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DRAFT MINUTES

Fire Safety Advisory Committee – Septmember 27, 2023, at 3:00 pm Board Chambers, 2 South Green Street, Sonora CA 95370

1. Meeting is called to order by Supervisor Campbell at 3:03 PM. Roll call taken. Quorum Established
 - a. Committee Members present
 - i. District 2 Supervisor – Ryan Campbell
 - ii. Tuolumne County Fire – Chief Andy Murphy
 - iii. Tuolumne Fire Safe Council – Mike Olenchalk
 - iv. City of Sonora – Chief New
 - v. District 3 Rep – Wesley Brinegar
 - vi. District 4 Rep – Chuck Sloan
 - vii. Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office – Undersheriff Evans
 - viii. Mi Wuk Fire Sugar Pine Fire Protection – Chief James Klyn
 - b. Committee Members absent
 - i. District 1 Supervisor – Supervisor Goldemberg
 - ii. District 2 – vacant
 - iii. District 5 – vacant
 - iv. Chicken Ranch Band of Me Wuk Indians
 - v. Tuolumne County Fire Chief's Association
 - vi. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians
 - c. Others present
 - i. Dore Bietz – OES Staff
 - ii. Anna Fagioli – OES Staff
 - iii. Public – Various
2. Public Comment
 - a. Sonora resident (Cedar Ridge) concerned with the Hazardous vegetation ordinance, as he felt it was more of a structure and not enforcement.
3. Approval of minutes 8/23/2023:

- a. Motion was made by Supervisor Campell to approved 2nd by Chief Murphy. All in favor, no nays, no abstentions. The motion was approved unanimously.

No Public Comment.

4. Old Business

- a. Staff informed committee of applicant and that Betsy Hurst on the BOS agenda to be appointed on October 3rd. No applicants for District 5 as of yet.
Public Comment. None

Reports/Presentation

- a. Staff Report – Dore Bietz.
 - i. Provided updates on grants (Home Hardening beginning stages of historic preservation process will go before the board on November 7th. Community Wildfire Defense grant will have RFQ by end of year and Evacuation Grant that includes 5 miles of roadside brushing).
 - ii. Popularity of the OES insert in the Tax Bill.
 - iii. PG&E may have funding for field projects but will know more later.
 - iv. Emergency Operation Plan is being reviewed by CAL OES, should take 30 days will go before board on Nov. 7th.
 - v. AFN advisory committee has been made and will meet in October.
- b. Presentation - California Department of Insurance – Richie Sayavong (3:30-3:50pm)
 - i. California Department of Insurance staff provided a presentation on the process for filing appeals and general updates from the Insurance Commissioner.
 1. Committee members asked questions

Public commented on frustrations of dropped insurance and long term potential impacts.

5. New Business - None

6. Working group updates:

- a. Communication and Education Outreach workgroup - Update on information to be mailed out with property tax bill.
- b. Governance workgroup – working on fire insurance issues
- c. Emergency Planning workgroup – updates on evacuation planning grant. Government and emergency planning, there is some money in the Evacuation grant for reflective street signs, working with GIS on locations for the signage. Concerns with limited parking on red flag days. No ordinance but it is being looked at in 11 communities

Public Comments none

7. Member Reports & Discussion – general updates/reports from committee members

- a. Tuolumne County Fire - Chief Murphy
 - i. 2 water tenders have been delivered
 - ii. Lots of controlled burns
 - iii. Fire Prevention week 1st week of October
 - iv. Open House at Station 56 October 14th 10:00am – 2:00pm
- b. Tuolumne Fire Safe Council - Mike Olenchak
 - i. Have received CAL Fire grant 700K for additional clearing of homes for disabled and seniors.

- ii. Work being done at Hwy 120 in Groveland

- c. Public comments: none

8. Next Meeting and Adjournment

- a. Meeting Adjourned at 4:57 pm

- b. Next Regular Fire Safety Advisory Committee Meeting – October 25th @ 3 pm**