

# ***Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safety Council Board Meeting Minutes***

**Meeting at Lodge and via Zoom**

**August 1, 2022**

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at **6:30 PM**

**2. Roll Call:** Sign-in FSC Board members present: Kay Campbell, Chairperson, Les Richards, Vice Chair / Roger DeGray, Secretary, Lexa Mack, Treasurer (and local author)

**3. Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C – Campbell / Richards / All

**4. Approval of 7/11/2022 Minutes:** M/S/C – Campbell / Richards / All

## **5. Public Comments:**

Member expressed concern of cars speeding in the neighborhood – referred them to SSOA Board Meeting or to contact Shelly for direction.

## **6. Information Items:**

### **a. Chairperson's Report – Kay Campbell**

~ Tami Somara appointed to replace Donna Barrese M/S/C – Campbell / Richards / All

~ PGE Vegetation Management – new contact info (800) 564-5080 / [treessafety@pge.com](mailto:treessafety@pge.com)

### **b. Vice Chairperson's Report – Les Richards**

~ FireWise Certificate may yield SSOA owners 2-10% savings on home insurance – check your policy documentation and call your agent.

~ Evacuation update – Cal-Fire Ready for Wildfire website / video

Top 10 Key steps:

1. Leave Early
2. Have a To-Go Bag ready – Kids and pets
3. Have a plan – where to go for evacuation
4. Communication – keep neighbors, friends and family informed
5. What to wear – Wool or cotton clothing – NOT polyester
6. Goggles, gloves, flashlights
7. Pay Attention 3-4 days ahead is critical
8. GMRS Radio / Scanner – provide extra protection
9. Police Emergency Scanner – listen for to the latest updates
10. Keep your car's gas tank full – be ready to go when you get the warnings

See additional notes from Les attached

**c. Treasurers Report – Lexa Mack**

~ Current Balance \$2,522.97

**7. Old Business:**

- a. SS1 – All evacuation routes cleared (completed)
- b. SS2 – Shaded Fuel break from Sly Park Lake to Pleasant Valley (currently underway)
- c. SS3 – Shaded Fuel Break from Wisteria to Clear Creek (in planning stage (\$309k))

**8. New Business:**

- a. Five Acre Common Area – project currently underway with Central Goats.

**9. Motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm - M/S/C Campbell/ Richards / All**

Next SSRFSC Meeting will be **TUESDAY September 6, 2022** (*post Labor Day Weekend*)

*Respectfully Submitted by, Roger DeGray, Secretary*

# Vice Chair Report SSFRC for 8/1/2022

## 1. "FIREWISE" and Insurance Companies

Firewise is a recognized Wildfire prevention program recognized by 40 States. The program originated after several wildfires in early 2000's.

The program focuses on how to prevent structures from igniting in wildfire scenarios.

The program has three different zones and what to do in each zone.

Sierra Springs is a recognized as a "FIREWISE" Community.

We can be found on page 18 of a 56 page directory and a certificate of recognition is listed on the SSOA website home page.

Why is this national program important to each property owner in Sierra Springs?

If you go to the website: [www.insurance.ca.gov](http://www.insurance.ca.gov) you will find a list of 18 major insurance companies that offer discounts in two different categories. 1. **Discount based on Community Mitigation.** 2. **Discount based on Property/Parcel mitigation.**

The following quote was noted:

" The number of residential property insurance companies offering insurance discounts for fire-hardened homes and communities has increased since Commissioner Lara took office in 2019. Several companies offer both community-wide discounts (for example, a home in a Firewise or Shelter-in-place community) and home specific discounts (for example, maintaining defensible space or home-safety measures against wind blown embers.) In some cases, these discounts can be

combined. Because discounts and eligibility differ by company, we urge you to contact the insurance company directly to find out if your property qualifies.” (Show list)

## 2. EVACUATION

We are coming up on the one year anniversary of the Caldor Fire. I, like many of you had to leave, in my case, in a hurry, not knowing if I would see my home again.

Was I prepared? Not fully. Preparation is a personal plan.

Three steps are involved with getting set to evacuate:

1. Create a Wildfire Action Plan for home, family, pets
2. Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit for each person
3. Have a family Communication Plan

Tips are found on the following websites:

1. CalFire : [readyforwildfire.org](http://readyforwildfire.org)
2. [FiresafeMarin.org](http://FiresafeMarin.org)
3. [EDCfiresafe.org](http://EDCfiresafe.org) / evacuation link to Ready.Gov

**Pay attention!** (Fire weather, three days of 90+, winds out of the north over 10 mph, humidity at/below 20%)

**Have a plan!**

**Leave EARLY!**

**Create good habit patterns!** i.e. keep gas tank at least 1/2 full!  
(My last caravan from Sierra Springs to Hwy 50 was 45 minutes!)