

Tuolumne County

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Jaron Brandon, *Fifth District*

DRAFT MINUTES

Fire Safety Advisory Committee – October 25, 2023, at 3:00 pm Board Chambers, 2 South Green Street, Sonora CA 95370

1. Meeting is called to order by Supervisor Goldemberg at 3:00 PM. Roll call taken. Quorum Established
 - a. Committee Members present
 - i. District 1 Supervisor – David Goldemberg
 - ii. District 2 Supervisor – Ryan Campbell
 - iii. Tuolumne County Fire – Chief Andy Murphy
 - iv. Tuolumne Fire Safe Council – Glenn Gotchall
 - v. District 1 Rep – Scott Fremd
 - vi. District 3 Rep – Wesley Brinegar
 - vii. District 4 Rep – Chuck Sloan
 - viii. District 2 Rep – Betsy Hurst
 - ix. Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office – Under Sheriff Neil Evans
 - x. Tuolumne County Fire Chiefs Association – Chief Gamez
 - b. Committee Members absent
 - i. District 5 – vacant
 - ii. Chicken Ranch Band of Me Wuk Indians
 - iii. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians
 - iv. City of Sonora
 - c. Others present
 - i. Dore Bietz – OES Staff
 - ii. Sara Daniel – OES Staff
 - iii. Public – Various
2. Public Comment - Public – Solid Waste Committee meeting and one at Elk's Lodge concerns regarding Green Waste Disposal
3. Approval of minutes 9/27/2023:

- a. Staff made correction that Chief Klyn was representing Tuolumne County Fire Chiefs Association.
- b. Motion was made by Chief Murphy to approve 2nd by Supervisor Campbell. All in favor, no nays, no abstentions. The motion was approved unanimously.

No Public Comment.

4. Old Business - None

5. Reports/Presentation

- a. Fire Insurance Resources Presentation.
 - i. Provided presentation by Insurance Commissioner staff
 - 1. FAIR Plan receiving 1000 apps per day
 - 2. FAIR Plan exposure in Sonora is \$3 billion, Twain Harte \$2.9 billion
 - ii. Tuolumne County OES new page on Fire Insurance
 - iii. Webinars and United Policy Holders and Tuolumne County Realtors Survey links

Supervisor Campbell discussed bringing items to the BoS and volunteered to work with OES Asst Director to draft language (discussion of proclamation of emergency).

- b. Staff Report
 - i. Introduce newest staff member and roles
 - ii. Discussion of sirens and updates of two new locations.
 - iii. Discussion of Home Hardening Grant (HMG) in Ponderosa Hills
 - 1. Awarded a contract, in appeals stage. In Environmental Historic Preservation stage then will have public meetings.

Public commented asking if prevailing wage must be considered, also asked if homeowner will be required to complete reporting – no, OES will do all of the reporting. County hires the contractor to do the work for the homeowner.

6. New Business

- a. Meeting Dates for November and December – staff recommended that we adjust the November regular meeting to the Monday prior (November 20th) due to Thanksgiving Holiday. Also looking at December meeting date, possibly moving to Weds Dec 20th. Will discuss priorities on Fire Safety and have more of a “workshop” meeting. All members in favor of changes, no vote.
- b. GIS Analyst presentation of Fuels Treatments in Tuolumne County
 - i. Committee members request to add
 - 1. My Sierra work
 - 2. PG&E data is included, data sharing is not open
 - 3. Add a column for tax payer funds

Public Comment

- ii. How soon is this going to the Board of Supervisors – Dec 5, 2023.
- iii. How to ensure this GIS info goes to insurance companies – suggestion to start with local insurance brokers

7. Working group updates:

- a. Communication and Education Outreach workgroup – meets next week
 - i. New vendor running Pine Crest theater – working on showing our video
 - ii. Possibility of having billboard/messaging for visitors
- b. Governance workgroup – working on fire insurance issues, red flag warning ordinance

- i. Recommendation from Board of Forestry – County to adopt Red Flag Parking Ordinance
 - ii. 1 ordinance on books 10.1.4 only defined emergency access road in Tuolumne County
- c. Emergency Planning workgroup – created first responder dashboard that we can draw polygon that will need additional support.
 - i. Updating Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP)
 - ii. City of Sonora doing an HMP

Public Comments – the governor signed legislation that secondary access is not subject to CEQA (for existing development). Should work with USFS on ingress/egress

- 8. Member Reports & Discussion – general updates/reports from committee members
 - a. Glenn – CWPP on track to be out in December or January, rcvd 3 primary grants from CalFire for Big Hill fuel break maintenance, defensible space for seniors and disabled grant in the county, Groveland 120 fuel break maintenance
 - b. Betsy – realtors in Amador put on class on how to burn piles safely
 - c. Under Sheriff Evans – have 5 deputies in academy and in November will have 4 more, trying to get more for March, have 7 new in the prison
 - d. Chief Gamez – no quorum from last meeting. Homeland Sec funds got large area search ropes for all type 1 engines
 - e. Chief Murphy – still fully staffed incl. aircraft (extension if needed through Christmas Eve), check out website – improved

Public comments: none

- 9. Next Meeting and Adjournment
 - a. Meeting Adjourned at 4:39 pm
 - b. Next Fire Safety Advisory Committee Meeting – November 20 @ 3:00 pm**