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SPECIAL Fire Safety Advisory Committee – October 23rd, 2024, at 3:30 pm A.N.F. Building 48 Yaney Ave 3rd Floor, Sonora CA 95370

- I. Meeting is called to order by Supervisor Goldemberg at 3:30 PM. Roll call taken.
- II. Roll Call – Quorum established with 6
 - a. Committee Members present
 1. District 1 Supervisor – David Goldemberg
 2. Public Rep – Scott Fremd
 3. Public Rep – Betsy Hurst
 4. Public Rep – Chuck Sloan
 5. Tuolumne County Sheriff – Robert Nikifork
 6. Sonora City – Chief New
 - b. Advisory Members
 1. Tuolumne Fire Safe Council
 2. Stanislaus National Forest – Chief Pat Laeng
 - c. Others present
 1. Dore Bietz – OES Staff
 2. Public – Various
- III. Public Comment
 - a. Committee member reported out a resident did work on property and was able to reduce insurance from \$10,000 to \$2500.
- IV. Approval of minutes 9/25/2024:
 - a. Motion was made by Betsy second by Scott with clerical error corrected. All in favor, no nays, no abstention. The motion was approved unanimously.

No Public Comment.
- V. **Partner Agency Updates/Presentations**
 - a. Cal Fire – Chief Whitson spoke about Zone 0. State has stated that the Zone 0 will be in affect in January. First phase of compliance will be for 4290 (New construction) then January 2026 4291 for all existing structures. Gary stated that this will affect every

home in Tuolumne County. He is encouraging that TCU do education first before enforcement. Question on the grants and being defensible space (4291) compliant.

- b. USFS Stanislaus – nothing new update. Moving along with SERAL. Budget has created a halt in projects due to continuing resolution. No temp hiring outside of Fire will be hired currently until budget is approved.

VI. Committee Business

- a. Staff Reports and Recommendations – general report out on Evacuation Exercise in Groveland Oct 3. Nov 12 planned for Sonora area folks
 - 1. PGE Vegetation Management
HOA in Ebbetts came up with a great solution (staff to look at funding).
Service clubs that can help, firewood.
 - 2. Parametric insurance information.
 - 3. Public rep seat Betsy Hurst expires 12/31/24. She will need to submit an application and then it goes to the board.

Committee member questions/comments:

Asked if this committee will be overseeing the measure Z input. Discussion of role of committee.

Public Comment - none

VII. Discussion and Approval of

- a. Nov/Dec Meeting dates and times – both meetings fall day before holiday. Committee agreed to cancel those meetings and hold a Special Meeting December 9th at 10:00 am.
- b. Discussion of 2025 goals
 - Support advocacy to address fire insurance rate impacts for Tuolumne County residents and businesses.
 - Operational items to support
 - Support development of roadside brushing crew program partners.
 - Support at least 3 Community Evacuation Exercises in key communities.
 - Support redflag parking ordinance for key areas.
 - Support preparedness education including increase outreach to residents/visitors.

Public Comment - None

VIII. Committee Member Reports

Supervisor Goldemberg spoke about dispatch upgrades, Justice Center, and options.

Public comment - none

IX. Next Meeting and Adjournment

- a. Meeting Adjourned at 4:32 pm.
- b. **Next Fire Safety Advisory Committee Meeting – SPECIAL MEETING December 9th, 2024 @ 10:00 am**