



Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safety Council Board Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2023 Meeting was held Live and via Zoom

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at **6:33 PM**
- 2. Roll Call:** FSC Board Members present: Kay Campbell, Les Richards, Lexa Mack, Roger DeGray
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C – Campbell / Richards / All
- 4. Approval of 1/2/2023 and 2/6/2023 Minutes:** M/S/C – Campbell / DeGray / All
- 5. Public Comments:** Time frame for chipping program, how long from application to pickup – directed to website and phone number to call for pickup status. Hazardous tree? Fallen or falling tree that blocks road access to emergency vehicles or if it poses a threat to people or property.
- 6. Information Items:**
 - a. Chairperson's Report – Kay Campbell**
 - ~ Status of SS3 discussion – currently underway
 - ~ Home Hardening presentation by Alice Cantalow (Tentative date Mon 5/22 at Lodge)
 - b. Vice Chairperson's Report – Les Richards**
 - ~ See attached report details from County FS meeting held on 4/19/2023
 - ~ CalFire has begun doing their evaluations
 - ~ May 5-7 County Fair – Fire Safety booth / Garden Show June 15-18 Landscaping tips
 - c. Treasurers Report – Lexa Mack**
 - ~ April 2023 bank balance \$2,542.97 No Deposits/Additions
- 7. Old Business:**
 - a. SS2 ongoing / resumed working
 - b. SS3– Contract signed in April / Total grant \$309k / Contracted work for \$204k
 - c. EID currently working on 60 ft swath clearance project in SSOA
- 8. New Business:**
 - a. Office of the State Fire Marshal website: **osfm.ca.org**
 - b. Please encourage ALL SSOA residents to apply for the Free Chipping – grant money will go away if it is not used. Apply online for this and possibly other financial assistance!
 - c. BURN PERMITS are required now – available online (don't need to go in person)
- 9. Motion to adjourn** meeting at **7:18 pm - M/S/C – Campbell / Richards / All**

Next SSRFSC Meeting to be held Monday **June 5, 2023**

Respectfully Submitted by, Roger DeGray, Secretary

Vice Chair Report 5/1/2023

1. EDCfiresafe.org meeting 4/19/2023

New draft for grant applications

Request to communicate early about grants Grant workshop in the works

Cal-Fire has started inspections Seasonal hires taking place

Burn permits required after May 1, 2023

Office of Wildfire Prevention and Resilience (OWPR)

Ord. 5101 out to stakeholder for input then to Board of Supervisors for approval.

Maia Davis' contract up will be moving to C D

No replacement for Fire Safe Coordinator.

Chipping Program

Grant for \$355,000 received from Air Quality Management \$150,000 received up front.

Grant expires 2026

Hazardous Tree Program should be on website. Trees posing a threat to passage or harm

Outreach and Education - County Fair May 5,6,7 Garden Show June 15-18

SoFar (South Fork of American River)

\$24 million dollar grant will treat 525 homes in Weber Creek Project

Biomass - Passed the Final Flaw Report - Moving forward, was endorsed by OWPR

Federal Land in Grizzly Flat donated for new Community Center

2. Home Ignition Zone/Defensible Space Assessor Training 4/21-4/22

8 members of the Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safe Council attended the 16 hour course presented by CalFire and EDCfiresafe Council

Focus was on the new Zone 0 (0-5 feet).

Subject matter included roof, eaves, gutters, siding, vents, wooden fences and no combustibles within 5' of any structures.

Four separate homes were "Assessed" and students suggested retrofits for the existing structure under the guidance of a proctor.

Home Hardening can prevent the structure from igniting from burning materials in the winds. Embers or Fire Brands.

Collect in the same areas you find needles and debris driven by the wind

"Ember Casts" or "Brand Blizzards" can land up to several miles away from origination.

Retrofits for radiant heat and flame contact - Grouped into three priorities:

~ **Required:** items to harden the structure to be near Chapter 7A compliant

~ **Recommended:** items to harden the home beyond CBC 7A

~ **Optional:** items that are an option to homeowners once the required and recommended changes have been met.

More info and details to follow soon.

3. CCC's in SSOA

Were here on April 10, 12, 13 and April 17, 19,20

April 17,19,20 focused on roadside vegetation between 5300-5330 Sierra Springs Dr.

And the 5 acre common area. (burn piles and hazard tree removal) More work needed in common areas that are inaccessible with mechanized equipment. ie. chippers, masticators.

4. SSOA Common Areas - Have been evaluated for Defensible Space. The Lodge was assessed for Home Hardening items recommended by OSFM against ember intrusion and brand blizzards.

Respectfully Submitted by Les Richards, Vice Chairperson