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DRAFT MINUTES

**Fire Safety Advisory Committee – May 24th, 2023, at 10:30 am
Board Chambers, 2 South Green Street, Sonora CA 95370**

1. Meeting is called to order by Supervisor Goldemberg at 11:03 AM. Roll call taken. Quorum Established
 - a. Committee Members present
 - a. District 1 Supervisor – Supervisor Goldemberg
 - b. District 2 Supervisor – Ryan Campbell
 - c. Tuolumne County Fire – Andy Murphy
 - d. Tuolumne County Sheriff – Bill Pooley
 - e. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians – Jerry McGowan
 - f. City of Sonora – Chief New
 - g. Tuolumne Fire Safe Council – Chuck Sloan
 - h. District 1 Rep – Scott Fremd
 - b. Committee Members absent
 - a. District 3 public representative Wesley Brinegar - excused
 - b. District 2 – vacant
 - c. District 4 – vacant
 - d. District 5 – vacant
 - e. Chicken Ranch Band of Me Wuk
 - f. Tuolumne County Fire Chief's Association
 - c. Others present
 - a. Dore Bietz – OES Staff
 - b. Sean Hembree – OES Staff
 - c. Public – Various
2. Public Comment
 - a. Public Comment – None

3. Approval of minutes 4/26/2023:
 - a. Motion was made by Supervisor Campbell 2nd by Sherriff Pooley to approve. All in favor, no nays, 1 abstention. The motion was approved unanimously.
No Public Comment.

4. Old Business
 - a. No Public Comment.

5. Reports/Presentation

- a. Sonora City Fire Department – Chief New

- a. Brief history: the Sonora Fire Department was established in 1852 making it older than the San Francisco Fire Department. It was made up of four volunteer hose companies. 1854 fire in City Hotel burned most of the downtown area prompting rebuilding most of the historic buildings we now have with brick or stone. In 1948 the City hired its first paid firefighters
Now the City has Full-time staffing of a Captain and Engineer plus interns, for a total of eight employees, seven volunteers, and 4 relief engineers. The department responds to 1945 calls per year.
- b. Committee comments: Can you talk about the contract with Chicken Ranch Me-Wuk Tribe?
 - i. The Tribe has contracted with Sonora City to provide staffing for a planned Tribal Fire Station located in Jamestown. Staffing of firefighters will come from Sonora City Fire Department employees under contract similar to the arrangement between CAL FIRE and Tuolumne County for County Fire staffing.

Public Comment – none

- b. Staff Report – OES updated on projects/grants and FEMA status of two major disaster declaration storms.
Public comments – None

6. New Business

- a. Emergency Operations Plan Update. Staff updated committee on purpose and need to update the Tuolumne County Emergency Operations Plan. Contractor has been hired and in the process of updating through partner meetings and public comment. A Draft will be presented to the committee prior to going to the board in October.
Public comments – none
- b. USDA Community Wildfire Defense Grant – staff updated committee on the award of 10 million for the next five years to provide private property owners defensible space clearing in three communities: Miwuk Village, Cedar Ridge and the Yankee Hill area of Columbia. This funding will also allow for roadside brushing of county-maintained roads that lead into communities without secondary egress.
Public Comments - none

7. Working group updates:

- a. Communication and Education Outreach workgroup – Crystal Falls Tabletop discussion date: property owners have a job to do in an emergency: what is your role, what is not your role... CERT, ARC, Firewise, Access Routes, go bags.
- b. Governance workgroup – ordinance changes
 - i. Red flag and parking on narrow streets

- ii. Increase number of fire access identified roadways.
- c. Emergency Planning workgroup – Sherriff Pooley talked about egress road signage and/or road designation's.

Public comments - none

- 8. Member Reports & Discussion – general updates/reports from committee members
Public comments: Inquiry was made about permitting for short-term rentals.

- 9. Next Meeting and Adjournment

- a. Meeting Adjourned 12:42

- b. Next Regular Fire Safety Advisory Committee Meeting – June 28th @ 10:30 am**