

Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safe Council

Board Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2023 Meeting was held Live and via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** FSC Board Members present: Les Richards, Lexa Mack
3. **Approval of Agenda:** N/A – No quorum
4. **Approval of 6/5/2023 Minutes:** N/A – No quorum
5. **Public Comments:** None
6. **Information Items:**
 - a. **Chairperson’s Report** – N/A – Chair not in attendance
 - b. **Vice Chairperson’s Report** – Less Richards – *See attached notes*
 - i. New Workbooks published by EDC Fire Safe Council
 - ii. Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience fully staffed.
 - iii. Recap of Resource Conservation District activities
 - iv. El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office update
 - v. Chipping Program
 - vi. Outreach and Education updates
 - vii. Roadside Clearance on non-county roads update
 1. GTS started on 7/20/2023 – Using some Mountain Enterprise Crews
 - viii. Noxious weeds along roadsides
 1. Bull and Star Thistle
 2. Mullein plants
 - ix. Bio Mass Plant coming to El Dorado County 8/2024
 - c. **Treasurer’s Report:** Lexa Mack
 - i. Per the 4/30/2023 Bank Statement
 1. Began month with \$2,577.97
 2. Reimbursed Kay Campbell for tarps and printing - \$283.87
 3. Ended month with \$2,294.10
7. **Old Business** – None
8. **New Business** – None
9. **Motion to Adjourn meeting at 7:31 p.m.**

Next SSRFSC Meeting to be held September 11, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Lexa Mack, Treasurer

Fire Safe Council Vice Chairman Report 8/7/2023

1. County Fire Safe Meeting 7/19/2023

New workbooks published by EDC Fire Safe Council

25 page brochure containing:

Emergency Communication Toolkit

Red Flag Conditions

Evacuation Readiness

Evacuation Order

Rural Resiliency

Defensible Space

Home Hardening

Winter Fire Safety

County Resources

Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience

Fully Staffed - Tom Meyers

Weber Creek Project 1 Of 5 Statewide

starts next week with property clearance went from committee to commission to Office Resource Conservation District - Mark Egbert

36 projects in El Dorado County \$14 million

Lynx Trail project starting next week

Sierra Springs ongoing

\$1 million received for Park Creek project

\$1 million received for Volcanoville Project

1,000 acres around Grizzly Flats treated

500 acres around Grizzly Flats reforested

El Dorado County Sheriff's Office - OES

RAVE contact system - sign up everyone, all cellphones

Code Red transfer had problems- check it out!

RAVE is statewide! Will be notified if you are in unfamiliar area, i.e. LA, S.Diego

Chipping Program

June is best month ever - 122 jobs -\$62,000

67 alone in Swansboro - \$25,000

Create a job/project for community

Approx. 3 weeks for evaluation on Hazard Trees

taking 60 days to complete

Outreach and Education

Fire News Letter coming out soon

Classes in afternoon after EDC Meeting starting in Sept.

First class - "Vents" class approx. 1 hr.

ARTS Council being involved with Wildfire

Exhibit downtown at 525 Main St. Placerville.

2. Roadside Clearance on Non-County maintained roads.

Godzilla Tree Service - started 7/20/2023

Worker injured by a passing motorist – he is ok but SS drivers must use caution!

3. Noxious weeds along roadsides

Bull and Star Thistle / Mullein plants

4. Bio Mass Plant coming to El Dorado County 8/2024

Article from Mountain Democrat 7/5/2023

Gold Seal Industries-waste to energy company converts excess biomass to biofuel

uses pyrolysis process using heat w/o Oxygen

80,000 to 100,00 tons of biomass from Caldor

130 tons process daily = 5,000 gals of bio-oil

bio-oil is pure biodiesel fuel.

Other products are combustible gasses and bio-char (carbon)

does not have to be connected to grid – self-sustaining with zero emissions

will be placed in Grizzly Flats but will be portable for other areas