



## **MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Saturday, April 28, 2018

**LOCATION:** Dry Creek-Lokoya Fire Station, 5900 Dry Creek Road

**ATTENDANCE:** Joe Nordlinger, Gary Green, Bill Robertson, Jeff Enos, Carole Meredith, Carol Rice, Esther Mandeno

**ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA:** Hydrant adapters

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes of the March 24, 2018 meeting were approved with one correction

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Joe Nordlinger):**

**Mapping:** Carol Rice (Wildland Fire Associates) and Esther Mandeno (Digital Mapping Solutions) were invited to the meeting to discuss how they might help us to produce updated maps that reflect our completed work and planned projects. They told us that they have access to maps in GIS format that we would be able to view in Google Earth. We agreed that the MVFSC needs maps that reflect our work to add and improve fuel breaks and access roads and that the maps could also be useful to Cal Fire resources from out of the area.

The current Dry Creek-Lokoya Pre-Attack Fire Plan map was a top-down project by Cal Fire. We are proposing a bottom-up map but would it be used by Cal Fire if it were not a Cal Fire project? It might be better to work with Cal Fire and integrate our MVFSC projects into their map data. Or, we could get our projects mapped and into GIS format and then offer it to Cal Fire and also use the GIS data to make maps for our own use (i.e., projects, existing fire roads) to show what we've done and what old fire roads and fire breaks already exist.

Carol Rice said that NCFE has money for mapping so what we are looking for is already funded. NCFE will pay for Mandeno's time. They have already captured much of the mapping information.

If Greg Holquist has access to PG&E map data for our neighborhood, that could be useful.

**CWPP:** All the signatures have now been obtained except for new Fire Marshal Garrett Veyna. Chief Jason Martin has been given an electronic copy of the final version. We

need a digital copy that contains all the signatures. Gary Green said he will scan the signature pages and integrate them into the existing PDF.

**After action review of projects:** There has been no further progress on the After Action Report.

**NCFF:** There was an NVFF board meeting in April. Rick Thornberry is retiring.

**Neighbors in Need:** It is not known whether Greg Holquist inspected the property of the current applicant.

**PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT:** no report as Greg Holquist was not present

### **ACTIVE FUNDING:**

**PG&E:** We have been awarded funding for a shaded fuel break on LAR 5

**California Fire Safe Council:** A 50% match is required. We did that before by using in kind valuation of our volunteer time plus some funds that we had. This doesn't make sense for less than \$100,000. If we could pull together \$100K matching to get \$200K total, it would be worth it. We have only 2 weeks before the deadline, so we will not submit an application this year. We need to plan ahead for next year.

**California Climate Investments Fund (to be administered by Cal Fire):** We have not yet seen a call for proposals.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT (Gary Green):**

The checking account balance on 3/30/18 was \$48,546.71. With an outstanding payment of \$90 and an outstanding deposit of \$10, the true balance is \$48,466.71. We also have \$10,026.94 in savings, for a total of \$58,493.65.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Fundraising letter:** Joseph Nordlinger has updated the letter for use in obtaining new funders. He is also working on a letter for "legacy" donors.

**Neighbors in Need:** If we are raising money for NIN, we need to broaden our criteria because we have had so few qualified applicants. Gary Green suggested that we might be able to help people deal with burned wood on their property. The group agreed to revise the NIN criteria and application document to broaden the criteria to be at the discretion of the MVFSC. The vote was 3 in favor with 1 abstention.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Hydrant adapters:** Many property owners have 4-1/2" fittings on their water storage for fire protection and do not have a 4-1/2 to 2-1/2" reducer required to connect their water supply to fire engines. While local engines carry the adapters, out of area engines may not. This was the case in the October 2017 fire. The county is aware of the issue and may issue a new policy requiring the reducer. In the meantime, we should let our community know about this. Gary Green said he would post this on Nextdoor and Carole Meredith said she would send it to the community email list.

**New dozer lines as fuel breaks:** Jeff Enos proposed that we identify new dozer lines that were created in the October 2017 fire and maintain them as fuel breaks. The locations of the dozer lines should be identifiable from the Cal Fire operations maps.

**Pancake Breakfast May 6:** Confirmed speakers are Meghan Reeves (Cal Fire), Emma Chow (NCRD), Diane Dillon (Napa County Supervisor) and Matthew Davis (homeowner who built ignition-resistant house). Supervisor Ryan Gregory will attend but will not speak. Gary Green will invite Jason Martin, Cal Fire Battalion Chief.

Gary Green will obtain the fire porn slide deck that was used at the Cal Fire firefighter appreciation dinner. Carole Meredith will send out a notice to the community email list.

**ADJOURNMENT: 11:58 am**

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 26, 9 am

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