

COALITION OF FIREWISE COMMUNITIES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 5:30-7:30 PM

Location: Madelyn Helling Library

Coalition Members in Attendance (X)

	NAME	FWC
x	Beesley, Peter	Greater Alta Sierra FC
x	Bell, Kevin	Bear River Ranch
x	Buschman, Gena	Greater Cement Hill
x	Cuccia, Mike	Mountain Lakes Estates HA
x	Davidson, Dario	Lower Colfax FW
x	Drummand, Joanne	Fire Safe Council of NC
x	Ellisor, Jim	Rattlesnake Ridge Estates
x	Enoch, Beth	Greater Cemtn Hill NA
x	Gompertz, Virginia	
x	Hanson, Dave	FSCNC
x	Knox, Christine	Red Dog-You Bet Community
x	Main, Martin	Bear River Ranch
x	Mason, Jackie	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
x	McLean, Mike	Ridgeview Woodlands HA
x	Novak, Gloria	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
x	Peach, Gale	Friends of Banner Mtn
x	Peach, Jeff	Friends of Banner Mtn FWC
x	Proano, Robert	6B Ranch
x	Reilly, Christopher	Alta Sierra POA
x	Rogers, Susan	Glenwood-Maidu-Charlene N
x	Van Arsdale, Rhonda	
x	Williams, Curt	Foxwood Estates
x	Williams, Pete	Greater Champion NA

Agenda and Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:33 by Kent.

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Agenda Item No. 1: Announcements/ Information Sharing:

Spreading the word...

1. California Fire Safe Council, Jan. 31

2. Coalition Information Table – Rood Center, Saturday, May 5

Kent Rees, discussed spreading the word, getting Union coverage, want to get an information table at Rood Center about the May 5th Education day as a way for the public to interface by visiting the table and get information on CFC issues. Joanne discusses that May 5th Education Day is moved to the afternoon, live band, burning demonstrations, equipment displays, 13 vendors confirmed, 500 dollar mini grant for FC with the most attendees.

Reminder about the Workshop on February 20th at the Rood Center, 6-9pm. **‘Learn How To Make Your Home And Land Resilient To Fire’**

Discussion: California Fire Safe Council (<http://www.cafiresafecouncil.org/>) is not a state agency. They are a grant management and distribution organization and are responsible for funds that the Nevada County Fire Safe Council has received. Peter recommended a brief letter to make them aware of CFC. It was suggested that we send a copy of the press release to each director. It was also suggested that we send the press release packet to more grantors, fire safe councils etc.

Agenda Item No. 2

Grass Valley Planning Commission: Short Term Rentals – S. Rogers

Susan Rogers went to the 1/16 Planning department meeting to discuss placing emergency evacuation map info in rental property. Planners understand that evacuation is important and were supportive. It was suggested that wildfire and evacuation words are included in the packet. Next Planning meeting is February 20th.

Agenda Item No. 3: Committee Reports:

- **Real Estate** (Kent Reese & and Susan Rogers): Assoc. of Realtors met and discussed fire issues which raised the concern level. Joanne discussed training and the certified realtor program and also suggested there be a firesafe report in a real estate listing. There was a consideration to have a requirement for realtors to have more comprehensive defensible space information in real estate packets. Next steps to work with the Realtors to make sure the education is taking place and they are using the Defensible Space information in the field. It was agreed that we need to get the owners of the real estate agencies to buy in and make it a requirement. The Fire Safe training is a condensed course of the 2 day Defensible Space training.

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- **Enforcement** (Peter Beesley, Beth Enoch, Dario Davidson and Joanne Drummond (advisor): See attached. Peter Beesley – Team is working on the strategy, reaching out to county supervisors. Committee wants to meet with each supervisor along with a member of CFCNC enforcement committee and a person who would be doing the enforcement. The packet is a guide to engaging elected officials. Committee would also like to meet with the county CEO and reach out to Brian Dahle. Committee is looking for volunteers from each supervisorial district to help with reach out. **Question** – what would be success? A new Nevada County ordinance with the resources to enforce. Joanne says there is interest since the fires. Nevada County Fire Safe and OES have submitted for funding to help. Suggestion: Move inspections to a better time (fall). County has reached out to Fire Safe and Firemen for help with changing the process to be more proactive. Suggestion – remember it is an election year, so that candidates can speak to the issue during the campaign. Encourage supes to educate their staff on Fire Safe issues. We agreed to email the entire coalition the Problem Definition and the Action Plan.

Evacuation (Chris Riley, Michael Warner, Christine Knox, Steve Chandler, Edwin Curtis, John Wade, Kathy Fisch): See attached. Evacuation implementation is the main issue. Each community will have to amend to fit the local setting. The fire chiefs need to buy in to the program, OES is on board. Committee is looking at evacuation warning methods. Still looking at different systems, may need to be different for the varied communities. Joanne – There will be a change to Code Red that will ping all cell phones in an area during fire. We discussed different options for safe evacuation including some low-tech ideas not reliant on phones. We agreed to email the entire coalition the Problem Definition and the Action Plan.

Agenda Item No. 4: By Laws

Coalition Bylaws, Discussion/Adoption (continued) – Pete Williams – Discussion on the bylaws, working on the 3rd draft. Discussion on the amount of votes needed for decision making and the process to collect the votes (must be present vs email notification) 6B – Decision making was discussed. Strong majority for major issues, 2/3 was suggested. Discussion about negative response, ‘tell us what you think, if we don’t hear from you by a certain time’. To be continued at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday March 6, 2018 @ 5:30 pm

Tentative Agenda Items:

- Announcements/ Information Sharing
- Team Reports: Real Estate, Evacuation, and Enforcement
- Review of draft Bylaws--continued