

# Gold Ridge Forest Fire Safe Council

---

## Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2020 @ 7:00 pm  
Gold Ridge Forest Club House  
(See acronym meanings on last page)

### 1. Roll Call & Sign In:

*Pat Schoggins, Treasurer*

*Rich Wade, Forester*

*Dominique Smit, POA Greenbelt Director*

*Sherry Hawk, Chairman*

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Pat Schoggins motioned to approve the agenda. Rich Wade seconded. Motion approved.

**3. Consent Minutes:** Approve December 17, 2020 Minutes, **Board Action Item-** Rich Wade motioned to approve the minutes and Pat Schoggins, seconded. Motion approved.

### 4. Chairman Report: Sherry Hawk

- USDA/NRCS Grant - Currently the POA approved and we have submitted all of the necessary paperwork. We have been issued a Farm # which takes us one step closer to gaining the grant. We are the first the first POA that they have offered the opportunity to even though we are not agricultural land. If this has a positive outcome it will open the door for other POAs in the county. This grant is a semi-matching grant. If approved we will receive an amount per acre that may not match the estimated amounts for the contractor to complete. The POA will make up the difference out of the Greenbelt fund. This grant would allow us to complete all for the remaining areas not completed in 2019-2020 and would also include a maintenance. Agreement. To date they developed an assessment of all greenbelts to help us determine which areas needed to be completed first and foremost. This was at no cost to our POA.
- Resource Conservation District (RCD) C-20 Greenbelt (55 acre) Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) - (East/Southeast of Peral and Garnet) This project is set to start sometime this spring, but we are still in need of more Right of Entry forms from some of the residents. We will continue to reach out to request those be sent in. The understory and up to 12" trees will be removed and masticated as needed to create a nice barrier for that portion of Gold Ridge Forest.
- FIREWISE assessment training - Attended a Firewise training that allowed more information and assistance in completing our own application. Firewise certification not only helps the residents lower their fire insurance but also assists in competing for grants.
- Richard Jukes will be joining our board as secretary in April. Richard is with the local amateur radio club and a resident of Gold Ridge Forest .
- EDCFSC meeting - Pat. S. and Sherry attended. Main concern was the defensible space ordinance enforcement coming in June. Gold Ridge Forest is first on the inspection list and letters from the county have been sent to our residents. We are planning an event for March 28<sup>th</sup> for the county to explain and answer any questions to assist residents in complying. GRFFSC will do our best to help educate as well as notify you of any free programs that can assist in getting the job done.
- Email list

# Gold Ridge Forest Fire Safe Council

---

- Radios for the rest of us - GMRS radio rather than ham radio that does not require a test to receive a license to operate and is a very cheap communication method for our residents in case of an emergency that knocks out power and cell service. The EDC amateur radio club has offered to set up a repeater in our community at no cost. Of course, donations will be accepted. This communication will be available to all that want to participate but radios will need to be purchased individually. They are very low cost as well. This will be great for seniors or disabled that we will need to check in with to be sure they can get out in an evacuation event.

## 5. Treasurer' Report: Pat Schoggins

- Donations - (Dec 17 - Mar. 10) \$200 from Sherry's company Rev360 (YTD: \$820)
- Reflective sign fundraiser income - (Dec 17 - Mar. 10) \$85 (YTD: \$600.00)
- Expenses - Dec 17 - Mar. 10 - Printing Ed Fliers \$32.17 Constant Contact for emailing residents \$96.00 for 6 months, Meeting Expenses \$15.08 - Total \$143.25 (YTD: \$647.87)
- Bank Balance \$772.13
- Additional Expenses reimbursed by EDCFSC Grant \$320.90 - Remaining Grant balance \$179.10

## 6. Greenbelt Report: Dominique Smith - Three greenbelts cleanups are planned for the spring. C-12, C-13 and C-14, which will be completed by Joe Garrett's company. Almost 20 acres to be completed in addition to the 55 acres for C-20. The POA dedicated \$38,000 to the Greenbelt Fund for 2020. Some of these funds have to be spent on any emergency tree clean up as well.

A resident asked about empty lots and how those are handled for clean-up and who is responsible. The property owner is and should make every effort to make firesafe per the CC&R's. If not compliant, they can be sent a letter to request clean up from the POA. If the resident does not take any action, GRF POA can enforce them to complete the work or do the clean up on their behalf at the owner's expense. Fines may also be applied. Concerned neighbors can assist but need to request authorization from the owner.

## 7. Rich Wade: Reported about county, state and forestry Vegetation Management Projects (VMP) in the area including the current and recent fuel reduction work completed east of Sly Park Rd and down to Lake Jenkinson and East to Fresh Pond. Includes Cal Fire, SPI, EID and RCD. This is funded by CCI grants for high hazard areas and protects are eastern boundaries with a barrier. Other areas included are the Hwy 50 corridor, Ice House Rd. and other surrounding areas. We are very fortunate to have so many VMP projects in our area.

## 8. Defensible Space Ordinance Enforcement:

- Ordinance enforcement details - County plans on commencing with inspections June 1, 2020 to be sure homeowners are in compliance or making substantial efforts to comply with defensible space guidelines that include three zones 5 ft., 30 ft and 100 feet.
- Lunch and a presentation by EDC Vegetation Management Program will be held March 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be an opportunity to get more information on how to comply, resources available and get your specific questions answered. Event fliers were provided to attendees and a facebook invitation as well as an announcement in the POA newsletter were sent to residents that participate.

# Gold Ridge Forest Fire Safe Council

---

- More information about the ordinance enforcement can be found on the GRF POA website at <https://goldridge.org/fire-safe-council>

## 9. GRF Community Clean-up event

- Date tentatively set for June 27<sup>th</sup>. Dumpster 7:00 am until full. BBQ at Noon - 3:00 PM
- Free Chipping provided by the county. The GRF FSC will coordinate with the property owners to have certain streets scheduled at one time for those that want to participate the week before the event. This way the county can do more in one day since they will not be traveling to different streets.
- Event day a dumpster will be provided to dispose of leaves and other green waste only. Dumpster will be available from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm or until full. Cost to FSC will be \$50 -\$100.
- Event to include a BBQ, possibly a fire truck for the kids and hopefully some other fun for the community to enjoy for their hard work.

## 10. Community Input/Questions:

- Can a resident cut up downed wood in Greenbelts? Yes, but you need to fill out the Wood Permit for Common area request form and submit to POA. The form can be found on the POA website this should be completed in a safe manor and not during the high fire time of the year.

## 11. Logo:

Joan Scheppelmann sent us 5 logo designs for the FSC to choose from. We all voted for the same one which includes a circle encompassing a flame with pine trees within.

## 12. Good of the Order: Pat Schoggins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm. Rich Wade seconded. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 14, 2020 @ 7:00 pm at the Gold Ridge Forest Clubhouse

---

## Acronyms:

POA - Property Owners Association  
USDA - United States Department of Agriculture  
NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation Service  
EDCFSC - El Dorado County Fire Safe Council  
GRFFSC - Gold Ridge Forest Fire Safe Council  
SPI - Sierra Pacific Industries  
EID - Eldorado Irrigation District

# Gold Ridge Forest Fire Safe Council

---

RCD - Resource Conservation District  
CCI - California Climate Investments  
VMP - Vegetation Management Project