

December 4, 2019
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Presentation

Meeting called to order by President, Joan Fuquay at 7:02pm, directors present: Joan Fuquay, Kevin Monsma, Marie Zandona-Harger, Dominique Smith, Bob Ritzman absent due to back injury.

This special meeting is called for two agenda items, reserves and our guest speaker.

Sherry Hawk, chairman of Gold Ridge Forest Fire Safe Council introduced Mark Egbert from the Resource Conservation District to present proposal to the board for clearing C-20. He is involved in a large project clearing land adjacent to our C-20 greenbelt.

Mark Egbert- District Manager for the El Dorado and Georgetown Divide RCD Conservation Districts. We have been a part of doing conservation on private land of El Dorado County, associated with crop land, forest land and range land. Since the King fire things have been moving forward in a rapid pace in CA. There is a lot of money for post fire restoration and pre-fire management. There is an up-rise in communities of awareness, support, advocacy, and engagement. There is a lot of competition for those monies. Projects with pre planning Fire Adaptive 50.

Mark showed map near Jenkinson Lake 6500 acres in size- Phase 1. This is a strategic area.

Look for links from FSC and GRF websites for presentation recording.

Phase 2- near Forebay near King Fire fuel break 2200 acres in size, we have funding and contracts will go out next month.

Phase 3 from Ice house and Echo Summit on the northern side of highway 50.

We will expand to Sierra Springs toward the south, Starks Grade to Rancho Del Sol, and then hopefully working with Gold Ridge Forest as well.

Developing a plan of action need certain criteria for building a vegetation management plan.

The primary goal is increase forest resiliency, if a fire comes thru the vegetation stand or timber will withstand that type of event without having a high loss of mortality.

Secondary goal is community protection of infrastructure, safe ingress and egress for firefighters to get in safely and for community members to get out.

With those goals in mind we look at what type of vegetation is here and modifying plan.

Slope, access and mobility. Right of entry agreements are voluntary from individual land owners that all agree to one plan. There is a choice to opt out if you don't like what you see once treatment begins. There is indemnification and hold harmless language to protect land owners.

Treatment prescription is written specific to the type of vegetation.

(Showed pictures of treated areas across Sly Park Rd) and maps. We will treat this area at **no cost**. The area is roughly 50 acres, at our average cost of \$1475 per acre. (\$73,750)

The area highlighted is up to the boundary of the common area. Owners there can sign the right of entry and go further onto property within 100 feet of home.

Sherry Hawk will work to notify owners and provide right of entry forms.

The skid steer works best in this environment, does not harm the forest floor, will take out small trees under 12 inches in diameter and limb larger trees.

The Defensible space issue really tough, you can be in compliance with 4291, you can moon scape your lot and your insurance will still probably cancel, they don't judge it the same way.

Joan Fuquay-Who goes thru the areas you are doing the forest management and surveys and makes determinations on what stays and what goes?

Mark Egbert-We have two registered professional foresters on staff, one is a planning forester doing environmental compliance, helps write the management plan, does a greenhouse gas analysis and an implementation forester that does verification and delineation of boundaries, prescription and oversees the independent contractors. Jim Davies is one and Dr. Richard Harris.

Mark will put the maps on his website to allow access for Gold Ridge Members to view.

Thank you Mark!