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MINUTES

**Fire Safety Advisory Committee – January 26, 2022 @ 10:30 am
VIA Zoom – Virtual Meeting**

AGENDA

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order by Supervisor Goldemberg at 10:31 am, roll call taken. Meeting was held via Zoom.
 - a. Committee Members present (quorum established with 9 members present)
 - i. Supervisor Ryan Campbell -District 2 (absent)
 - ii. Supervisor David Goldemberg – District 1
 - iii. Chief Andy Murphy- Tuolumne County Fire
 - iv. Sheriff Bill Pooley – Tuolumne County Sheriff (Neil Evans as alternate)
 - v. Wesley Brinegar – District 3 (absent)
 - vi. Jerry McGowan -Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians
 - vii. Glen Gotschall – Tuolumne Firesafe Council representative (absent)
 - viii. Chief Mark Ferreira – Tuolumne County Fire Chief’s Association
 - ix. Dennis Randall – District 2 public representative
 - x. Scott Fremd – District 1
 - xi. Monica Fox – Chicken Ranch Band of Me-Wuk Indians (absent)
 - xii. Eric Holly – District 4 public representative
 - xiii. Chief Aimee New – Sonora City Fire
 - xiv. Malcolm Carden – District 5 – public representative
 - b. Others present via Zoom
 - i. Dore Bietz and Tracey McKnight – OES Staff
 - ii. Chief Casci – CalFire Unit Chief
 - iii. Public – Various
2. Public Comment
 - a. No public comment
3. Approval of minutes for December 22, 2021 –
 - a. Chief Ferreira motioned to approve, seconded by Chief Murphy.
 - b. Vote taken all in favor, no nays, one abstention maded by Malcolm Carden.
Public comment - none
4. Old Business – none
5. Reports/Presentation

- a. Board of Forestry Draft State Fire Regulations 2021
 - i. OES Staff - Last week the Board of Supervisor issued a comment letter to the Board of Forestry. The board item was as following: Presentation and recommendation of comment letter to the Board of Forestry on the adoption of the 2021 State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations rulemaking. Final Document can be found on the County website or [HERE](#).The item was approved by the BOS.
- b. Board of Forestry (BOF) Fire Risk Communities List
 - i. OES Staff – Provide an overview of the communities at risk, the qualifications/requirements to be considered a fire risk community and the application. Staff would like to bring to the Committee for discussion and recommendation.

Public Comment - none

6. Working groups

- a. Communication and Education outreach workgroup
 - i. The Outreach and Education Workgroup
 - a. Dore Bietz provided a brief summary of the work that is being done within the workgroup.
 - a. The Firewise pamphlet is currently being dismentated throughout the community. Wesley Brinegar (not present) has been leading these efforts and continues to provide resources and education by working with partners such as the school systems.
 - b. An Emergency Preparedness video was created last year and is available via several different platforms including at the local movie theater and youtube. [Click Here](#). The DMV is also providing information as well.
 - c. Upcoming – To discuss what potential opportunities for community outreach and education could look like during the 2022 year.

Public Comment- none

b. Governance

- i. Discussed vegetation ordinance work and meetings held and planned.
 - a. OES Staff – Provided an update on the draft survey she sent out for feedback to the committee members. The question were thoroughly reviewed and discussed. The survey was designed to provide very generic questions related to the vegetation topics. These questions will be presented at tonight’s vegetation meeting as well. The action plan is to provide the final approved survey questions to the community via social media platforms, local newspaper, and related committes and workgroups. Announcement of the Board of Supervisors Fire Safety Advisory Committee's Governance Workgroup to be held tonight January 26th, 2022 for the 3rd Public Meeting on a proposed vegetation ordinance. The meeting will b held via Zoom and will begin at 5:30 for workgroup members and 6 pm for the public. Join Zoom Meeting - CLICK HERE or call in (720) 707-2699 Meeting ID: 876 1087 8799. Three separate public meetings for the community will be held specific to the District BOS and their designated geographic areas to discuss the vetegation topics. These dates and information are currently being finalized but are currently planned for February.

Committee comments

- a. Jerry McGowan – provided feedback that he had received questions and concerns on the vegetation ordinance item. Specifically speaking to the topic of vacant lots being of community concern and also requesting an explanation of what a vegetation ordinance could mean for a vacant property owner.
- b. OES Staff provided an update to the committee on the status of the number of vegetation meetings and the ongoing meetings. Also, noting a formal approved draft has not yet been created and the vegetation ordinance is still in the development stage.
- c. Chief New – Regarding the 100 ft clearance of their property. Chief New commented, the property owner will be responsible for their property however, from a legal standpoint there maybe financial and/or physical restrainants from performing the clearings. The City’s stance has determined it will need to further defined further define as a buffer area and/or developed plan to work through to meet a determined clearance area. ShNot asking the property owner to clear their property and this, meet in the middle.
- d. Dennis Randall – Related to the 100 ft clearance, he is requesting City Council’s opinion and what are other County’s processes.
- e. Scott Fremd – Recommended to reach out to additional resources and he offered to explore conversations with other resources to provide helpful
- f. Supervisor Goldemberg – Commented to the committee; the goal is to further dive into these discussions and have 3 additional public meeting in addition to further discuss.

Public Commnet – none

- ii. Emergency planning workgroup –
 - a. OES staff is still waiting for feedback for the evacuation grant previously submitted. Current discussion from the Emergency Planning committee is to review and identify the communities at risk for not having a secondary eugress to allow for fire mitigation and prevention. The information will be taken to the Board sometime in February or March. Also, a presentation from TCTC and outside consultant can be expected to be presented to the Board regarding the development of planning and list areas of priorities and concerns.

Public Comment – none

Committee Member Comments –

- a. Malcolm requested if the FSAC could have a calendar that includes phases or timeline for FSAC goals; what is the expectation; and current projects for 2022.

7. New Business – None noted.

8. Next Meeting and Adjournment

- a. **Meeting adjourned at 11:30. Next Fire Safety Advisory Committee Meeting – February 23rd @ 10:30 am**