

SIERRA SPRINGS OWNERS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in-person at the Lodge and via Zoom.
M/S/C Petersen /Cummings

Board Members Present: Cathy Petersen, President, Jeremy Dornbier, and Scott Wheeler, Director. Vice President, Jessikah Cummings and Treasurer, Lynda Cardwell attended by Zoom.

Approved Agenda:
M/S/C Petersen/Dornbier

Meeting Agenda

At the start of the meeting, the Board will adopt the agenda and approve the consent calendar with one motion. Any Board or Association Members may request a consent item on the agenda be moved to the Association calendar for discussion.

Executive Meeting: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 5:30 pm

In attendance: Board Members: Cathy Petersen, Jessikah Cummings, Jeremy Dornbier and Association Manager Shelly Thompson.

- Fire Fines effective 12.01.2022 - 1 property
- Reverse Fire Fines - 5 properties
- Electrical outside lighting and courts access - requested bid
- Pappas Energy bid for 200a lodge basement panel
- Sandman Contract
- New Leaf bid for dead trees removal
- Management Companies - bids and contracts

Cathy Petersen made a motion to approve the Executive meeting Minutes from November 2, 2022. Jeremy Dornbier seconds the motion.

Consent Calendar: Cathy Petersen made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Jeremy Dornbier seconds the motion.

Fire Fine Effective 12.01.2022

- 021-019 - Fire Fine December 1, 2022

Fire Fines Reversed:

- 001-090
- 001-094
- 023-169
- 023-171
- 024-189

APPROVE MINUTES FROM: October 12, 2022

Jeremy Dornbier made a motion to approve the October 12, 2022 Minutes as presented. Scott Wheeler seconds the motion.

M/S/C Dornbier/Wheeler 5 – 0 Motion carries

OPEN FORUM: None

Manager's Report: None

Treasurers Report: Treasurer, Jessikah Cummings

OCTOBER'S TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balances as of October 31, 2022

Operating Account	\$70,788.35
Debit Card	\$3,827.59
Capital Reserve Account	\$85,279.64
Forest Fund	\$61,401.53
Road Fund	\$70,478.07
Edward Jones Investment Account	\$214,686.56

Fire Safety Committee: See attached Fire Safety report submitted by Les Richards.

Road Committee: Bill Campbell is working on bids to replace damaged culvert pipes with concrete cloth.

CC&R Committee: None

Events Committee: Discussed the success of the Halloween Trunk-or-treat event that was held at the Lodge on Saturday, October 29th 5pm – 7:30 pm.

Lynda Cardwell discussed having a Christmas event at the Lodge next year.

Architectural Committee: None

11-A01 – Pappas Energy Bid – Discussed bid submitted by Pappas Energy to replace existing old 200 amp service panel in Lodge basement and install a 200 amp sub-panel and wiring in the amount of \$7,500. Jessikah Cummings approved Pappas Energy bid in the amount of \$7,500. Cathy Petersen seconds the motion. Jeremy Dornbier voted No.

M/S/C Cummings/Petersen 4-1 motion carries

11-A02 – Sandman's Contracts – Discussed the 2022/2023 Snow Removal & Sanding Contracts. \$1,500 non-refundable mobilization fee. Snow removal: \$235 an hour & Sanding \$125 an hour. Cathy Petersen made a motion to approve the contract as submitted. Jeremy Dornbier seconds the motion M/S/C Petersen/Dornbier 5-0 motion carries

11-A03 – New Leaf Tree Service – Tree removal of 6 trees. Trees will be cut down, slash chipped and broadcasted onto property and trunk cut into 16” rounds. Bid amount \$1,550. Jeremy made a motion to approve bid in the amount of \$1,550. Scott Wheeler seconds the motion.
M/S/C Dornbier/Wheeler 5-0 motion carries

11-A04 - Management Company RFP – (08-A05) (09-A03) & (10-A03) Change from Sacramento Management Company to Eugene Berger & Associates. Increase in monthly fee in 2023 Budget. Cathy Petersen made a motion to change our management company from Sacramento Management to Eugene Berger & Associates effective 01.01.23. Jeremy Dornbier seconds the motion.
M/S/C Petersen/Dornbier 5-0 motion carries

11-A05 – Adopt amended Recreational Rules - Amendments communicated to Owners in September via email, SSOA Newsletter sent with 4 Quarter statements; posted on SSOA Website. Jeremy Dornbier made a motion to adopt the amended Recreational Rules. Scott Wheeler seconds the motion.
M/S/C Dornbier/Wheeler 5-0 motion carries

11-A06 – Work-Out Area – Discuss the feasibility, location & costs (construction, equipment, insurance) liability, etc. This item will be carried over to the next Board meeting for further consideration.

Cathy Petersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Jeremy Dornbier seconds the motion. M/S/C Petersen/Dornbier 5-0 motion carries

Sierra Springs Fire Safe Council Report 11/9/2022

1. EDCFIRESAFE meeting 10/19/2022

A. Cedar Grove Fire Safe Council - 50 people
changes borders of Camino/Pollock Pines
Newest FSC brings total in county to 29 Fire Safe Councils

B. Wildfire Resilience and Vegetation Mgmt Advisory Committee

BOS mandate 9/21 after Caldor Fire
County lacks organized unified approach to hazard risks. No process for priorities, coordinating process, allocating resources. Multiple projects with similar plans with limited coordination. Working toward a permanent advisory committee.

Organizational Chart:

Board of Supervisors

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Chief Admin Officer

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Office of Wildfire Resilience Coordinator

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Advisory Committee

Committee members:

CalFire, Dot, FSC, RCD districts

Weber Creek project \$25 million program from Hwy 49 to Cedar Ravine. 90% funded by Fema, 5% by State, 5% by El Dorado County, will include hardening 525 structures within project area.

C. CalFire Unit Plan

Fuel reduction projects - Overwhelmed and under staffed

D. Mark Egbert RCD

24 different projects going on in county with 17 contractors.

USFS working on Federal lands near structures

9 projects in holding- one on Lynx Trail near us.

E. Chipping program

Currently up to date. Now allowing 2 job requests per year.

F. Biomass Project

SMUD submitting a grant for 53' trailer, self-powered
capable of processing 500 tons of waste per day.

Towed out into burn scar areas.

2. Amador-El Dorado Forest Forum. 10/19/2022

Presentation on "The Venado Declaration" (use search engine)

\$5 billion dollars spent on suppression in 2020

Redefine how success is measured

Air quality, Health issues

Facts:

Wildfires getting larger

Burning with greater intensity

Hurting our economy

Hurting water quality

Home hardening saves homes and lives

What to do?

Actions:

Prevention vs Suppression

Look at options: Biomass?

Invest in built environment

Adapt State and Federal Laws

Use fire correctly

\$5 billion in prevention & suppression of wildfires

KEEP OUR FORESTS

A Declaration, and Call to Action, from California's Scientists, Land Managers and Former Government Leaders

California is facing a forestry and fire crisis. Over the past 16 months, more than 6 million of California's 33 million acres of forestland have burned. At this rate -- which will only accelerate with climate change -- it's possible that in the next 10 to 20 years most of California's forestland will burn and, by mid-century, much of California's forests will be lost. Landscapes that have been treasured for centuries will be unrecognizable. The clean water, fresh air, carbon sequestration, forest products, recreation and biodiversity these forests make possible will disappear. And toxic air pollution and smoke will continue to choke communities across California.

With this in mind and with smoke still lingering in the air from one of California's worst summers of wildfires on record, a group of scientists, forestry and resource professionals and community leaders met at the Mountain House, located in the historic Venado district of West Colusa County, to set forth a credible action plan. These leaders shared their perspectives, catalogued the massive challenges facing the state and agreed on a set of principles to guide the management of our forests -- and most importantly, reached consensus on what must be done. What follows is the Venado Declaration:

THE FACTS:

- **Wildfires are getting larger and lives and property are being lost.** California's eight largest wildfires on record have all burned over the past four years. Over the past decade, more than 43,000 structures have been destroyed and 173 lives have been lost.
- **Wildfires are burning with greater intensity, permanently transforming landscapes.** High-severity fire begets more high-severity fire, transitioning forests to shrubs and grasses over time (Taylor et al. 2021).
 - In 2021, the Dixie Fire grew 100,000 acres in one day—much of which burned at high severity.
 - The 2020 Castle Fire killed more than 10% of the world's mature giant sequoia trees (Stephenson and Brigham 2021), and more giant sequoias were lost to fires this year.
- **Wildfires are hurting our economy.** California's 2018 fire season led to nearly \$150 billion in economic losses, including \$27.7 billion in capital losses, \$32.2 billion in health costs and \$88.6 billion in indirect losses, impacting industries and sectors statewide far from where fires burned (Wang et al. 2020).
- **Wildfires are hurting our health.** Smoke exposure, even at minimal levels, can significantly increase risk of pre-term birth (Heft-Neal et al. 2022) and other health problems, including death. Many urban areas in California have seen dramatic increases in smoke days in recent years, including San Jose (up 400%) and LA (up 230%).
- **Active and dynamic land management protects communities and improves forest health.** Active management, fire use and intact fire regimes can increase forest resilience, overcome the effects of climate change, increase water availability and biodiversity and mitigate health impacts of wildfire (Taylor et al. 2016, Koontz et al. 2020, Stephens et al. 2020, Burke et al. 2021).
- **Fuel modification and home hardening can also reduce structure loss and save lives.** (Knapp et al. 2021).

OUR PRINCIPLES:

- **Invest in sustained, proactive solutions that match the state's challenges.** Proactive investments need to be scaled to match fire suppression spending. In 2020 alone, more than \$5 billion was spent suppressing fire in California, but only a fraction of that was proactively spent on improving forest health, reducing hazardous fuels and bolstering community resilience. It's time to shift the fire paradigm from one of suppression and exclusion, to one of stewardship and adaptation.
- **Address forest resiliency on every acre.** We know that fire will eventually impact all of the landscape, so we must have a plan to address forest resiliency on every acre. Planned fuels treatments should include the use of fire whenever possible to increase the amount of forestland treated. For example, a proactive policy and regulatory strategy is needed to maintain future forest health. NEPA and CEQA should be updated to consider the detrimental impacts of decades of fire suppression on our forested landscapes and the importance of beneficial fire on maintaining forest health.
- **Partner and collaborate in new and unprecedented ways.** Living with fire and making this paradigm shift requires new, unique partnerships and necessitates co-ownership of fire management and shared responsibility across all levels of government and with private, tribal, and community-based groups. The focus should be on shared values, shared vision, and shared investments, with a central recognition that fire is a natural and essential part of the California landscape.
- **Redefine and broaden how success is measured.** Rather than simply counting acres treated, we should consider other factors, such as jobs created, people trained, increases in water yield, water quality, public health improvements, homes hardened and processing facilities developed.

URGENT ACTIONS:

- **Spend \$5 billion annually on proactive management.** Allocate \$5 billion per year from public/private sources for proactive fuels reduction, workforce development, infrastructure, and other facets of community fire adaptation.
- **Build infrastructure to support this work.** Invest in strategically located infrastructure, including biomass facilities and sawmills, to process forest products, treat waste material, and provide energy.
- **Leverage R&D and new technology.** Invest in research, innovation, and technology to stimulate improvements in planning, new value-added products, and project coordination.
- **Increase the state's capacity to conduct prescribed burns.** Develop and fund a collaborative California prescribed fire training center that builds capacity for prescribed fire across federal, state, tribal, and private lands. Continue to support statutory liability protections and insurance solutions for prescribed fire practitioners in California.
- **Create jobs and train workers.** Invest in jobs and training programs to build a robust and diversified workforce. Jobs and training should service a broad spectrum of related skills and disciplines, including everything from fuels reduction and prescribed fire to public health and landowner and industry assistance.
- **Support initiatives to protect communities and property.** Invest in home hardening and community wildfire protection planning, and support 100% compliance in defensible space projects.
- **Amend and adapt state and federal law so it's consistent with the current crisis.** Reinterpret and implement state and federal laws within the current context of fire, climate change, and drought.

**California has always been a leader, especially on environmental issues. The scale of the challenge we face is huge and the consequences of failure are dire. It's time for massive action.
Our choices are to do something and impact the outcome, or do nothing and watch it burn.**

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