

TUOLUMNE COUNTY FIRE SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

Date/Time: Wednesday, Aug 26th, 2026, at 3:00 pm
Location: ANF Building, 48 Yaney Ave 3rd Floor Committees Room, Sonora, CA 95370
Contact: Office of Emergency Services at oes@co.tuolumne.ca.us (209) 533-6395

Chair

Supervisor Ryan Campbell

Vice Chair

Supervisor Steve Grier

Voting Member Representatives

- *Tuolumne County Fire*
- *Tuolumne County Sheriff*
- *City of Sonora*
- *Tuolumne County Fire Chiefs Association*
- *Public Representatives*
Scott Fremd
Charles Sloan
Betsy Hurst-Younger

Advisory Members

- *Chicken Ranch Band of Me-Wuk Indians*
- *Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians*
- *Tuolumne Fire Safe Council*
- *USFS Stanislaus*

Staff

TuoCo Sheriff's LT Rob Speers

2026 Strategic Goals

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I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Introductions during roll call

Confirm quorum requirements are met (Quorum = 5 members)

III. **PUBLIC FORUM**

The public may speak on any item, not on the agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee.

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

IV. **CONSENT**

- a. Discuss/approve 5/27/2026 FSAC Meeting Minutes.

V. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. LT Speers, Sheriff's Office – Genasys Evac Mapping

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

VI. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Discussion/Action: FSAC meeting cadence change-quarterly, months/dates
- b. Discussion of Dove/Court/Oneil Incident Responses – FIRE/TCSO

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

VII. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Staff Reports, Updates and Recommendations

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

VIII. **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

IX. **PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES**

- a. Partner Agency Updates (USFS, Tribal, FireSafe Council, SWIFT)

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next (quarterly) meeting will be OCT 28th, 2026.

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OES Assistant Director
Dore A. Bietz

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I. CALL TO ORDER at 3:05pm

II. ROLL CALL – In attendance (Y)

Voting Members Present
Supervisor Campbell (Y)
Supervisor Grier (Y)
Tuolumne County Fire – Chief Gorham (Y)
Sonora Fire – Chief Gregory (Y)
Tuolumne County Sheriff – Neil Evans – Undersheriff (Y)
Public Rep – Charles Sloan (Y)
Public Rep – Betsy Hurst-Younger (Excused Absence)
Public Rep – Scott Fremd (Y)
Tuolumne Fire Chiefs Association – Neil Gamez (Y)

Advisory Members Present: none

FSAC Staff – Dore Bietz
Natural Resources Analyst – Sean Hembree

Confirm quorum requirements are met (Quorum = 7 members)

III. PUBLIC FORUM

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Resident brought up the Hazardous Vegetation Management Ordinance and the importance of bringing forward education and outreach more. Continue the work already done, maybe grant funding or other options.

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING 2/25/2026

Motion by Supervisor Grier, seconded by Betsy Hurst – Younger
All in favor. Motion passed.

V. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

a. Staff Reports, Updates and Recommendations

Dore presented two updates 1). FEMA/Cal OES Home Hardening Project update. Showed the public facing dashboard that has 99 homes that have applied, and walked committee through the process of assessments, scope of work and review by FEMA before contractors hired to do work. Dore suggested that the committee invite the Project Manager Lindsay Barteau to come explain the process. 2) Dore updated the Board of Forestry recent release of the Zone 0 with information and showed a short video. Recommended that committee stay in tuned with the final rule and the implementation phases.

VI. STAFF PRESENTATION, UPDATES AND REPORTS

- a. Community Wildfire Defense Grant update – Sean gave an update as to the actions being taken to implement the grant. Mailers have gone out and
- b. Additional Actions under development – Sean spoke about low camping and not getting anything back from county counsel yet. This will come back to the committee prior to going back to the board.

Public Comment – guests asked about roadside brushing maps. Staff stated that the Tuolumne County Mitigation Hub page has maps that show roadside brushing projects.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

- a. *Member Report outs*
Sheriff's – met with Cal Fire to go over command and be ready for fire season, also OES transition to Sheriff Cal Fire, Sonora Fire, Twain Harte Fire – no updates
Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

VIII. PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES – change to beginning of agenda

- a. Partner Agency Updates
Tribes – Chicken Ranch will be hosting a free Basic CERT class in June.
Fire Safe Council – New President Gary Sanchez, gave status of projects, all updates are on their web page and thanked SWIFT – Tuolumne members met this month to look at the units in the CWPP and will provide later date.

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

IX. ADJOURNMENT at 3:45 pm

The Next meeting will be June 24th, 2026.