b) Sub-Committee Structure- George Alves continues to work on two projects and asks for volunteers to assist him. The projects include educational outreach/website communication as well as Defensible Space Assistance.

6. Action Items:

a) Western Slope CWPP Review: George Alves gave a 12 slide presentation on the Community Protection Plan (CWPP) presented recently in Foresthill. This plan is for the west slope of the Sierra Nevada and consolidates existing plans describing fuel hazards, fire behavior and mitigation projects. It is designed to provide guidance to federal, state and local officials in the event of fires.

b) The 2008 meeting schedule was discussed and changes were made as follows:*The May meeting will be on **May 19, 2008** due to the Memorial Day Holiday. *The November/December meetings will be combined and held on **Monday, December 15, 2008**.

7. Project Updates:

a) I-80 Fire Safe Freeway Project- It continues near Weimar.

b) Pending Grant Proposals- Foresthill Fire Safe Council is working on 2-3 grant proposals due in February.

c) Biomass Projects Update- Brett Storey reported the stats are in for various chipper projects. The latest reports are being written to reflect the true environmental impact of the projects relating to the negative carbon effect on the environment. This information paints a positive picture when funding is being requested.

d) Other- none

8. Fire Safe Council Reports:

- *California Fire Safe Council-* Joanne Drummond reports the California Fire Safe Council will meet from 9-3 p.m. on February 5, 2008 at McClellan Park and everyone is encouraged to attend. A future meeting will be held in Placer or Nevada County on May 6, 2008.

Robin Yonash advised us there has been no activity on SB 838 since our last meeting. For more information, check the web site at: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_838&sess=CUR&house=B&author=cogdill

In reference to the trademark issue, Robin noted that the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council attorneys continue to represent their interests and are currently working on the preparation of interrogatories. For information on the opposition, refer to the following web page at: <http://www.ttabvue.uspto.gov/ttabvue/v?qs+91180497>

- *Foresthill/Iowa Hill Fire Safe Council-* Tyler Harkness reported the FIFSC will be holding a two day Firewise Workshop in Foresthill on April 10th and 11th (Thursday and Friday) at The Carpenters Place, near the High School. The agenda and registration form for the workshop will be available in our website (<http://www.FireSafeForesthill.org>) by March 1st. The workshop will include topics such as fire insurance issues, firewise landscaping, fuel reduction grants, biomass and becoming a firewise community. The cost is \$15, if paid before March 26, 2008. All fire-concerned citizens are expected to attend.
- *Placer County Fire Safe Council-* George Alves reported he is presenting the CWPP to various groups in our area.
- *The Greater Auburn Fire Safe Council-* No one in attendance.
- *Fire Safe Council of Nevada County-* Joanne Drummond reported they continue to move forward on fuel reduction efforts in their service area.

9. Agency and Stakeholder Reports:

- *Placer County OES/Legislative Report-* Brett Storey- He discussed Bio-Mass Utilization and Co-Generation projects. He noted there is an extension of emergency funding for an additional year.
- *CDF/CALFIRE-* The Ridge event will be on October 11, 2008.
- *USFS-* No Report
- *BLM-* No Report
- *Placer County FMC-* George Alves had nothing to add.
- *ARWG/RCD and NRCS-* Rich Gresham reported all of the EQIP funds have been used. He is waiting to hear if the grant proposal was approved for the American River Watershed Group.

The Placer County Resource Conservation District will hold evening workshops in Nevada and Placer Counties sometime in March to assist those in the community with educational outreach on how to continue providing maintenance and fuel reduction efforts.

10. Roundtable- Due to time constraints no roundtable discussion occurred.

11. Adjournment and Next Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2008 at 10 a.m. at the same location.