

Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safe Council

Board Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2023 Meeting was held Live and via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** FSC Board Members: Kay Campbell, Les Richards, Roger DeGray, Lexa Mack
3. **Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C Campbell / Richards / All
4. **Approval of 9/11/2023 Meeting Minutes:** M/S/C Campbell / Richards / All
5. **Public Comments:** Hassan mentioned he is still waiting on TSU for tree removal. The latest information we have is TSU has been replaced by Mountain Enterprise and that tree removal project will continue in 3 months (January?)

6. Information Items:

a. Chairperson's Report – Kay Campbell

- ~ Attended meeting to secure funding for shaded fuel break
- ~ Achieved \$2,500 grant funding for yard waste dumpster for **MAY 4, 2024**
- ~ We will need volunteers to oversee dumpsters (leaves and needles only)

b. Vice Chairperson's Report – Les Richards

El Dorado County Fire Safe Council Meeting 9/20/2023 - RECAP

- A. California Fair Plan – Premium reductions!
Checklist for discounts 15% - 19%
- B. Vegetation Ordinance 5101 Update
Going to El Dorado County Board of Supervisors last half of October.
Will be effective 12/1/2023?
- C. Assessments completed
August 118 / September 89 (0-5FT Rule)
Assessments are meant to help with Home Hardening to prevent structure ignition
- D. Bureau of Land Management
Allowing homeowners to work 200' into BLM property.
- E. Cal Fire
Starting on their project list as fires are down in our area
Controlled Burns starting around Jenkinson Lake now
- F. OWPR - Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience
First reading of 5101 on 10/24/2023
Firewise Community renewal due 11/18/2023
Richard Galvin is OWPR rep for Firewise re-certifications
Trying to map water sources within county
- G. RCD
Contractors working on FA50 along Cable Rd, Pine Tree, Gradual, and Sierra at Tahoe
South County project has surveys done
Mapping of Firewise Community boundaries
NFPA Firewise limits areas to 2500 households.
- H. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office
OES has 5 people assigned and BOS approved 2 more positions

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- I. Chipping program – Encourage everyone to use – its use or lose the \$\$\$
August 140 jobs , 1,200 acres this year, total of 556 jobs \$227,000 spent.
- J. Defensible Space program
Completed 57 jobs, 54 in progress
Grant received for \$500,000
Accepted 300 jobs for the year
30-60 day average time
Cost: \$1,000 per job
- K. Hazardous Tree Program
51 Parcels completed, 99 trees removed
22 parcels were denied - Arborists re-evaluated their risk to PGE lines
Applications accepted until grant runs out
Originally wanted 250 applications,
reached 75 so far.
- L. Mosquito Bridge Update
\$70 million dollar project – Huge - similar to the Forest Hill Bridge
Will eliminate many winding roads and greatly reduce response time
- M. Sandridge Rd
El Dorado County has totally chip sealed remaining 2.5
miles. Road totally sealed from Bucks Bar to Hwy 49.

c. **Treasurer's Report: Lexa Mack**

- i. Current Balance \$2,324.10 (no change from last month)
7. **Old Business** – SS2 / SS3 Projects – Update coming from Mark Egbert soon
 8. **New Business** – Sly Park Hills community is now being staked by PGE for undergrounding utilities.
 9. **Motion to Adjourn meeting at 7:04 p.m.** M/S/C Campbell / Mack/ All

➔ **Next SSRFSC Meeting to be held November 6, 2023**

Thanksgiving Theme 'Pot Luck' meal after meeting

Respectfully submitted by Roger DeGray Secretary