



## **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL AGENDA**

**Date: 7-12-2023**

**1364 Tavern Road in person 10:00am – 11:00am**

Also to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81715484364?pwd=K3RFdzJyM0tQa0hKaTllaTFTQldEQT09>

Meeting ID: 817 1548 4364

Passcode: 153903

- I. **Welcome**
- II. **Introductions**
- III. **Community Fire Hazards**
  - a. Identify existing fuel breaks on map.
  - b. Identify NEW fuel breaks to focus on
  - c. Roadside clearing along evacuation routes
  - d. Interstate 8 Brush Management partnership
- IV. **Old Business**
  - a. Action plans. This will help identify the problems, select or assign responsibility to who will be responsible to complete, establish a workflow, measures progress and milestones.
  - b. Need for a Community Clean Up Day Event.
  - c. Complete the IRS 990EZ application and create AVFSC 501c3 tax exemptions. Paperwork in Dropbox folder. Non-profit vs Fiscal Sponsor (or N/A) – Use Alpine Fire Protection Foundation as non-profit.
- V. **New Business**
  - a. Seek grant funds to purchase a new Vermeer BC 1500 Tier 4 FINAL chipper. This chipper would be CARB PERP compliant as per Air Quality. +/- \$175,000.00
  - b. Made connection with Alpine Equipment Rentals on daily and weekly rates to use their chipper.
    - i. Daily Rate \$343.17, Weekly \$1374.84. This is for a Vermeer BC1000.
    - ii. See detail for Operating Budget Proposed Expenditures.
- VI. **Advisory Members Updates**
- VII. **Next Steps**
- VIII. **Adjourn**

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**FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MINUTES**    6-14-2023

- I.     **Welcome**
- II.    **Introductions -**
- III.   **Why a Fire Safe Council?**
  - a. Why is it important? [What is the role of the FSC and how we will implement our areas into more productive outreach.](#)
  - b. How will this benefit your community? [Localized areas able to reach more homeowners, businesses and public at large. Able to have fluid back and forth communication pathways.](#)
- IV.    **Community Fire Hazards**
  - a. Brainstorm possible fire prevention projects to address community fire hazards. Start with projects that are easy to implement that will bring you high exposure and create interest in your organization.
    - 1. Education and Outreach! [We spoke about the upcoming event to be held at JMMS on 6/24 from 9:00 am to 1:00pm. This is a public outreach event. Alpine Fire and AVFSC will be there.](#)
    - 2. Chipping program. Partner with a local fire agency to hold a community chipping day. [AVFSC has been awarded a Community Protection Grant through SPFMG for \\$105,000.00 to continue chipping in the region and conduct DSAP Defensible Space Assistance Programs.](#)
    - 3. Host a community clean up event. Focus on defensible space and home hardening and provide dumpsters in prime locations for green waste collection. [WE WILL RESCHEDULE THIS](#)
- V.     **Process**
  - a. Identifying leaders – HOA Advisory Members, Stakeholders. [Still in process of outreach to HOA and community members. Great show for the first meeting. Thank you all.](#)
  - b. Initiating Partnerships [If you think of other groups/stakeholders that we should invite please email me and if you have their contact info please share.](#)
  - c. First Community Meeting [June 14<sup>th</sup> This is our first meeting. We will meet monthly. If you are able to meet in person or virtually, please attend.](#)
- VI.    **Non-profit vs Fiscal Sponsor (or N/A) – Use Alpine Fire Protection Foundation as non-profit. [This item was not brought up. We will reschedule this item to next meeting.](#)**
- VII.   **Q & A**
- VIII.  **Next Steps**
  - a. Set a date, time and location for your first community meeting. [Check and complete.](#)
  - b. First meeting June 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 11:00

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- c. Create a calendar for future meetings. Locations, different times. We will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Our next scheduled meeting will be July 12 from 10-1100.
- d. Begin Action Plans. This item was not discussed and will be carried over to the next meeting.
- e. Future Public Outreach Events – June 24<sup>th</sup> JMMS 10:00 – 2:00 SDGE Wildfire Fair – Shared with members and attached flier to the email.

**IX. Adjourn Meeting ran from 10:15 am to 11:15am.**

On behalf of the Alpine / Viejas Fire Safe Council Program I would like to say thank you to all that participated.

Other items that came up for discussion.

- In need of continued long-term use of a Vermeer BC1500 chipper. Short term we can rent one through Alpine Equipment Rentals. Need to further identify the intent of existing chipper and disposal of asset.
- Emailing the handouts to advisory members to print and share in person or email.
- ZONE 0 new law. This is not the AFD law. This is an amendment made to legislation language that has now required new and existing homes and buildings to create the first 5' around ALL buildings to be known as the ember free zone.
  - [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220SB63](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB63)
- This is a new FSC and education will be successful for all new members. This is a program designed to support local communities.
- Identify existing fuel breaks, plan on maintaining them, method for treatment and time frame. We will work with agencies and local governments on those planned projects.
- Handing out new launch fliers to residents. Attached.

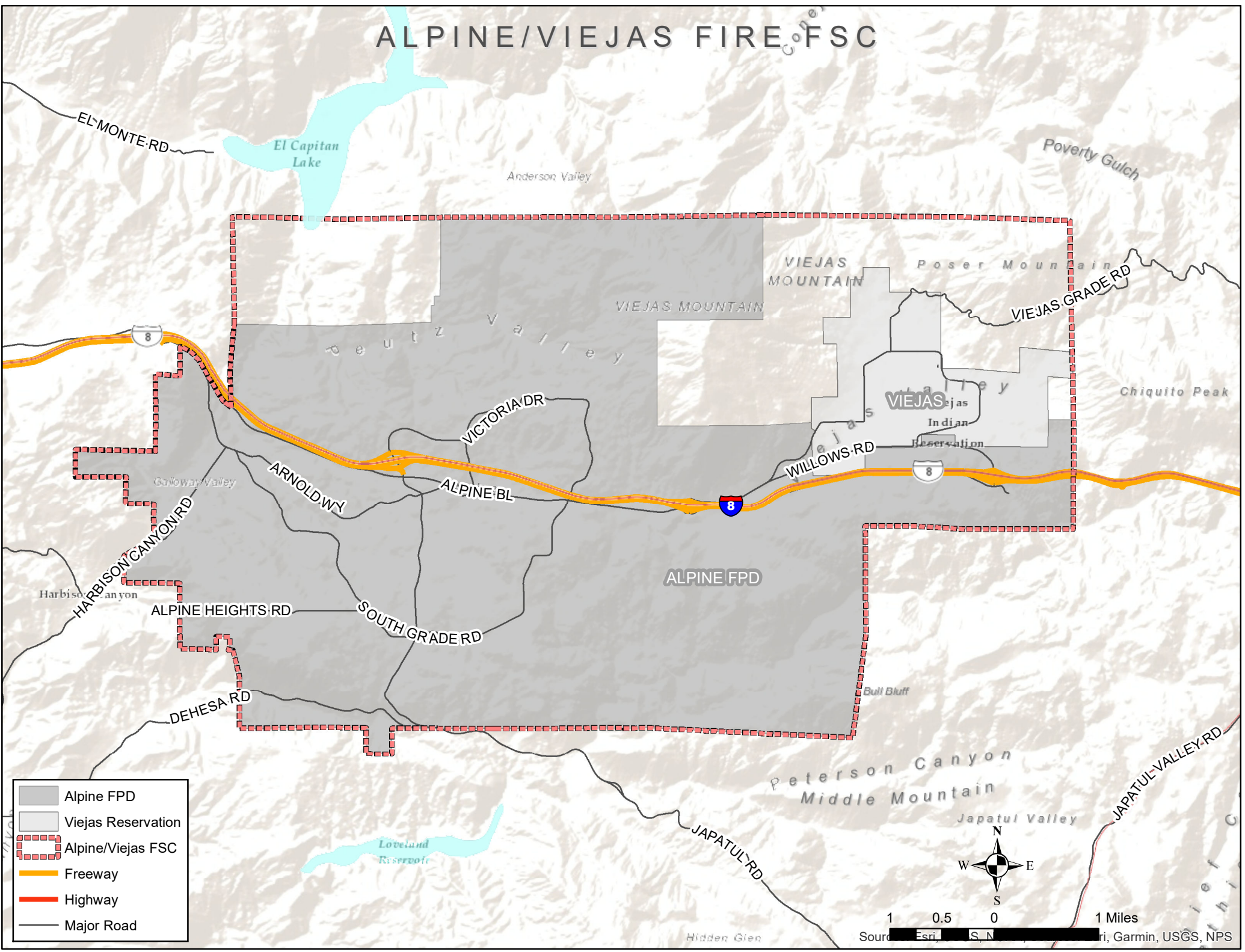
End of notes.

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# ALPINE/VIEJAS FIRE FSC



- Alpine FPD
- Viejas Reservation
- Alpine/Viejas FSC
- Freeway
- Highway
- Major Road



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Source: Esri, Garmin, USGS, NPS

# Defensible Space – *Be fire Ready!*

## Defensible Space Codes **HAVE CHANGED** In San Diego County



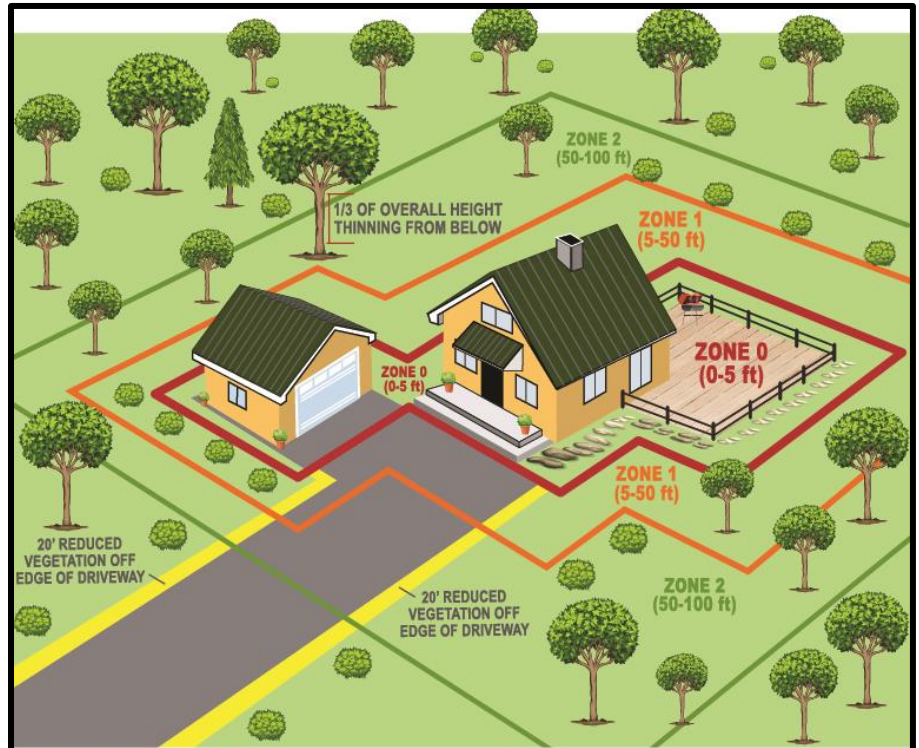
➤ **Zone Zero: is 0 – 5 feet from buildings, structures, decks, etc.**

This area is **Non-Combustible Zone**.

**REMOVE – REDUCE and REPLACE.**

Functions to reduce the potential that embers landing near a building will ignite fuels and expose the area around a home to a direct flame impingement.

1. Use noncombustible materials such as rock, stone pavers, cement, bare earth, gravel or sand.
2. Remove leaves, needles, or other dead vegetation growth from all roofs and gutters.
3. Clear vegetation and items that could ignite from around and under decks.
4. Use of mulch, bark and or compost shall be prohibited.



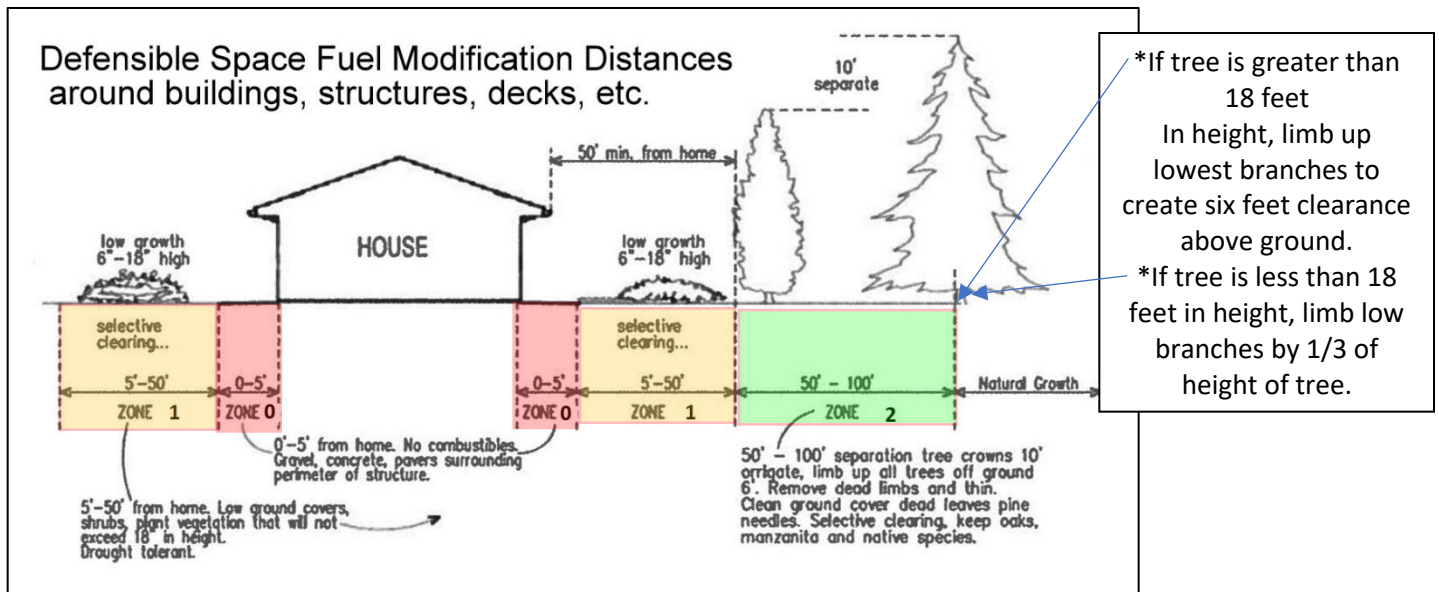
➤ **Zone One: is 5 - 50 feet from buildings, structures, decks, etc.**

This area requires the greatest reduction of flammable vegetation and consists of low growing fire-resistant plants. Reduces radiant heat transfer to exterior walls.

1. Vegetation is low growing 6" to a maximum of 18" in height.
2. Remove dead vegetation and dead trees, mow, remove weeds, and prune lower limbs.
3. Trim tree limbs at least ten feet from chimneys, remove branches hanging over roofs.
4. Weeds and annual grasses maintained to a height not to exceed 6 inches.
5. Reduce the amount of fuel around the structures by separating the space between fuels, and or reshaping the retained fuels by trimming.
6. Replace flammable vegetation with low growing less combustible plants.

➤ **Zone Two: is 50 to 100 feet from buildings, structures, decks, etc.**

1. When tree is over 18 feet in height remove lower limbs to create SIX feet of vertical Clearance above ground.
2. When tree is less than 18 feet in height – remove lowest limbs that are 1/3 of tree height.
3. Plants/shrubs shall be limbed up off ground, so the lowest branches are 1/3 height of plant/shrub.
4. Create ten-foot separation between tree canopies and remove dead limbs.
5. Reduce the natural vegetation by 50% of the square footage within this area.
6. Weeds and annual grasses maintained to a height not to exceed 4 inches.
7. Remove all dead and dying vegetation.



- Stack firewood at least 30 feet away from structures and ten feet off of property line.
- Maintain a 13-foot 6-inch vertical clearance over all roads and driveways for emergency vehicle access.
- Remove vegetation to create bare soil within ten feet of ground mounted solar panels.
- Remove vegetation to create bare soil within ten feet of propane tanks.
- Remove refuse, trash, cuttings.
- Lift/remove limbs from bottom 1/3 of trees.
- Remove all hazardous/combustible vegetation within 20 feet along both sides of driveways **and** roadways that bound the property.
- In all cases, fuel reduction means arranging the trees, shrubs and other fuel sources in a way that makes it difficult for fire to transfer from one fuel source to another. It does not mean cutting down all trees and shrubs on the property.

**State and Local Fire Codes:**

- **One Hundred feet of Defensible Space is required under the Public Resource Code (PRC) 4291.**
- **San Diego County Ordinance for Defensible Space is more stringent than the State of California's minimum requirement in PRC 4291.**
- PRC 4291 – California Public Resources Code 4291.  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=4291.&lawCode=PRC](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=4291.&lawCode=PRC)
- County of San Diego, Consolidated Fire Code  
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/docs/cosd-fire-code.pdf>
- Alpine Fire Protection District Ordinance  
<https://www.alpinefire.org/files/fa7b1b019/2023-01+Fire+Code+Ordinance+-+Signed.pdf>

## Alpine/Viejas Fire Safe Council

To sign up and register for FREE roadside chipping please go to <https://www.alpinefire.org/free-road-side-chipping#>