



Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council

Meeting minutes, 2/25/2008

1. **Call to Order:** Karen Calvert called the meeting of the Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council to order at 6:15 p.m. at the Veterans Hall in Colfax, CA.
 - A) *Introduction of New Members:* No new members were present.
 - B) *Self-Introductions:* Members; Karen Calvert; Suzanne Roberts; John Fee; Tyrone Gore.; Public; Melba Delfino, Colfax resident; Ian Gow, Placer Hills FD; Ed Crans, Cal Fire; Roy Robinson, Colfax resident; Bobbie Robinson, Colfax resident; Dave Wiltsee, WACMAC; Chris Paulus, Cal Fire; Luana Dowling, Foresthill/Iowa Hill Fire Safe Council; George Alves, Placer County Fire Mitigation Coordinator - Office of Emergency Services (OES);
2. **Approval of Minutes:** There were no past minutes to approve.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** The Agenda was approved. .
4. **Public Comment:** none
5. **Information/Non-Action Items**
 - A) *Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Update:* Public comment has been taken and is the process of being incorporated into the document. The document will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval at the March 25th BOS meeting.
 - B) *Bylaws Review:* It was noted that the bylaws call for three separate Chapters to be formed by the Council. No one at the meeting was aware of why this existed in the bylaws. Members will review the bylaws and the topic will be added as an action item at the next meeting for open review and discussion. Suzanne will lead the effort to understand why chapters existed in the current document.
 - C) *Fire Alliance Update:* The alliance is working with other fire safe councils to define a strategy to address the concerns with the California Fire Safe Councils strategy to trademark the Fire safe Logo and name, along with possibly requiring FSC's to be an affiliate of the CFSC to be able to use the logo or name.
 - D) *Mandatory AB1234:* George mentioned that John and Tyrone needed to complete the AB1234 training. Both mentioned that they had already

completed the training and would stop by the Clerk of the Board to address the issue.

- E) *Prop 40 Overview:* Ed Crans of Cal Fire provided an overview of the prop 40 process. Program handouts were provided to the council. Ed mentioned that there are active projects in Baxter (30ac), Cape Horn (50ac), Alta (50ac), Moody Ridge (19ac), Drum Ford bay (29ac, 30ac), and Hayden Rd (27ac). Karen asked if Ed could present prop 40 to communities and he confirmed that he could.

6. Action items:

- A. Approval of the 2008 meeting calendar: All meetings will be held the fourth Thursday of each month with the exception of November and December. They will be consolidated into one meeting on December 11th.
- B. Discussed member's participation in community meetings and projects: George mentioned that it is important to participate with local MAC boards and other groups as requested. The council should develop a standard information package. Tyrone will attend the Meadow Vista MAC and Suzanne will attend the WACMAC.

7. Local Agency Reports:

- A) Cal Fire/Colfax: Luana Dowling attended the meeting with Chief Paulus. Luana has volunteered to help the council write their first grant proposal. She will work with Chief Paulus to define the requirement for the first project in the CWPP. Luana will work with the council to understand the process and grant writing techniques.
- B) Things are pretty quiet in the Placer Hills area at this time. They are preparing for defensible space inspections
- C) OES – No update
- D) Placer County Fire Alliance: Nothing to add to the information already shared above.
- E) Announcements – None
- F) Next Meeting – March 27th