

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE**

David Goldemberg, *First District*
Kathleen Haff, *Fourth District*

Ryan Campbell, *Second District*

Anaiah Kirk, *Third District*
Jaron Brandon, *Fifth District*

MINUTES

Fire Safety Advisory Committee – April 27, 2022 @ 10:30 am

AGENDA

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order by Supervisor Goldemberg at 10:42 am, roll call taken. Quorum made.
 - a. Committee Members present (quorum established with members present)
 - i. Supervisor Ryan Campbell -District 2
 - ii. Supervisor David Goldemberg – District 1
 - iii. Chief Andy Murphy- Tuolumne County Fire
 - iv. Sheriff Bill Pooley – Tuolumne County Sheriff (Dave Vasquez)
 - v. Wesley Brinegar – District 3 (absent)
 - vi. Jerry McGowan -Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians (absent)
 - 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 (absent)
 - xiii. Chief Aimee New – Sonora City Fire
 - xiv. No representative – District 5 – public representative (absent due to resignation)
 - b. Others present via Zoom
 - i. Dore Bietz – OES Staff
 - ii. Public – Various
2. Public Comment
 - a. Public expressed frustration with virtual meetings and want them in person.
3. Approval of minutes for March 23, 2022 –
 - a. Chief Murphy motioned to approve, seconded by Supervisor Campbell
 - b. Vote taken all in favor, no nays, or abstentions
4. Old Business
5. New Business – moved up in the agenda as several committee members had to leave early.
 - i. Set special meeting May 11th to approve Vegetation Ordinance draft and prior to May 17th Board of Supervisor Meeting
 - a. Moved by Supervisor Campbell, second Dave Vasquez. All in favor. Approved.

6. Reports/Presentation

a. OES Update

- i. Motherlode views will be aired this weekend... Wildfire Preparedness topic with Chief Casci, Dave Vasquez and OES.
- ii. May 3rd Board agenda item updating BOS and public on wildfire preparedness and what residents can do
- iii. Green waste flyer
- iv. Changes to defensible space flyer
- v. County Wildfire Preparedness Town Hall June 4th at Motherlode fairgrounds

b. Staff recommendations

- i. Moving to virtual as we get into fire season or make sure alternate is here?

c. Public Comments

- i. Why can't we do both virtual and in person. Staff explained the current process.
- ii. What is the language that the Board of Forestry is planning to add?
 - a. Read through <https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/communications/defensible-space-prc-4291/>

7. Working groups

- i. Communication and Education Outreach workgroup updated on outreach through schools and starting to do presentations at local agencies/groups.

Public Comment – Any consideration of doing a demonstration project.? Chief Murphy mentioned the standard fire station project that has created a walking display. Public suggested that we do demonstration project. Chief New spoke to conversation with TuCARE to create a good demonstration project. Several public members offered thier land as project. Public suggested a tour of what is defensible space what is not?

- ii. Governance Workgroup updated on the work to complete a draft vegetation ordinance and the public meetings that have been held. Also updated on meetings with Farm Bureau and working on language.

Public Comment

Any concern with hypocrisy that county-maintained properties are included in the vegetation ordinance? Concern with County roads and how slow they have moved with projects. Discussion on roads and public lands process. Committee emphasized the importance of doing something now to make a positive impact in the future. Another comment was that this is going to cause residents into poverty by mandating that property owners do fuel reduction. Committee members spoke about Board of Forestry Fire Risk Reduction Communities list requirements of a vegetation ordinance that exceeds is stricter than state standards. Public spoke about a study that was completed <https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/communications/defensible-space-f> Camp Fire and report on fire those counties are leaving out one hour grasses in fuels definition. Comments about not needing to rush it. Committee members spoke about potential timeline and all the opportunities for the public to engage after a draft is presented.

8. Next Meeting and Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. for lack of quorum and all committee business stopped.
- b. Special meeting May 11th and regular Fire Safety Advisory Committee Meeting – **May 25th @ 10:30 am**