



MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Saturday, December 1, 2018

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

ATTENDANCE: Joe Nordlinger, Bill Robertson, Roger Provost, Paul Woodward, Carole Meredith, Gil Shefer, Taylor Wagner

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: Adding a large water storage tank, CWPP coverage of chaparral, PG&E rights-of-way, prescribed burns

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the October 27, 2018 meeting were approved

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Joe Nordlinger):

Grant Writing Training: In conjunction with NCCFF and Carol Rice, Joe led a webinar for the other Napa County Fire Safe Councils to show them how we manage our grant proposal preparation and submission process. Until the other FSC's get up to speed themselves, the MVFSC can be the entity that writes and submits the proposals and executes and manages the projects. It is important that these other FSC's apply for funding now, while significant funding is available. Joe is now working with both the Angwin and Deer Park FSC's to prepare proposals on their behalf. Diane Ratto will provide administrative support. Greg Holquist is willing and able to manage these additional projects. Ben Nichols of Cal Fire is strongly supportive of this activity. Joe will inform the DCLVFD Board that the MVFSC is working outside the DCL neighborhood. Joe also discussed this with Tom Vreeland at NCCFF. NCCFF has previously been the fiscal sponsor for the few projects the other FSC's have done, but if MVFSC is going to run these projects, it will be cleaner to do it outside the NCCFF, under our own soon-to-be 501(c)(3) status.

New 501(c)(3): Kelly Wallace is proceeding with this and foresees that the application can be filed in February or March. Kelly sees no problems or conflicts of interest with our pursuing funds on behalf of other FSC's, nor does he see any problems with our charging an administrative fee or being billed for administrative work performed on behalf of MVFSC.

Active funding opportunities: Joe is preparing 9 proposals for funding from the 2019 Cal Fire Fire Prevention Grants (FPG) program— 5 for MVFSC (2 of them with Mayacamas FSC), 2 for NCCFF, and 2 for the Deer Park and Angwin FSC's.

Legacy fire roads: Three are included in the FPG requests:

- 5051 Dry Creek Road to Oakville Ridge Road connector
- Cavedale Road to Mt. Veeder Road connector
- Partrick Road to Redwood Road connector

Roger Provost suggested that additional legacy fire roads might be identified in conjunction with a county park that's under development (Chamberlain property). Roger stated that the county is also working with Enchanted Hills Camp (EHC) to connect EHC to Dry Creek Road.

Proposition 68 / California Climate Investment Grants: This program is not appropriate for us as it is intended for more urban areas.

Forest Health Grants: This program may be appropriate for the multi-parcel projects we are envisioning. The program encompasses prescribed burning, biomass, replanting of natives and fuel reduction.

LAR1 base modification to permit access from the north: After meeting with Joe, Ghilotti Brothers has agreed to do the grading. An engineering company has agreed to donate the engineering and the county will waive the permit fee. Joe is now looking for a surveyor and an attorney will be needed for the easement documents. The work will probably be undertaken in the summer of 2019. Joe has also talked to the vineyard owner adjacent to the Bachich property to make sure they are aware that LAR1 emergency traffic could enter that property.

Are there other deficient driveways that could be similarly improved to allow access from both directions? Lokoya Road meets Mount Veeder Road at such an angle and slope that access is not possible from the north. Since that is a public road, we will ask the county to consider modifying this junction to allow access from both directions.

100 Women Who Care About Napa County: An additional \$100 check was received.

PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT (presented by Joe Nordlinger in Greg Holquist's absence)

Wall Road and Redwood loop (SRA funds): These will be finished in 3 to 4 weeks

Neighbors in Need: Greg Holquist has been in touch with the residents of 4515 Dry Creek Road.

TREASURER'S REPORT (presented by Joe Nordlinger in Gary Green's absence)

The checking account balance on 11/29/18 was \$49,608.47 and the money market savings balance was \$10,037.72.

On the budget, an income line 700.23 has been added for Cal Fire Fire Prevention Grants but a corresponding expense line 703.23 has not yet been added. An expense line 703.22 has been added for California Fire Safe Council but a corresponding income line 700.22 has not yet been added.

Ken Van Oeveren has asked for a report of MVFSC activities for the DCL general membership meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul Woodward said he has a year-round spring on his property that could supply water for a water storage tank for firefighting. The group did not know who might be able to pay for such a tank.

Roger Provost expressed concern that our CWPP does not describe the chaparral vegetation that covers most of the west-facing slopes in our neighborhood. The treatment necessary to create fuel breaks and defensible space in chaparral is different than in a forest.

Roger also asked whether we could have any input into the extreme PG&E clearing work that is taking place throughout our neighborhood. The group did not think we could exert any control over that.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:30 am

Next Meeting: Saturday, December 22, 9 am, DCL Fire Station 5900 Dry Creek Road