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Fire Safety Advisory Committee Board of Supervisors Chambers 2 South Green St. 4th Floor Sonora, CA

June 23, 2021 @ 10:30 AM

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AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. Approval of May 26th, 2021 minutes
4. Old Business
 - a. Discussion and approval of Mission and Vision Statements for Fire Safety Advisory Committee.
5. Reports/Presentations
 - a. Matthew Straeb - Global Security Systems/ALERT FM
6. Working groups
 - i. Communication and Education Outreach
 1. Evacuation Procedures Overview – Sheriff’s Office
 2. Emergency Alert System – Discussion of the current system and recent test...fixing the bugs – Sheriff/OES
 - ii. Governance
 1. Board of Forestry Proposed Fire Safe Regulations Update – BOS
 2. Vegetation Ordinance –Working session on suggested draft language.
 - iii. Emergency Planning
 1. Tuolumne County Fire History Map
 2. Evacuation Pamphlet
7. Adjourn
 - a. **Next Fire Safety Advisory Committee Meeting – July 28th @ 10:30 AM**

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MINUTES FIRE SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, May 26, 2021 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Board Chambers Zoom Options

AGENDA

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Ryan Campbell called the meeting to order at 11:01 am. Took roll call
 - a. Committee Members present (quorum established)
 - i. Supervisor Ryan Campbell -District 2
 - ii. Supervisor David Goldemberg - District 1
 - iii. Chief Andy Murphy- Tuolumne County Fire
 - iv. Chief Mark Ferreira – Tuolumne County Fire Chief’s Association
 - v. Chief Aimee New – Sonora City Fire
 - vi. Sheriff Bill Pooley – Tuolumne County Sheriff
 - vii. Monica Fox – Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians
 - viii. Chief Jerry McGowan – Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians
 - ix. Scott Fremd – District 1 public representative
 - x. Dennis Randall – District 2 public representative
 - xi. Wesley Brenegan – District 3 public representative (via Zoom)
 - xii. Eric Holly – District 4 public representative
 - xiii. Malcolm Carden – District 5 – public representative
 - b. Others present
 - i. Neil Evans -Tuolumne County Undersheriff
 - ii. Traci Williams – OES staff
 - iii. Dore Bietz – OES Coordinator
2. Public Comment: none
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Approval of April 28, 2021 minutes
 - i. Glenn Gottschall moved to approve, and Malcolm Carden seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

ii. No public comment.

4. Reports/Presentations:

a. Dore – OES Presentation

- i. Discussed and presented the Firewise program, discussion ensued regarding the benefits of being part of a Firewise Community. Firewise handed out.
- ii. Community Emergency Response Team CERT gave history on the program. Tuolumne County OES is now approved for a CERT program, discussed, Train the Trainor program. We handed out CERT information.

No Public Comment

5. Working Groups

a. Communication and Education Outreach

i. Emergency Alert System – Tuolumne County Citizen Alert Notification System

ii. Dore Bietz Reported out on notifications of citizen Opt-in numbers

a. Current Subscribers 61,431 (breakdown follows)

1. individual Opt-in 8,350
2. Residential cell phones 13,335
3. Residential landline 11,276

b. Provided by service providers

1. AT&T residential 9,921
2. Comcast 7,048
3. AT&T Business 6,396
4. Residential VOIP 2,917
5. Business landline 1,451
6. Business VOIP 535
7. Business wireless 202

iii. Wildfire Preparedness Town Hall

i. Presented flyer on June 3, 2021, planned Wildfire Preparedness Town Hall

iv. Creation of video

- i. Discussed the creation of a video starring the Sheriff, Cal Fire Unit Chief, and USFS Forest Supervisor about the importance of wildfire notifications and evacuations.

No public comment

b. Governance

i. Vegetation Ordinances – Presentation and discussion of the handouts given to the FSAC members:

- i. Alpine County Ordinance
- ii. Butte County Ordinance 4199
- iii. Ebbetts Pass Fire Ordinance
- iv. Sonora City Defensible Space Ordinance
- v. El Dorado Vegetation Management Ordinance
- vi. Riverside County Hazardous Vegetation
- vii. Placer County Vacant Land

No public comment

c. Emergency Planning

- i. Applied for a grant for dedicated GIS staff for emergency evacuations
- ii. Board of Forestry Proposed Fire Safe Regulations – discussion

No public comment

6. Action Items

- a. Board of Forestry Proposed Fire Safe Regulations – CAO/Dept Public Works will provide an overview of the Board of Forestry Notice of Proposed Action on State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations, 2021 - Recommendation to Board of Supervisors to provide comment on the Board of Forestry Notice of Proposed Action on State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations, 2021
 - i. Motion made to respond by BOS to the BOF letter by Chief Aimee New, seconded by Chief Mark Ferreira. All in favor.
 - ii. No public comment
- b. Committee Meeting logistics – Discussion and approval to change the committee meeting time to 10:00 am on the fourth Weds of the month. Committee agreed to changing to 10:30 am and continue on the fourth Weds of the month. All in favor
 - i. No public comment

7. Future agenda items

- a. Present to the BOS on the ordinance regarding vegetation management
- b. GIS create a map of unimproved public lands with improved properties
- c. Present Fire history map

No public comment

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PRIMARY TRAVEL ROUTES

- Know and drive your primary travel routes in advance.
- Visit www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/communitymaps to print a copy of your community map.
- Be prepared to be directed by law enforcement or traffic control personnel. You must follow their directions.
- Never block the travel route of the fire department or other emergency responders.

DURING EVACUATION

- If you become trapped by fire while evacuating in your car, park in an area clear of vegetation, close all vehicles windows and vents, cover yourself with a blanket or jacket and lie on the floor.
- If you are trapped by fire while evacuating on foot, select an area clear of vegetation or lie face down in a ditch.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO EVACUATE DURING A FIRE

- Stay inside your house and away from walls.
- Keep all doors closed but leave them unlocked.
- Keep your entire family together and REMAIN CALM. Remember if it gets hot in the house, it is far hotter and more dangerous outside.

AFTER THE FIRE PASSES

- Check the exterior and roof immediately, extinguish all sparks and embers. If you must climb on the roof, use caution.
- Check inside the attic for hidden burning embers.
- Check your yard for burning wood piles, trees, fence post or other materials.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

During an emergency residents are encouraged to monitor the following for updated information:



Tuolumne County OES

Cal Fire TCU

TCSO

TC Animal Control

@tuolumnecountygovernment



@TuolumneCoFire

TUOLUMNE COUNTY WILDLAND FIRE EVACUATION PLAN



TUOLUMNE
COUNTY

Office of Emergency Services

WWW.TUOLUMNECOUNTY.CA.GOV/OES

BE PREPARED

- Have adequate clearance around structures with a minimum of 100 feet (including woodpiles), removing all flammable materials.
- Clear pine needles and leaves from gutters and roof. Trim back over hanging branches at least 10 feet.
- Replace roofing and siding with nonflammable or fire resistive materials.
- Reduce or remove flammable vegetation, including landscape plants, and replace with less flammable plants.
- Maintain greenbelt fuel modification around developed areas.
- Prepare pets and livestock and have a plan to evacuate them.
- Collect valuables, medications, prescriptions, and other personal items in one place and be ready to evacuate if necessary.
- Have a plan and a designated meeting place for reuniting family members during an evacuation.
- Use the county's community maps www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/1169/Community-Maps to familiarize yourself in advance with your travel route options.

DURING AN EVACUATION

- All evacuation activities are a collaborative effort between the fire department, law enforcement, Office of Emergency Services, Animal Control, Red Cross and others.
- Fire and or law enforcement determines the areas to be evacuated.
- Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office will notify residents and conduct evacuations in partnership with fire and other law enforcement agencies.
- Evacuated residents will be given instructions as to travel routes and safe locations.
- Law enforcement officers will be responsible for the security of evacuated areas.
- Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services with Red Cross will decide on shelter and relocation locations.
- California Highway Patrol and Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department will control traffic and maintain access for emergency equipment.

EVACUATION NOTIFICATION

Residents will be advised of potential hazards and the possibility of evacuation through:

- Citizen Emergency Alert Notification System www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/1170/Emergency-Alerts
- Local radio stations (see back page for a list)
- Mymotherlode.com
- Door-to-Door when feasible
- Official Social Media <https://www.facebook.com/TuolumneCountyOES>

The two types of evacuation warnings are as follows:

Evacuation Warning

Issued when an evacuation order is eminent. It includes the specific geographical area that may be evacuated and procedures that should be followed to prepare for an evacuation.

Evacuation Order

Issued when there is an immediate threat to life and/or property. The evacuation order contains specific geographic areas to be evacuated and procedures to be followed.

The direction of your evacuation route will depend upon the location of the fire in relation to your home. Emergency personnel will direct you to the safest route.

IT IS CRITICAL TO LEAVE WHEN AN EVACUATION IS ORDERED

SHELTERING OPTIONS

- **Shelter in Place:** when the Fire Department feels it is safe to stay in your home during low intensity fire where the structures have a good clearance and are made of fire resistant materials.
- **Temporary Refuge Areas:** temporary holding areas for smaller groups of people that can provide a safe haven throughout the county. Fire and Law Enforcement personnel will direct you to Temporary Refuge Areas if they are safe to access and only when appropriate. Not all temporary refuge areas may be available based on the location and intensity of the fire.
- **Shelters:** Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services works with Red Cross to establish shelters for the immediate and short term housing and care of evacuated residents and animals.
- **Alternative Locations:** Residents who do not use designated shelters should determine alternative housing locations in advance. If you are evacuated and choose not to go to a shelter, you are advised to contact the Red Cross to provide information about your location, in the event family or friends trying to find you.

WHAT TO DO IF A WILDFIRE IS APPROACHING

- Park your vehicle facing out. Place keys in your ignition.
- Place your valuable documents and family mementos in your vehicle.
- Secure pets and be prepared for them to be transported.
- Close shutters and heavy drapes.
- Leave your electricity on and turn lights on in several rooms. This will make your house more visible in heavy smoke.
- Cover up by wearing long pants, long sleeved shirt, and a bandana to cover your face.
- Shut off liquefied petroleum gas or natural gas valves.

Prescribed Burn Association Interest meeting (on line)

Thursday July 1st, 2021 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Zoom meeting (link will be sent upon registration)

Meeting Description:

Prescribed fire is a critical tool for managing working rangelands and forests in the Sierra Nevada. This on-line meeting will convene those interested in carrying out prescribed burns in Tuolumne and Calaveras counties to talk about next steps for forming a local prescribed burn association.

Who should attend:

Tuolumne or Calaveras county residents interested in:

- Using prescribed fire on their own property
- Working with neighbors to increase the use of prescribed fire in the area
- Finding out more about prescribed burn associations

Meeting Topics

- How a prescribed burn association (PBA) works
- Permitting/ liability issues
- Tools and personal protective equipment
- Next steps for forming a PBA

Registration

Please register for the zoom meeting at <http://ucanr.edu/pbameeting>. A zoom link to join the meeting will be sent to you at a later time.

For more information:

Please contact Susie Kocher, sdkocher@ucanr.edu. Also, please check out the California PBA website at <http://calpba.org>.

