



Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council

Colfax City Hall
33 S. Main Street, Colfax, CA

Thursday, January 27, 2011

6:30 P.M.

Minutes

1. Call to Order
 - a. Introduction: Tyrone Gorre, Karen Calvert, Otis Wollan, Bill Hart, Don Adams, Karina Silvas-Bellanca, Pat Malberg, Jennifer Montgomery's Field Representative, George Alves, Fire Mitigation Coordinator, Chris Paulus, Cal Fire, Ian Gow, Placer Hills Fire Protection District, Ryan Bellanca, Bella Wildfire Services.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approved
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approved
4. Public Comment – Ryan Bellanca informed the council that he and Ian Gow are working on the McElroy grant to present to the board of the Placer Hills Fire Protection District for approval to submit to the CA FSC Clearinghouse.
5. Committee Review
 - a. Public Education
 - i. Banner has been located, and we will be picking it up and storing at the Placer Hills Fire Protection District.
 - b. Financial Update
 - i. \$2000 (minus a 10% admin fee) No money has been spent yet.
 - c. Grants
 - i. McElroy – Ian Gow is working with Ryan Bellanca to submit a grant for McElroy. The proposal will need to go to the Placer Hills Fire Protection Board for approval to be the fiscal sponsor. The request for funding is ~ \$167,000 and will treat 50 acres. This will be a roadside clearance grant. Ryan will provide a copy of the proposal to the council for review when finished.
 - ii. No funding has been allocated for the Clearinghouse. Due date April 11th.
 - iii. Americorps crews are available from May to July. Otis will touch base with Doug Ferrier and Rick Gruen to start conversations about using them for the Alta Dutch Flat project. All fiscal responsibility will be handled by the Sierra Vista Community Center.
 - iv. Placer County Title 3 funding was \$86,000.
 - d. Website
 - i. George funds the website himself, and it may be changing back over to the county.
 - ii. Add some information about the location, time, and dates we meet onto the website.

- e. Strategic Plan
 - i. Committee was formed – Otis Wollan, Tyrone Gorre, Chris Paulus.
- f. Scotch Broom Challenge
 - i. Committee was formed – Karen Calvert, Bill Hart, Karina Silvas-Bellanca
 - ii. Date will be April 30th
- 6. Information / Non-Action Items
 - a. Strategic Plan Review / Prop 13
 - i. A presentation was given to the board on the Colfax Community Watershed and Fire Safe Ecosystem Project. Prop 13 funded this and local cost shares with Colfax.
 - ii. The reason for creating a robust plan is to get present a plan to allocate the money that is coming for FERC relicensing.
 - iii. We will continue to discuss this at the next several meetings.
- 7. Action Item
 - a. Elections for 2011
 - i. Karina Silvas-Bellanca was elected Chair
 - ii. Otis Wollan was elected Vice-Chair
 - iii. Don Adams was elected Secretary
 - b. Scotch Broom Challenge
 - i. April 30th will be the date for broom pulling in Dutch Flat.
 - ii. Karen, Bill, and Karina will be the committee for this project.
 - c. Gillis Hill was approved for submission to the Clearinghouse
 - d. Joining the Fire Safe Community Association was tabled for further discussion.
- 8. Local Agency Reports
 - a. Cal Fire – There is a redistricting effort happening with Cal Fire. This may change State Responsibility Area into Local Responsibility Area.
 - b. Placer Hill Fire Protection District – No update
 - c. OES – No Update
 - d. Placer County Fire Alliance – Next meeting February 17th 10am.
 - i. The alliance can be used as the nexus between the councils and the county for FERC relicensing.
- 9. Announcements and Information
- 10. Next Meeting, Adjournment