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MINUTES

Fire Safety Advisory Committee – December 22, 2021 @ 10:30 am
Board of Supervisors Chambers
2 South Green St. 4th Floor, Sonora, CA

AGENDA

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order by Supervisor Goldemberg at 10:31 am, roll call taken.
 - a. Committee Members present (quorum established with 8 members present)
 - i. Supervisor Ryan Campbell -District 2
 - ii. Supervisor David Goldemberg – District 1
 - iii. Chief Andy Murphy- Tuolumne County Fire (Chief Nick Casi Present)
 - iv. Sheriff Bill Pooley – Tuolumne County Sheriff (Undersheriff Evans Present)
 - v. Wesley Brinegar – District 3
 - vi. Jerry McGowan -Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians (absent)
 - vii. Glen Gotschall – Tuolumne Firesafe Council representative (
 - viii. Chief Mark Ferreira – Tuolumne County Fire Chief’s Association (via phone)
 - ix. Dennis Randall – District 2 public representative
 - x. Scott Fremd – District 1
 - xi. Monica Fox – Chicken Ranch Band of Me-Wuk Indians
 - xii. Eric Holly – District 4 public representative
 - xiii. Chief Aimee New – (absent)
 - xiv. Malcolm Carden – District 5 – public representative (absent)
 - b. Others present
 - i. Dore Bietz – OES Coordinator
 - ii. Tracey McKnight – OES Admin Analyst
 - iii. Public – various folks
2. Public Comment – round robin of public

3. Approval of minutes for November 24, 2021 - Motioned by Eric Holly , seconded by Wesley Brinegar
Vote taken all in favor, no nays, no abstentions
4. Old Business
5. Reports/Presentation
 - a. BLM report
 - b. Public comment –
 - i. askd for a more detailed map. OES staff directed them to send request to oes@co.tuolumne.ca.us
 - ii. asked about if BLM has a plan for maintenance plan? OES staff will ask that question to BLM.
 - c. Board of Forestry....
 - i. OES Staff Chief Casci explained the role Board of Forestry oversees the regulations above Cal Fire, Cal Fire enforces once the regulations are in place.
 - ii. Chairman Campbell Schedule meeting with Edith to have another conversation prior to deadline.
 - iii.
 - iv. Public Comment
 - i. Ron Kopf – stated that the new version did not address the older version, where did the comments go from the previous version? Not clear about the comments that were made previously =, do they go away and we can only comment
 - ii. Pine Mountain Lake Safety wanted to clarify that HOA’s role superseded any new regulations that come down. Be able to explain at BOD of HOA.
 - v. OES staff talked about 4290.1 and fire risk communities list.= background
 - i. Public comment
 - a. Ron Kopf – map of counties list of fire severity...could if we improved can we move out the high fire sverity zone. Cal Fire FRAPP on fuel types,
 - b. Bob Asquith PML – be sure have a paragraph or two on home insurance rates.
 - c. Firewise asked about prescribed fire and the general public to engage in.
 1. OES and Cal Fire spoke about intent and purpose and how rules are changing.
 - vi.
 - d. Public comment - none
6. Working groups
 - a. Communication and Education outreach workgroup
 - i. The Outreach and Education Workgroup reported out on pamphlets on Evacuation and Emergency Alert Notification. Still awaiting to hear from schools on being able to send out. Looking at insert in Union Democrat. DMV and Regal now showing video and display ads. Any ideas to get the word out to the visitors. Spring will be a great time to push out information. Suggested that we send a link to our panplets during the annual Everbridge testing. Messages out about normal.....dont throw cigarette out, don’t let

chains hang, etc. Chief Casci spoke of fire prevention and plan that looks and Unit Fire Prevention Specialist Emily Kilgore that can offer assistance

- i. Public Comment – PML offered to put in local newsletter.

b. Governance

- i. Discussed vegetation ordinance work and meetings held and planned.

- i. Public Comment –

- a. vacant lots in the city? How many? Question if the vegetation ordinance will apply within city limits? No, as explained Sonora city would like to mirror what we will be doing within the County. Ask about who inspect in City? OES staff referred.
 - b. suggest we address succession of owner. Gave example of PML and boat slips. That if someone sells, the requirement is then transferred down.

- ii. Also spoke of the need fire inspection requirement and transfer of ownership. Will be on next agenda in January for a presentation/discussion.

- a. Chief Casci agreed to having a presentation on at next meeting (January) as well as the defensible space inspections data.

c. Emergency planning workgroup

- i. This workgroup will be meeting with the contractors who are working on an evacuation planning grant through TCTC. Our goal is to assist with recommendations on improvements and solutions. Contractors have a meeting set with the Fire Chiefs and Sheriffs office. While we applied, were approved but not awarded funding for the Wildfire Mitigation Analyst, the workgroup will also be reviewing our initial application to the California Firesafe Council Evacuation Planning grant that we are developing that will focus on roadside brushing along potential egress routes. Working on our alert and warning plan, including outdoor audible alerts as well as evacuation planning. We are looking at other counties who have sirens and learning what has worked or has not. As previously discussed, we hope to have a recommendation on the alert and warning plan including outdoor audible alerts to the board no later than May of next year. We will be doing a separate public outreach campaign on alert and warnings. OES staff talked about working on evacuation planning grant and goal of educating public about knowing routes of egress.

d. Public Comment

- i. PML Safety Committee has put in about 200 hours on this issue. Estimate 6000 people in summer that comes from outside community that do not know they are in Tuolumne County. IPAWS system is what they have found to work most effectively.
- ii. Reminded workgroup of low tech and signage.....need for more signs and
- iii. Questions regarding sirens and the environmental consequence or concern from public about noise level.

7. New Business - none

8. Next Meeting and Adjournment

9. Public comments – want meeting via zoom

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11. Closing comments and next meeting

- a. Possibly emergency meeting prior to Jan 11th for Board of Forestry comments
- b.
- c. Adjourned @ 12:21 pm
- d.
- e. **Next Fire Safety Advisory Committee Meeting – January 26th @ 10:30 am**

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