



FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: January 17th, 10:00am to 11:00am

Located at Alpine Fire Station 1364 Tavern Road Alpine, Ca. 91901

Join Zoom Meeting : <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84574476801?pwd=HEwNJzgiUoUfGCEEDUPBKDsDOroDB.1>

I. Introductions - Online & in person

II. Community Fire Hazards

- a. Fuel Breaks (existing) – Bonnie (Bonnie gave an update maps are still in process of being worked on)
- b. Fuel Breaks (new) – Bonnie
- c. County Roadside Clearing – County DPW (If any updates) (County not present)
- d. Cal Trans Mowing – Cal Trans (If any updates) Dan gave update on fuels work and spraying being done 12' strip 2 month process)
- e. Alpine Creek Fuels Reduction clearance – Antons Tree Service started work on 12/11/2023 and have completed 5 of the parcels. JASON [Photos] Jason gave an update on progress being made on Alpine Creek Fuels work. To date 5 parcels are completed with work now behind Rite Aid
- f. Roadside fire starts occurring. Importance of fuels clearing along both sides of the road.

III. Old Business

- a. Action Plans:
 - i. [Fuel Break Work](#) – Jason – (Action plans are living documents and will be updated as action is completed).
 - ii. [Purchase New Vermeer BC1500 Chipper](#) – Jason – Updated San Diego River Conservancy General Meeting Agenda Item – San Diego Regional Fire Foundation has submitted a grant to secure funds for the Alpine Fire Protection District to purchase outright the new chipper from RDO. Meeting was 11/9. AWARDED. Pending documentation and purchasing. (Funds have been given to AFD and PO has been issued to RDO for the purchase of the new chipper, expected possession mid-February)
 - iii. [Community Engagement and Outreach](#) – Jason AVFSC is hosting first Wildfire Safety Fair to be held 2/10/2024 at the Alpine Community Center).
 - iv. Continue Growth of Firewise USA – Jason / Jon Pop-ups to come. Jon W was not in meeting. He did do a pop up at Ace Hardware 1/12/2024.
- b. Articles of Incorporation done. Filing for tax exemption status has been completed through Online Bookkeeping Services. All paperwork complete and filed with State and IRS. JASON (Documents are in process to be provided to CPA for filling).
- c. By-laws have been reviewed and comments made by Board. **NEED MOTION TO APPROVE. Motion to Approve Steve Taylor, Seconded by Jim Mann Roll Call vote for Executive Members Steve Taylor – YES, Jim Mann – YES, Ernest Pingleton – YES Absent – Colby Ross. ¾ PASS.**

IV. New Business

- a. [Wildfire Safety Fair](#) February 10th, 2024 at Alpine Community Center Shared info on location date and time of the upcoming meeting to be held. Who is attending and had been invited.

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- b. [OPERATION CHIP DROP](#) February 24th, 2024 Viejas Rec. Center Shared info on location and the process of how and what will be provided. EDCO will be providing 10 40cy dumpsters.
- c. Online Bookkeeping will be filling 2023 taxes. Met with staff and in process of gathering docs to submit. Jason met with staff on how to prepare and arrange folder for them.
- d. Divide FIREWISE into 2 separate regions. Spoke on renewal for 2024 decision under advisement from Cal Fire is to divide SD Alpine Firewise into 2 separate areas. Map work is underway.
- e. 2023 End of the Year Review. [\[2023 YTD totals\]](#) Shared PDF docs on where did funds go to for expenses.

V. Advisory Member Updates (Please inform members/residents we are looking for new faces)

- a. Organizing rosters of emails and means for communication.
- b. Hosting events tailgate pop ups. This is for HOA meetings, cul de sac meetings. Call me.

VI. Next Steps – Roundtable Does anyone have any updates, comments, concerns.

VII. Adjourn

Lynn Meyer invited all to attend an event on March 16th Lynn will send and share the flyer.
USFS will conduct fuels maintenance work on Anderson Trail Fuel Break 300'

Jason gave an update that AVFSC has submitted a SPFMG CPG Grant for 2024 and was awarded grant funds of \$197,500.00 to go to continue roadside chipping and DSAP. Funds will help also provide support on Operation CHIP DROP and Wildfire Safety Fair.

Deer Creek HOA has a member participating with AVFSC now Welcome Chari Blumenstock.

Online we welcomed Lee Rickard USFS retired 31 years, looking to volunteer time and be involved
Bonnie Burchill (SPFMG) was online.

Lynn Meyer Alpine Chamber of Commerce was also online.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am