



MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Saturday, November 25, 2017

LOCATION: Dry Creek – Lokoya Fire Station, 5900 Dry Creek Road

ATTENDANCE: Joe Nordlinger, Bill Robertson, Jeff Enos, Carole Meredith

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: none

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the November 4, 2017 meeting were approved

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Joe Nordlinger):

After action review of projects: Joe has started working on his part but doesn't yet have all the information he needs. Joe emphasized again the importance of getting this review done while our memories of both the fire and the projects are still fresh.

Joe also noted that when planning future LAR projects, we should keep in mind which ones have bridges across creeks. LAR1 and LAR7 are both on the west side of Dry Creek, so engines fighting the recent fire did not have to consider weight limits. In future incidents, however, the bridges on some LAR's could present an obstacle to engines even if we have completed fuel reduction projects on them. Jeff Enos also suggested that future projects should include planning for safety zones.

Inquiry from Stephen Gort: A US Forest Service employee contacted Stephen Gort about the effectiveness of federal money that was spent on the Old Ridge Road (ORR) project. Joe will write up a couple of paragraphs, especially about how the ORR project facilitated access to the ridge for engines.

NCCF money: All the Napa County Fire Safe Councils will probably still get the same amount of funding, but it won't go as far because inmate crews will be less available due to their use for fire cleanup.

Carol Rice: Joe proposed that we invite her to a meeting to tell us what she can do with regard to preparing maps of our area.

Meeting with Barry Bierman: Joe would like to arrange a 1-hour meeting with Barry Bierman (Napa County Fire Chief and Cal Fire) to pose some focused questions about the fire: What happens now? Will there be clean up? By whom? When? Joe would also like to convey to Cal Fire how the fire fighting benefitted from our work.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The checking account balance is \$47,843 after paying Western Forestry Consulting and Family Tree. Of \$34,350 received for the Neighbors in Need program, \$6,458 has been spent.

OLD BUSINESS: Jeff Enos said he has done all he can do to document the present Napa County emergency notification system. But since that system failed in the recent fire, there may be no value now in publicizing the present system. The problems with emergency communications are on Diane Dillon's radar, but what about Ryan Gregory?

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 10:15 am

Next Meeting: Saturday, December 23, 9 am
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