



Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council

One River Medicine
16897 Placer Hills Rd, Meadow Vista, CA

Thursday, December 3, 2009
6 P.M.
Minutes

1. Call to Order
 - a. Self Introduction
 - i. Tyrone Gorre, Karen Calvert, Karina Silvas, Matt Brown, Donna Barkle, Ryan Bellanca (Public/ RCD Contractor), Pat Malberg (Placer County Field Rep.), George Alves (Placer County Fire Mitigation Coordinator)
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved (motion Donna, 2nd Karen, 5-0 acceptance)
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approved (motion Karina, 2nd Donna, 5-0 acceptance)
4. Public Comment
 - a. Any member of the public may address the Fire Safe Council on any matter NOT listed on the agenda.
 - i. No comment from the public
5. Committee Review
 - a. Public Education
 - i. Winterfest is on December 12th in Colfax from 2pm – 8pm. Donna let the board know that the Fire Safe Council can distribute information at the event if interested.
 - ii. Fourth of July celebration in Colfax. Donna let the board know it is a great venue for the Fire Safe Council to have a booth at to hand out information. She will bring an application for the FSC at the next meeting, or when they become available.
 - b. Financial Update
 - i. No update

6. Information / Non-Action Items

a. Grant Opportunities / Funding stream discussion

- i. Karina passed around the project list for the Placer-Sierra Area, and noted that we should start thinking about the projects that we would like to put in application in with the CA Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse grant, and we should think about the fiscal sponsors that we would like to have for the grants. Currently RCD, Foresthill / Iowa Hill FSC are fiscal sponsors of pending grants. Also, we should possibly think about re-prioritizing the grant projects.
- ii. Karen let the board know that the Foresthill / Iowa Hill FSC is the fiscal sponsor for the Gillis Fuelbreak and the Alpine Meadows Sub. Roadside Clearing and Community Defense grants, and thought we should allow her to resubmit these in the 2010 grants. Also use RCD for other grants we may want to put in, or the Placer Hills Fire Protection District if they would be willing.
- iii. Dates for CA FSC Clearinghouse grant: December 14th grant opens, January 2010 workshops TBA, grant application and letters of support are due on February 26, 2010 @ midnight.
- iv. Tyrone wants the board to also pursue grants in areas that are not being utilized (i.e. California Conservation Corps); we should look for grants that can help with a match of a Federal grant, or to help the FSC get funded for educational materials/workshops to put on.
- v. Ryan said that the FSC should revisit the grant applications from the past and revise if needed, and look to see if we can get additional matching funds for the grant already written.
- vi. Ryan will be submitting the Applegate community shaded fuelbreak again to the clearinghouse.

b. Alta / Dutch Flat roadside clearing

- i. Karen spoke with Doug Ferrier about the additional money that is coming in from Cal Fire for the project. Doug would like the FSC to amend the CWPP to include an additional 30.2 acres of roadside clearing.
- ii. Discussion about how to amend the CWPP. George is going to contact Steve Holl (CWPP developer) to ask how we should initiate an amendment to be able to utilize these dollars.
- iii. George also mentioned that the Lincoln CWPP is being written, and that would be a good time for additional projects or re-prioritization to alter the CWPP. This may be a way to get around the cost associated with amending the plan.

7. Action Item:

- a. Non-profit – appoint a committee to develop 501(c)3 plan

- i. Donna knows some folks that would help us develop a plan if we decide to move forward.
 - ii. Discussion on Pros vs. Cons of 501(c)3 – pros = more grant opportunities and higher priority of our grants. Cons = not part of county, audits for grant, and hiring accountants and director to oversee projects.
 - iii. Because of grants coming up the board decided to table this action item for further discussion. (Motion Karen; 2nd Donna 5-0 acceptance)
- b. Emergency Preparedness Packet – appoint committee – approve design
 - i. Karina motioned for Donna and Karina to head the committee for the design of the packet. 2nd by Tyrone. 5-0 acceptance
 - ii. Donna and Karina will bring a template to the next meeting for approval.

8. Local Agency Reports

- a. Placer County Fire/ Cal Fire / Colfax Fire
 - i. No representatives in attendance
- b. Placer Hill Fire Protection District
 - i. No representative in attendance
- c. OES
 - i. George let the council know that the Chipper program is still suspended, and language for the new fee for service is being developed and brought to the Placer County BOS at their Tuesday meeting. The fee will be \$70/hr and a .5hr minimum.
- d. Placer County Fire Alliance
 - i. Fire alliance meeting is on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 10am. Cal Fire Station – training center.
 - ii. City of Lincoln and sphere of influence for FSC is being developed, and George is funded to start the process in developing a FSC in the area. There will also be an internal CWPP with Lincoln developed.

9. Announcements and Information

- a. Meeting Schedule for 2010 will be the 4th Thursday of every month @ the Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall 6 p.m., with the exception of November and December which will be a combined meeting (TBA).

10. Next Meeting, Adjournment

- a. Next meeting is at the Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall on Thursday, January 28, 2010 @ 6 P.M.