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Minutes

**Fire Safety Advisory Committee – February 26, 2025, at 3:00 pm
A.N.F. Building 48 Yaney Ave 3rd Floor, Sonora CA 95370**

I. Meeting is called to order by Supervisor Campbell at 3:05 pm . Roll call taken.

II. Roll Call – Quorum established with 6

a. Committee Members present

1. District 2 Supervisor – Ryan Campbell
2. District 4 Supervisor – Steve Grier
3. Public Rep – Betsy Hurst
4. Public Rep – Chuck Sloan
5. Public Rep – Scott Fremd
6. Tuolumne County Fire – Andy Murphy

Not Present

7. Tuolumne Fire Chiefs Association
8. Sonora City Fire –

b. Advisory Members in attendance

1. Cal Fire
2. USFS

c. Others present

1. Dore Bietz Dave Salzer, – OES Staff
2. Public – Various

III. Public Comment

Solid Waste Program (Debbie Raegan) – no green waste facility open on Mondays in Tuolumne County. Community Green Waste Event- chipper purchased, sheriffs office will operate. Will support Firewise communities.

IV. Approval of minutes 1/22/2024:

- a. Motion was made by seconded by Chuck Sloan, second Betsy with changes. All in favor, no nays, no abstention. The motion was approved unanimously.
Changes - Supervisor Holland was not in attendance at last meeting.

No Public Comment.

V. Partner Agency Updates/Presentations

- a. Cal Fire – LRA Fire Hazard Severity Zone is up and goal was to have out in mid-March. Risk can be mitigated but hazard cannot. Severity then is modeled to take in probability of area burning. LRA very high severity zone linked to defensible space. Required to do defensible space that is managed by local government. Maps will be online to review rating of area and public meetings to take in comment. Gary feels that Sonora City which is the only LRA in county will be rated as Very High Fire Severity. Gary spoke about Zone 0 which is the 0-5 foot clearance requirement. Talked about history of regulations. Zone 0 will be enforced starting January. These are items that will be enforced or not allowed within 5' of home.
 1. Synthetic lawns
 2. Irrigated non woody shrub like plants
 3. Flammable pots
 4. Deck if attached to house then part of the house, if it is not attached then not allowed within 5'
 5. No wooden gate attached to house.
 6. Raised planter beds that are flammable
 7. No mulch
 8. Garbage and recycle cans, pet shelters, HVAC has not been decided yet.
 9. No flammable structures like trellises within 5'

Concern is our older homes will not be able to address or unwilling to (grandmas roses) or lack of resources. Look for video Caldor fire, bushes that.
4290 new construction has requirement.

Building permit should include the defensible space requirement.

Staff support education and outreach. Home and garden show and Wildfire Preparedness Town Hall.

Scott Fremd talked about Cal Fire grant requirement for Senior Elderly. Gary spoke about advisory now but within the year, should apply.

(Add to future agenda: 4291 grants, no CEQA required, CEQA now required, costing grant funding and time. Gary asks that we as a County request formal response or the BOS weigh in on a letter to State.)

Discussion of current conditions and effort to spend less on the CEQA and more doing projects.

Public Comments - none

- b. USFS - Chief Laeng from Stanislaus updated if contracts were awarded prior to January 20th should be good to go. Process has slowed down a bit but thinks only about 5 or so employees let go.

VI. Committee Business

- a. Staff Reports and Recommendations –
 1. USDA CWDG Grant application – CAO staff working with OES and Public Works who are taking lead on developing application for this round of CWDG to include request for

- A significant ask for Roadside brushing infrastructure/personnel
- Targeted grazing for existing previous fuel breaks
- Fuel treatment west of Cedar Ridge.

2. Insurance Update

Sent request to BOS chair to get on agenda but have not been given a date. Article update on insurance costs for LA Wildfires. Will look at fairgrounds to host. Maybe do outdoors.

3. Presentation on new Exit signage – staff updated on the signs placed throughout communities.
4. Will add to agenda for next meeting.

1. Prepare for committee a list of wildfire legislation

Committee member questions/comments: none

Public Comment - none

VII. Discussion and Approval of

Public Comment - None

VIII. Committee Member Reports

- a. Chuck Sloan spoke about Tuolumne Firesafe Council site visit up at Montgomery Peak,

Public comment

IX. Next Meeting and Adjournment

- a. Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 pm..
- b. Next Fire Safety Advisory Committee Meeting – March 26, 2025**
 - 1. TUD will be presenting on Draft Plan**
 - 2. Recommendations for letters from BOS**