

**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 – May 25, 2022 @ 10:30 am

AGENDA

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order by Supervisor Goldemberg at 10:41 am, roll call taken. Quorum made with 7 members.
 - 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
 - v. Wesley Brinegar – District 3
 - vi. Jerry McGowan -Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians
 - 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 (absent)
 - 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 - Any comments that is not on the agenda.
 - a. Public comment proposed draft hazardous vegetation management ordinance.
 - i. Section 8.14.060 Duty to remove. Supports general. But does not support the 30’ space across the owner’s fence line and will be a difficult burden to put on people, especially those with limited income. Solution do not require neighboring landowners to be required to pay, get some funding for folks who will not be able to afford compliance.
3. Approval of minutes for May 11, 2022
 - a. No public comments
 - b. Ryan Campbell motioned to approve, seconded by Andy Murphy.
 - c. Vote taken all in favor, no nays, or abstentions. Motion approved.
4. Old Business
5. Reports/Presentation

- a. TuCare presentation on Community Wildfire Protection Fund (CWPF)
 - i. Representatives from TuCARE are here to talk about their Community Wildfire Protection Fund or CWPF. They introduced organization and then showed a video that they have created to garner support for the CWPF. This presentation is available to anyone.
 - a. Committee comments
 - a. Thank you for the presentation, consider adding some current facts of acres burned and CA facts. Not just importance of fuels work but having the personnel and equipment to carry out the evacuations. Increase in funding is needed for fire and law enforcement
 - b. Personal touch of the Washington Fire adds to presentation and important to support the work this committee is trying to accomplish by creating the Fire Safety Advisory Committee. Thank you for your efforts.
 - c. Committee members stated appreciation of efforts and this committee is very passionate about fire safety.
 - b. Public Comments
 - a. Talked about supporting of draft hazardous vegetation ordinance in relation to presentation.
 - b. Request that the committee request that this be presented to the full board of supervisors in the future.
 - 1. Staff replied that they will forward request

6. Working groups

- i. Communication and Education Outreach workgroup
 - a. June 4th Tuolumne County Wildfire Preparedness Town Hall. Motherlode Fairgrounds @ 10:00 am. Multiple agencies and partners to have booths and present to the public. Distributed 4,000 packets to families through the Superintendent of schools. Staff will continue to coordinate education and outreach with organizations and others.
- ii. Governance Workgroup updated
 - a. Draft Hazardous Vegetation Management Ordinance out for public review. Three public meetings scheduled May 25th, June 1st Virtually and then June 15th. Comments should be directed to oes@co.tuolumne.ca.us
- iii. Emergency Planning workgroup
 - a. Everbridge test on 5/24. Sirens have been added to emergency alert notification system. OES will be finalizing an Alert & Warning Plan and working with Sheriff and County counsel to develop MOU's for those existing sirens, no new sirens will be allowed until we finalize an application process and approval made on an application.

Public comment

- iv. Everbridge alerts worked and it was great and asked about FM alert and that batteries are an issue and we need to consider that. Staff explained we are continuing to pursue other methods like FM Alert for our emergency alert notification system.

7. New Business

- a. Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (BOF) released its revised Fire Safe Regulations proposal for a 15-day public comment period. Discussion and approval of comments to be submitted. Dave Ruby, Planning Manager for Community Development Department spoke of history and background on fire safe regulations and potential impacts to Tuolumne County. Most recent draft walked back some of the original proposed regulations and letter identifies those areas of concerns.

8. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 12:05 (lost a quorum)

- a. Next regular Fire Safety Advisory Committee Meeting – June 22 @ **10:30 am**