



FIREWISE USA
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

LACC Firewise Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting – May 11, 2022

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Minutes:

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.
2. Committee Members in attendance (in-person and ZOOM): Penny Leinwander (Chair), Michael Daly, Cliff Shelton, Randy Wright and Leslie Prindle Klein.
3. Opening Statement: Committee members were advised to the two new documents from the CA Dept of Insurance, “Safer from Wildfires.” There is emphasis on protecting the structure, along with a new program, “Fire Risk Reduction Community” designations by the Board of Forestry. Penny also asked for volunteers to review the letter from LACC to insurance companies describing safety efforts. Measure A that increases taxes toward the Peninsula Fire Safety District passed.
4. No public comments were made.
5. Old Business
 - a. The Plumas County Fire Safe Council submitted a grant application to do a hazardous fuels reduction throughout the peninsula. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy decided not to fund the proposal. Tony Taylor will be bringing this issue to the board to look at funding of HFR by LACC. FW committee will continue to look at other grant opportunities.
 - b. Workshop for changes to the LACC Handbook is looking at May 26, 27 and other days in June to meet. Penny is pushing for a townhall meeting in late July to present an overview enforcement issues. Tony Taylor has not gotten for a qualified company to do lot by lot defensible space inspections. It appears that companies already have plenty of work. Because of this, we are going back and looking at the Cal Fire sponsored training programs and other options, such as peer to peer reviews, volunteer inspectors, etc.
 - c. The GM is very booked and has not had an opportunity to coordinate with PGE to do shoreline inspections along lake property. Tony volunteered to coordinate with the GM and get it scheduled as soon as possible.
 - d. The draft ROW/Roadside HFR procedure was presented at the April Board meeting. The board decided to get contractor bids to do the work, starting with evacuation roads first. Eight contractors were provided and followup is needed with the GM.
 - e. The FW Safety Mailer was sent out in mid April and was well received. The cost has not been determined by the LACC office
 - f. The first FW Block Party is scheduled for June 4, 2022, and will be for the White Fir Road neighborhood. People are welcome to come and observe the event.
 - g. The Lake Almanor Community Foundation has raised about \$17,000 for the basin wide emergency broadcast system. About \$24k is the goal. LACF has closed out a grant that provided iPads and a large printer for use by basin fire departments.
6. New Business
 - a. It was agreed that we would review and update the LACC CWPP this fall. It is required to be updated every 5 years and is important to provide to Insurance companies.
 - b. There was much discussion about setting up a Green Waste Day for LACC. Members can bring their green waste to an area where a tree chipping machine will be available and also pine needle waste and the waste will be processed and disposed of. Coordination is needed with the GM.

- c. On May 29th, local FW committees will have a booth at the Penfire Pancake breakfast.
- d. Set up a workday for the Verizon tower cleanup.
- e. Get a photo of a members' excellent lot cleanup and get it posted in the LACC Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned around 11:24 AM.