



MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Saturday, July 28, 2018

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

ATTENDANCE: Joe Nordlinger, Bill Robertson, Jeff Enos, Paul Woodward, Greg Holquist, Roger Provost, Carole Meredith, Kevin Kyle

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: The future of DCLVFD

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the May 26, 2018 meeting were approved

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Joe Nordlinger):

Cal Fire Fire Prevention Grants (CFPG): Joe submitted 7 proposals to this program totaling about \$600,000. The proposed projects include shaded fuel breaks at LAR 3 (5700 block of Dry Creek Road), Cuvaision/Brandlin Ranch driveway, Woodward driveway, Bald Mountain, Mt. Veeder Peak, and Napa Nook and a community outreach project involving mapping. Joe expects at least 2 of these to be funded.

California Fire Safe Council grants (CFSC): We did not initially apply because of the matching funds requirement. However, this program has been reopened to allow matching from CFPG. We will apply for this after we know the status of our CFPG proposals. Even without CFPG funds, we may be able to find other matching funds.

The Family Tree contract has been signed by Family Tree but not yet by us. The PG&E contract is being finalized now. Joe has signed it and returned it to PG&E. The latest version of our CWPP has been signed and Gary Green has it. Maybe we need a cloud file storage account (e.g., Dropbox) to store documents.

PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT (Greg Holquist)

LAR 5 (PG&E funds): This project is approximately 2 miles long, near The Cove camp. It's a loop off Mount Veeder Road. About 30% of the project has already been completed by others. The rest will really take a lot of work. This project will take 5 weeks and work will start in September.

Wall Road (SRA funds): The scope of the project has changed since the fire. The work will employ Family Tree's track chipper and a big bucket truck. Expect to finish in late November.

Redwood Road (SRA funds): There is very little work to do here. What work there is will be done in December. We may be able to apply some of this money to the Wall Road SRA project. Ben Nicholls (Cal Fire) is looking into it.

Neighbors in Need:

- 1) **Wall Road residence:** This work will cost about \$5,000 and will be undertaken at the same time as our other work on Wall Road.
- 2) **Mount Veeder Road residence:** The residence burned and the owner is planning to rebuild. He wants some work done before construction starts because the contractor is concerned about hazard trees. We agreed that MVFSC would spend up to \$1,500 on this work and that it is contingent upon his having obtained a building permit. Greg Holquist will phone him.
- 3) **Dry Creek Road residence:** The resident's daughter is resistant to having MVFSC perform any work. Joe Nordlinger will talk to her and try to make her part of the solution.

The group agreed that it would be good if Cal Fire defensible space inspectors would inform residents about our Neighbors in Need program.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Gary Green not present):

The checking account balance on 7/25/18 was \$48,030.67 and the money market savings balance was \$10,032.26.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joe Nordlinger will work with his assistant Diane at Ascent on updating our fundraising letter. He has submitted an Ascent invoice for \$100 for her time, which represents about ½ of her actual hourly rate.

Jeff Enos is still waiting for a response from Kelly Wallace about the status of our Firewise Community application.

NEW BUSINESS:

The future of Dry Creek Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department: Within the next two years, it is likely that Chief Gary Green will retire. At that point, the DCLVFD could possibly merge with the Carneros VFD or it could just disappear. There are simply not enough members living in our area. When Gary Green and Ken Van Oeveren retire, that will leave Bill Robertson and Joe Nordlinger as the only members who live in the neighborhood. If DCLVFD is going to fold, then MVFSC must do something if it is to continue because it currently exists as an advisory committee to the DCLVFD and operates under the DCLVFD 501c3 non-profit status. We will need to become a 501c3.

RFP Effectiveness Monitoring: Joe will look into this program.

Map accuracy: Carole Meredith said that some the project maps we have been using needs improved accuracy. She offered to work on this.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:50 am

Next Meeting: Saturday, August 25, 9 am, DCL Fire Station 5900 Dry Creek Road