



Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council

FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

8/23/2007, 6PM (Thursday)

Colfax City Council Chamber

33 S. Main Street, Colfax Ca.

1. Call to Order
 - a. Members in attendance: Karen Calvert, Suzanne Roberts, Tyrone Gore, John Fee.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. There were no minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. The agenda was approved.
4. Public Comment:
 - a. Robbie Nolte voiced her concern about the potential fire danger caused by overgrowth on Union Pacific property.
 - i. Ian Gow agreed to meet with Robbie to look at options to address the issue.
 - b. Robbie Nolte mentioned that there is a significant amount of trash and garbage along the Union Pacific tracks
 - i. It was mentioned that she bring this to the attention of the WAC MAC.
5. Information / Non-Action Items
 - a. Review California Fire Safe Council action to Trademark certain "Fire Safe" phrases.
 - i. There was little known at the issue at this time. The FSC will wait for input from the Alliance regarding the issue and possible recommended strategy to address the issue.
6. Action Item:
 - a. Discuss the draft By-Laws previously developed by the Ponderosa Fire Safe Council and Placer County, and determine this Councils process to work with Placer County to further define or rewrite the By-Laws.

- i. Copies of the by-laws were previously handed out to the council. The members will review the by-laws and discuss the strategy to review and/or adopt at the next meeting.
7. General discussion:
 - a. There are still two seats available. One from the Weimar area and one from the unincorporated Colfax area.
 - i. Suzanne invited George Alves to attend the Colfax City Council meeting to mention that the FSC is active and that volunteers are still needed.
 - b. There is concern over the defensible space guidelines not being enforced.
 - i. George Alves mentioned that Placer County is working on a new defensible space ordinance for unimproved parcels. The FSC wants to review the ordinance as soon as it is available. George mentioned that someone will attend each FSC and MAC to review the draft document and solicit input.
 - c. Tyrone Gore volunteered to prepare an article asking for new members to the FSC.
8. Local Agency reports
 - a. Placer County Fire / CalFire / Colfax Fire
 - i. No report
 - b. Placer Hills Fire Protection District
 - i. Ian Gow reported on fire activity in his area.
 - ii. Ian Gow will meet with Robbie Nolte to discuss the before mentioned issues with fire hazards and trash near railways in the area.
 - c. OES
 - i. No report
 - d. Placer County Fire Alliance
 - i. No report
9. Announcements and Information
 - a. None
10. Next Meeting
 - a. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 20, at 6:00PM at the Colfax City Council chambers
11. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.