

MOSQUITO FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday March 27, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

6367 Log Cabin Lane, Placerville CA 95667

1. **Meeting called to order:** 6:04 pm
2. **Roll Call/Verification of Quorum:** Karen Pullin – Chair, Paul Beacham – V. Chair, Wayne Gregson – Director, Jerry Pullin – Grant Coordinator, Jane Gregson – Director. Quorum Met.
Absent: Ken Joseph – Treasure, Mary Joseph – Director
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Request to add “Discussion of purchase of additional zoom equipment, microphones, etc.” Motion – K. Pullin, 2nd - Jane G/Paul B. Approved/passed unanimously. *We did not discuss the zoom equipment*
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion - Jerry P. 2nd. – Wayne G. Approved/passed unanimously
5. **Financial Report:** Given by Karen P. for Ken J. Financial records – binder passed around and open for review. Motion – Karen P. 2nd. – Wayne G. Approved/passed unanimously
6. **Open Forum:** Reese Willer thanked MFSC for bringing CERA (Community Emergency Radio Association) to the community of Mosquito and recognized the work and effort of Wayne Gregson for setting up the Mosquito Neighborhood Radio Watch program.

MFSC will continue to support, sponsor and assist MNRW in any way we can when requested by MNRW and CERA.

Jerry Pullin recognized and congratulated Johnny Valenzuela for his appointment to the CERA board as their PIO and to Karen Pullin for her appointment as Fundraising Coordinator for CERA.
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Update on the MFSC Fuel Reduction Grant:** Karen reported for Ken and Mary. Reported on the ROE (Right of Entry) signed forms required for grant work to be done on resident’s property. Karen reported we were still in need of 2 forms, one from an out of area resident and one from a resident. Karen was later advised that we still had 3 forms unaccounted for. I understand that we now are only waiting on one form. Many thanks to Ken and Mary for the work they put into meeting with the residents and explaining the process and then collecting the forms.
 - b. **Update on Mosquito Neighborhood Radio Watch Program: Wayne Gregson:** Successfully transitioned from the Pollock Network to our very own Mosquito Network on March 1. Check-ins are the 1st and 3rd. Thursdays at 6 PM

Currently have 20 members. March check in's were at 70% and 45%.

CERA will conduct training for Mosquito members on Sat. 4/6/24. Connell and Clay have offered up their home for the classes.

Classes to be taught: Scanners 101, Wildfire Behavior, Net Operations and Basic Radio use.

A second repeater is still in the works as they scout out the perfect location this spring.

Commercial license still in the works, could be months out or even a year.

Met with Trent Williams about access for the Fire Dept. and Support Group folks to our network. Came to the agreement that support group member can join our network by requesting access through me (Wayne Gregson) and that they agree not to represent themselves as the Fire Dept. As of this date, no one from the support group has contacted me for access.

- c. Update on Volunteer Property Assessment/Evaluations and Feb. 27th field map training course attended by Jerry P. and Wayne G.:** Will start doing assessments and evaluation when weather changes and availability expands, later spring and summer. MFSC needs to get the word out to our community and make sure they understand this is all voluntary for information and education and to assist them in understanding the county ordinances and how to achieve or work towards achievement. It was discussed at the EDCFSC meeting that we are only there to assist/educate and inform. The county spent thousands of dollars to train 70 fire safe council members to conduct these evaluations. There was some discussion on the field map reporting. All evaluations/assessments go towards our FireWise Designation as well.
- d. Chipping Event Date and Green Waste Dumpster Event:** Karen: Discussed the chipping form on the scpoa website and their use of "in kind match" and some community wildfire participation and the use of EDCFSC photo and chipping process from their website. Karen P. will reach out to the scpoa board chair and discuss. If they have a grant, we don't want to interfere with their program and we are not sure what community wildfire program they are talking about. A grant was obtained by EDCFSC to update the current CWPP, County/Community Wildfire Prevention Plan and requires approval by the BOS is underway. There is only one chipping contractor willing to come to Mosquito to do our chipping. I will get it scheduled for some time in later May or early June depending on the contractor's availability. Johnny Valenzuela will help promote the event once we have it scheduled. We applied for and will receive \$2,500. towards a green waste dumpster event to take place sometime after the chipping event. I will speak to the scpoa chair about allowing Kevin/Jay to provide chipping for the green waste dumpster event so we can utilize more space in the dumpster. Jay attended the meeting and asked for something to give to them regarding the chipping event so they can hand it out to

scpoa residents who ask about chipping. JV will help develop a flier. All chipping from the EDCFSC chipping program in Mosquito/Swansboro goes towards our in kind match for our FireWise Designation and our grants.

- e. **Update on EDCFSC Programs:** Karen report that all programs, with the exception of the chipping program are on hold while awaiting more funding. Chipping will continue while funds are available.
- f. **Update on RFA:** Karen and Johnny have been attending the meetings as individuals. Neither were able to attend the last meeting in March at Garden Valley. Both were out of state. We will report if we are able to attend the next meeting which should be held in Mosquito.

8. **New Business:**

- a. **EDCFSC grant for outreach and money for associate councils:** Karen reported that MFSC applied for and accepted to receive \$4,000. towards our outreach efforts. We will be using some of the money towards a new workbook with updates and new information, more equipment, money for block parties, food and informational/educational materials.
- b. **Future Goals:** Furthering the objectives of the County BOS for outreach and engagement among all agencies. Work being done with CERA and FSC in coordination with all agencies in the county, to include OES and Cal Fire. Work with our local MNRW to help promote, advance and sponsor their efforts as they request and as we can. Neighbor to neighbor coordinated efforts for safety. Coordinating with other FSCs for co-sponsored coordinated events.

We will be scheduling a completion celebration for the LaPaz project and residents only. We will do a separate block party for Buckboard/Dyer/Gold/Lawyer which LaPaz residents will also be invited to attend; this area will benefit greatly from the fire break grant project.

- c. **Upcoming Election:** We have one board position to open to replace if we chose to. Filling the position would / could make it a 8 member board. If anyone is not intending to return to a board position, please let us know. We will be taking nominations for board positions.

- 9. **Board Member comments, concerns, suggestions or questions for items not on the agenda or for future agenda:** Questions & update with a little discussion on the complaints from MFPD Board and Chief. We received support from EDSFSC, County BOS and many associate councils. We will continue to ignore any further complaints that are not brought directly to our board. Again, we appreciate all the support received and will continue our association and coordination with individuals and organizations that assist MFSC in their goals to educate and inform our community in Wildfire preparedness and prevention.

10. Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting TBD