

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

November 7, 2022 Meeting at Lodge & Zoom

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at **6:36 PM**

2. Roll Call: FSC Board Members present: Kay Campbell, Les Richards, Lexa Mack, Roger DeGray and Tami Somara.

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

4. Approval of 9/6/2022 Minutes: M/S/C – DeGray / Richards / All

5. Public Comments: Evaluator (Hassan) reported that trees were removed from his property by EID – they did great job.

6. Information Items:

a. Chairperson's Report – Kay Campbell

~ FA 50 – work suspended temporarily

~ USAA statement shows \$600 savings due to FireWise certificate on their policy

b. Vice Chairperson's Report – Les Richards

~ See attached report details

c. Treasurers Report – Lexa Mack

~ Oct balance = \$2452.97 + \$60 for signs = **\$2,512.97** current

7. Old Business:

a. SS2 & SS3– no updates - waiting for Mark Egbert

8. New Business:

a. Burning allowed – must obtain a permit – valid through Dec 31

b. Need help to do burn piles next week if possible

c. PGE had marked trees in 2019 to be removed with yellow paint – these will not be removed due to lack of funds – but if you have dead trees or ones that pose a risk to power lines – contact PGE – mobile app works best – or call - or go online.

9. Motion to adjourn meeting at **6:54** pm - M/S/C Campbell / Richards / All

Next SSRFSC Meeting planned to be Monday **January 2, 2023 (subj to change)**

Respectfully Submitted by, Roger DeGray, Secretary

Vice Chair Report 11/7/2022

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

Respectfully Submitted by, Les Richards – Vice Chairperson