

Tuolumne County

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE

David Goldemberg, *First District*

Kathleen Haff, *Fourth District*

Ryan Campbell, *Second District*

Anaiah Kirk, *Third District*

Jaron Brandon, *Fifth District*

Fire Safety Advisory Committee – April 24, 2024, at 3:00 pm Board Chambers, 2 South Green Street, Sonora CA 95370

I. Meeting is called to order by Supervisor Goldemberg at 3:05 PM. Roll call taken.

II.

a. Committee Members present

1. District 1 Supervisor – David Goldemberg
2. District 1 Rep – Scott Fremd
3. District 3 Rep – Betsy Hurst
4. District 4 Rep – Chuck Sloan
5. Tuolumne County Fire – Chief Andy Murphy
6. Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Vasquez and Undersheriff Evans
7. Tuolumne Fire Safe Council – Karen Caldwell
8. Tuolumne County Fire Chiefs Association – Chief James Klyn
9. City of Sonora – Fire Chief Aimee New

b. Committee Members absent

1. District 2 Supervisor – Ryan Campbell
2. District 2 Rep – Betsy Hurst
3. District 5 – vacant
4. Chicken Ranch Band of Me Wuk Indians
5. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians - excused
6. District 3 Rep – Wesley Brinegar

c. Others present

1. Dore Bietz – OES Staff
2. Anna Fagioli – OES Staff
3. Public – Various

III. Public Comment

- a. Strawberry Volunteer Fire will be debuting its new engine.
- b. Public comment that disappointed that many of the committee members did not attend the Townhall or Home and Garden Show.

IV. Approval of minutes 1/29/2024:

- a. Motion was made by to approve by Chief Murphy 2nd by Chuck Sloan . All in favor, no nays, 1 abstention. The motion was approved unanimously.
No Public Comment.

V. Partner Agency Updates/Presentations

- Cal Fire (not present)
- TUD Presentation on CWDG Grant – Contractor updated committee on grant and committee asked questions about plan for implementation. Also spoke about coordination with recent CWPP approval.
- Jim Schmidt - County Wildfire Risk Ratings in Northern California: FAIR Plan Insurance Policies and Simulation Models vs. Red Flag Warnings and Diablo Winds https://mpira.ub.uni-muenchen.de/120195/1/MPRA_paper_120195.pdf Jim Schmidt spoke about research looking

VI. Committee Business

a. Staff Reports and Recommendations

- i. [State of California Department of Insurance Catastrophe Modeling and Ratemaking Workshop April 23, 2024](#)
- ii. [Board of Forestry Proposes Update Changes for Utility Vegetation Management Activities.](#)
- iii. [Community Wildfire Protection Plan \(CWPP\) 2024](#) – Approved
- iv. [Tuolumne County Home Hardening Project](#)
- v. Emergency Notification System Tests – April and May

b. Committee Member Reports

- i. None

Public comment

VII. **DISCUSSION OF** Recommendation supporting general tax measure, highlighting needs for improved fire and law enforcement. Chief Murphy explained the proposed tax measure and looking at options to support County Fire and Law Enforcement. Tried Measure V a few years back, did not pass. Board is looking to increase revenues to cover costs that are continuing to increase.

Committee Member comments

- need to start telling the story and telling the story of what is needed.
- Anyone look at Calaveras County model?

Staff and Supervisors will report out that committee supports tax measure.

Public Comment - none

VIII. **DISCUSSION OF** Develop recommendations to Board for sustainable funding of emergency services in Tuolumne County long-term. Will add to next meeting to discuss further.

- Offset costs and reduce non-emergency call volumes (Fire and Law) such as fees for service, non-county resident calls for service, etc.
- Support hazardous veg ordinance inspectors to be included in Fire Budget.
- Support recommendation for relocation/improvement of county sheriff's dispatch with long term options such as developing a regional facility. Sheriff updated situation of need to relocate dispatch. Infrastructure is lacking as well as adequate space. Open to all possibilities of how we can fix current building. Want best quality of life for first responders.

Public Comment - none

IX. Working Group Updates – none currently
Public comments: none

X. Next Meeting and Adjournment

a. Meeting Adjourned at 5:00pm.

b. Next Fire Safety Advisory Committee Meeting – May 22nd, 2024 @ 3:00 pm