

**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 – SPECIAL MEETING

Fire Safety Advisory Committee – May 11, 2022 @ 10:30 am

AGENDA

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order by Supervisor Goldemberg at 10:30 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 (Neil Evans)
 - v. Wesley Brinegar – District 3
 - vi. Jerry McGowan -Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians (absent)
 - vii. Glen Gotschall – Tuolumne Firesafe Council representative
 - viii. Chief Mark Ferreira – Tuolumne County Fire Chief’s Association (absent)
 - 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. Tracey McKnight- OES Staff
 - iii. County Counsel – Sarah Carillo and Cody Nesper
 - iv. Public – Various
2. Public Comment - none
3. Approval of minutes for April 27, 2022 –
 - a. No public comments
 - b. Ryan Campbell motioned to approve, seconded by Wesley Brinnegar
 - c. Vote taken all in favor, no nays, or abstentions
4. Old Business
 - a. Presentation of Draft Hazardous Vegetation Management Ordinance for discussion and recommendation to present to the Board of Supervisors May 17th, 2022

Staff present background and history up to this point. Goal is to have committee recommend this draft for public discussion going forward. Staff went through the draft as presented and reminded all that this will open up the public review process.

Committee comments

- Typo on page 5 Enforcement section third line chapter 1.10 Code? And then line 5 violations
- Asked about No Duty to Enforce and legal question about process and why language is in there.
- under Definitions of 11 Reduced fuel zone and ag production language why it is in two places.
- formatting
- Asked about new development and why this ordinance does not include requirements. Committee and county counsel talked about existing code and ordinance that address development.
- Asked under Legal Authority can county logistically support. Cost to do the abatement could be a sticking point for some.
- Stated intent is to want people to comply and to protect their and their neighbor's property. We realize enforcement is an issue and recognize we will need to bring on staff.

Public Comment

- Asked about putting on ag advisory agenda. Wants to see if the adjacent parcel pays for removal.
- Question asked about insurance designation lowering if this is enforced. It is hopefully that this will in the future help residents get lower rates.
- Public comments that we are naive and offered to give example of his property to do the work. City and county need to set an example. If we want to make an impact by doing a shaded fuel break. We need to be more prescriptive and if we give them an illustration showing an example. Also, of concerns is the cost to the individual. Public member will send us written comments.
 - Committee responded only on open space issue based on comments from CDD and misconception of open space.
- Page 4 item concerned that a) it focuses on vacant lot and not parcels that are occupied?
- TPZ timberland protection zones should be considered as well than Williamson act land. Concern is that trees depending on growth plan could be
 - Committee members spoke about making up the difference on adjacent parcels and neighbor would be looking out to support neighbors.
- Comment on removing ladder fuels open to interpretation and need to address.

Committee comments

- We need to move forward cautiously; we need to involve public comment. Very important that we listen to people from the public.
- Governance workgroup members clarified last meeting and that there was not intent to leave meeting abruptly or was unprofessionally. 4291 was adopted in 2006 and the state has much more resources and still cannot keep up. This ordinance is a step forward to making a life safety provision. There have been lengthy discussions on cost to the public and we have been considerate as well. This work is a result of trying to make it a better place.
- Stressed importance of committee and the membership cannot always attend, and we are thankful of the public that takes their time to be here.
- Comments stated this is a long-term generational change to make the community safer. It is a lot of work and we realize we must change the ways of doing things. Our goal is to work with the public to make our community a safer place and this is just one step to make our community

- County counsel reviewed the changes to draft and will incorporate changes made by the committee.
- Staff listed the three public meetings to be held. May 25th BOS Chambers @ 6pm. June 1st 6pm virtually via Zoom and June 15th 6 pm BOS Chambers.

Andy Murphy makes motion to approve draft with changes and circulate through public meetings and then present to the board at a later date. Ryan Campbell second.

- Public Comment - Think we are premature, and we are rushing it.
- Vote taken, Seven ayes two nays no abstentions, Motion passes.

5. New Business

6. Reports/Presentation

7. Working groups

- i. Communication and Education Outreach workgroup
- ii. Governance Workgroup updated
- iii. Emergency Planning workgroup

8. Next Meeting and Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 12:0 1p.m
- b. Next regular Fire Safety Advisory Committee Meeting – **May 25th @ 10:30 am**