

RDS Fire Safe Council Meeting

Minutes

November 28, 2023

RDS Maintenance Building

Call to Order 6:05 PM

Board Attendees

Gary, Bruce, Valerie, and Robert

Other Attendees

Randy Hellesvig, Vicki Stone

Chairperson's Report

- Green Waste event completed
- Submitted Firewise USA® renewal application on November 13, 2023
- **EL Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC) - Monthly Meeting Highlights:**
 - Presentation of 5101 Ordinance revision to Board of Supervisors delayed until the December 12th board meeting
 - The Defensible Space, Chipping, and Hazardous Tree Removal Programs are all going dark for December – no new applications will be accepted from December 1, 2023, until January 1, 2024
 - No EDCFSC meeting in December. Next meeting January 17, 2024
 - OWPR, Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience's CWPP Contractor bidding is now closed. Evaluating contractors and hope to start in January or February 2024. Ken (Chair) said it won't be complete until late 2024 or maybe slightly later
 - Veteran's Breakfast was very successful. Their goal was 200 people. They sold 157 pre-event tickets and Karen (Secretary) said with walk-ins they far exceeded their goal – Thanks to Robert Henke for supporting and representing RDSFSC
 - EDCFSC are planning another Assessor Training Class on either March 15-16 (Fri/Sat) or March 27-28 (Wed/Thurs) and are looking for feedback on which dates people think are best. They are also planning their "Short Topic" training sessions (like the Deck Class) and are looking for subjects that people want to learn about. Submit ideas to Hugh, Alice, or Elizabeth. These classes will be offered quarterly
- **Urgent Issues:**
 - Green Waste Event review – THANKS to all volunteers!
 - Consider FOUR 20-yard dumpsters next time
 - Chipper was great idea and heavily used
 - Bag pick-up offer was well received and used by numerous residents
 - Recruit more volunteers than needed to cover last minute support conflicts

- Table with brochures, fund raising items, assessment sign-ups, etc. was NOT visited by anyone – relocate next year or plan “hand-outs” to give vehicles?
 - Several commented they only knew about the event due to the mailroom sign displayed on an easel
 - Did we hold it too early? Winds (and leaves & pine needles) came the next two weeks – maybe slightly later is better?
- **Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes** – Minutes for the October 24, 2023, FSC meeting were approved and will be posted to the website

Project Leader Reports

- **Education & Outreach**
 - Reviewed several holiday themed Cal Fire posters to display in mailroom
- **Property Assessment Status/Plans - Gary**
 - No RDS assessments since last meeting
 - Six RDS assessments pending and three external assessments pending
- **Planning**
 - Firewise USA® renewal – submitted application November 13, awaiting renewal news
 - Concern: only 14 of 138 (10%) residences entered time or costs into the on-line database
 - Grant activity – need to meet with Tamara (EDCFSC Grant Administrator) & Mark Egbert (California Association of Resource Conservation Districts, RCD) to discuss/plan for future North Weber Canyon and other RDS area 2025 funding
- **Fund Raising – Valerie**
 - One donation of \$100 received after Green Waste event
- **Special Projects (Resident Survey) – Erik**
 - Erik was unable to attend the meeting so no report on survey status

Roundtable Discussion (Resident’s Comments)

- None

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM

NEXT RDSFSC meeting will be Tuesday January 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM (no meeting in December)