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Fire Safety Advisory Committee – September 25th, 2024, at 3:00 pm A.N.F. Building 48 Yaney Ave 3rd Floor, Sonora CA 95370

- I. Meeting is called to order by Supervisor Campbell at 3:00 PM. Roll call taken.
- II. Roll Call – Quorum established with 9
 - a. Committee Members present
 1. District 2 Supervisor – Ryan Campbell
 2. District 1 Supervisor – David Goldemberg
 3. Public Rep – Scott Fremd
 4. Public Rep – Betsy Hurst
 5. Public Rep – Chuck Sloan
 6. Tuolumne County Fire – Chief Andy Murphy
 7. Tuolumne County Sheriff Dave Vasquez
 8. Tuolumne County Fire Chiefs Association – Chief Gamez
 9. Sonora City – Chief New
 - b. Advisory Committee Members
 1. Mike Olenchak – Tuolumne Fire Safe Council
 2. Chief Lang – Stanislaus National Forest
 - c. Others present
 1. Dore Bietz – OES Staff
 2. Public – Various
- III. Public Comment
 - a. None
- IV. Approval of minutes 8/28/2024:
 - a. Motion was made by Andy Murphy second by Scott Fremd. All in favor, no nays, no abstention. The motion was approved unanimously.

No Public Comment.
- V. **Partner Agency Updates/Presentations**
 - a. TUD Presentation Update on Wildfire Mitigation Plan – see presentation.
 - b. Cal Fire – nothing new to add

- c. USFS Stanislaus – nothing new to update. Continuing Resolution (federal budget) passed today.
- d. Tuolumne Firesafe Council – Board mtg yesterday, Bellview school meeting with public for the 235 acre treatment project that will begin soon. Will be at TuCARE Oct 5th event.

Public comment – use Firewise for the draft point education.

VI. Committee Business

- a. Staff Reports and Recommendations
 - 1. Report out on Buchanan Mine Road concern by public.
 - 2. Evacuation Planning Grant – updated about community maps and sign locations.
 - 3. Insurance Commissioner Cal Poly Catastrophe Modeling handout
 - 4. Insurance Commissioner Visit discussion tabled.
 - 5. CA Wildfire Mitigation Program – Slides presented.
 - 6. Tuolumne County Wildfire Preparedness Town Hall Save the Date April 5th

Committee member questions/comments:

Public Comment

VII. Discussion and Approval of

- a. Update on strategic goals and recommendations to Board on:
 - 1 – Support sustainable funding for fire services – Andy talked about Fire Services and where we are at on funding. He spoke about reaching out to Insurance Commissioner on ISO rating, and closure of fire stations, what the impact will be to not only providing a first response service but impact to ratings for insurance. Staff will continue to research.
 - 2 – Develop recommendations to the BOS for fees for service. Discussion amongst committee members: Supervisor Campbell wants a recommendation from the committee to recommend to the Board of Supervisors. Andy spoke about large percentage of medical calls and the need for a county wide fee for service as it is not always the county fire station that responds. Discussion about lift assists and the non-emergency calls. Non-resident vehicle fee for service. Other counties charge for out of county residents.
- Motion made by Chuck Sloan, seconded by Chief Gamez that committee recommends including lift assist for care facilities, non-resident fees for service, short term rental false alarms, standby services. All in favor, no abstentions. Motion approved.
- 3 – Support hazardous vegetation ordinance inspectors to be included in Fire Budget – tabled
 - 4 – Support recommendation for relocation/improvement of county sheriff's Dispatch – tabled.

Public Comment

VIII. Committee Member Reports

Public comment - none

IX. Next Meeting and Adjournment

a. Meeting Adjourned at 4:48 pm

b. Next Fire Safety Advisory Committee Meeting – October 23rd, 2024 @ 3:00 pm