



Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safety Council Board Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2023

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at **6:36 PM**
- 2. Roll Call:** FSC Board Members present: Les Richards, Roger DeGray (**unable to connect with Zoom**)
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C – Richards / DeGray / NO QUORUM
- 4. Approval of 1/2/2023 Minutes:** NO QUORUM
- 5. Public Comments:** Don Jongsma inquired about the Free chipping program. – Les reports that there is still plenty of money left – we will repost on FB to remind and encourage our residents. This is a great program to reduce fire risk - and saves our members a lot of money!
- 6. Information Items:**

a. Chairperson's Report – Kay Campbell

~ N/A

b. Vice Chairperson's Report – Les Richards

~ *See attached report details from County FS meeting and CCC's update*

c. Treasurers Report – Lexa Mack

~ January 31, 2022 our bank balance was \$2,542.97.

We had no Deposits/Additions and no Withdrawals/Subtractions in January

7. Old Business:

- a. SS2 ongoing / Mark Egbert overseeing progress
- b. SS3– surveying underway – ROE's will be needed

8. New Business:

- a. FA 50 project contractors starting – Shooting Star / Wish Upon Way area.
- b. County proposal to offer financial assistance for property owners to remove any 'dangerous trees'

9. Motion to adjourn meeting at **7:53** pm - Richards / DeGray

Next SSRFSC Meeting to be held Monday **March 6, 2023**

Reminder: FS Evaluators Meeting Wednesday March 1 @2:00pm held at the Lodge

Respectfully Submitted by, Roger DeGray, Secretary

Vice Chair Report 2/6/2023

1. El Dorado County Firesafe Council 1/18/2023

Video is available @ [EDCfiresafe.org](https://www.edcfiresafe.org) approx. 2 1/2 hours long.

Highlights:

Vice Chair- Hugh Council

Awaiting answer from OSFM on assessment class.

El Dorado Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience (WPR)

Reevaluating El Dorado County Ordinance 5101. Some feel this ordinance is not sufficient

Presentation of Board of Supervisors 1/10/2023 23-0078

Large grant for properties south of Hwy 50 in Placerville,

Weber Creek area \$24 million to treat vegetation and harden homes.

Fire Prevention Officers

California Building Standard Code has new standards

for construction in the WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) including vents.

Redistricting the county into 7 Fire Districts

El Dorado National Forest

Thousands of acres to be treated this year

Staffing has been changed to **year round** vs seasonal.

Regional Conservation District - RCD

Several projects underway:

Caldor - Grizzly Flat

Sierra Tahoe - Full mountain access this year

FA(Fire Adapted) 50 still underway. Contractors waiting for clear weather.

Georgetown - BLM Grants

Coloma/Lotus area South County project

Grants

7 plans referred to Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience

28 councils now under EDC Firesafe Council (was only 14 in 2018)

Free Chipping Program – still well funded. Now offering **2 visits per calendar year!**

Defensible Space program closing until additional grants

County Biomass Working Group

Lots of discussion with SMUD and stakeholders about building these plants in various locations

Former Camino Mill may be a possible site

Wood and other waste products are burned to produce steam that runs turbines which generate electricity

2. California Conservation Corps - CCC

Were in our community off & on from 1/23 to 2/2.

14 crew members worked in the Lodge meadow/campground

Reduced fallen trees to firewood for residents and burned slash.

Weather conditions restricted work/travel times.

Total of 20+ hours X 14 = 280 hours of work completed. **This saved the SSOA THOUSANDS of \$\$\$**

Big Thank You to all Fire Safe Committee members that volunteer to provide afternoon snacks for the crew. They will be back!

Talks are ongoing for future help from the CCC for our community. Possibly have CCC visits every month.

Respectfully Submitted by Les Richards, Vice Chairperson