



MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Saturday, May 26, 2018

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

ATTENDANCE: Joe Nordlinger, Bill Robertson, Carole Meredith, Carol Rice, Esther Mandeno

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: none

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the April 28, 2018 meeting were approved

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Joe Nordlinger):

Cal Fire Fire Prevention Grants: Joe will be submitting multiple proposals to this program. It is likely that at least 2 of them will get funded (Oakville Ridge Road, Napa Nook Road) because these 2 were funded in the past and we subsequently redirected the funds to other projects. Our highest priorities will be these 2 plus the Cuvaion driveway.

PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT (Greg Holquist)

Wall Road (SRA funds): This project was interrupted by the October 2017 fire. Approximately \$20,000 was spent and there is much more work to do. Greg will wait until the county finishes their work and then plans to resume the project after July 4. He will also do the Neighbors in Need project on Wall Road. This is an extensive project that may cost \$5,000.

Redwood Road (SRA funds): There is very little work to do and it is mostly limbing. Greg will start this after completing Wall Road, so it will probably be in August.

NCFF: We have been awarded \$12,000 and there is a June 30 deadline. Greg will try to get a Delta Camp crew and will use the funds for maintenance only.

LAR 5 (PG&E funds): We have been awarded \$75,000. Greg plans to start this project in early September.

Greg will be managing a project for PG&E to cut trees and brush under distribution lines. Family Tree now has an impressive track chipper that is the envy of other tree companies.

ACTIVE FUNDING:

Cal Fire Fire Prevention Grants: The deadline is June 6. We need to identify the projects to specify in our proposals.

New LARs under consideration are:

1. Brandlin Ranch (Cuvaision) driveway
2. Paras Vineyard driveway

Legacy fire roads:

1. Woodward road (Paul Woodward to provide description to Carole Meredith so she can draw on a map)
2. Bald Mountain fire road. It was created after the 1945 fire. The west side burned badly, the east side was a ground fire
3. Mt. Veeder Summit Road. 4 miles from the end of Lokoya Road to Cavedale, along the county line and the ridgetop. Lots of dead and standing fuel.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

Could we use a GIS-based survey to get residents to enter data? Very few people in our neighborhood would likely participate. Our residents don't come to meetings. How can we reach them? Boots on the ground? One-on-one? We need to both gather information and impart information.

Esther Mandeno will send Joe a summary of her Sea Ranch resident survey. Carole Rice could help us develop an outreach plan.

Contacts from the Pancake Breakfast: Joe's assistant added them to our pre-existing spreadsheet. Jeff Enos will draft an email to send them to ask them for feedback and to encourage them to attend the Home Winemakers Classic.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Gary Green not present):

The checking account balance on 5/24/18 was \$48,476.95. With an outstanding payment of \$420.68 and an outstanding deposit of \$100.00, the true balance is \$47,956.27. We also have approximately \$10,000 in savings.

OLD BUSINESS:

CWPP: All signatures have been obtained but the CWPP already needs updating.

Firewise Community: Jeff Enos will follow up with Kelly Wallace regarding our status

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Robertson attended the Living with Fire in California's Coast Ranges conference on May 7 at Sonoma State University and reported that it was very informative.

Jeff Enos has been in contact with Caerleon Safford of Fire Safe Sonoma and Lisa Warner of the Mayacamas Fire Safe Council about future cooperation with the MVFSC.

Carole Meredith will participate on a panel at the Napa County Fire Prevention and Policy Workshop on May 30.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:25 am

Next Meeting: Saturday, ~~June 30~~, 9 am (subsequently changed to July 28)

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