

LOGTOWN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
Notes of September 8, 2007 meeting
6109 Quartz Drive, Station 44
Diamond Springs - El Dorado Fire Protection District

Ken Hasse called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and reminded attendees to sign the attendance sheet, paying particular attention to adding email addresses.

Announcements: (Ken Hasse)

Hot Dog Social Event - The Board has been working on arranging a Hot Dog Social Event for the Logtown community, which will be held here at the Fire Station on Sunday, October 28, from 1 to 4 PM. We will supply hot dogs, chips and soft drinks. People may bring side dishes if they wish. Returned tickets will be eligible for a door prize at the social.

Fliers will be emailed (attached) if on list; otherwise, fliers will need to be delivered. Will need some help. Board and Neighborhood Coordinators need to meet to discuss details.

Hydrants - The hydrant crew is continuing to check hydrants. Cap is painted to indicate that hydrant has been checked. Part of Crystal Blvd, Sodalite and Maric have been checked with exception of one hydrant on Maric that is on private property. Checking has been started on Monitor. The project is about half done.

There have been some issues with repair of older hydrants. EID has been contacted but repair/replacement is not in the budget this year; possibly change in status in December

EDCFSC Update - Last week the EDC Fire Safe Council held its annual planning meeting for the upcoming year. The agenda was not completed and will be continued at the September meeting. "Wish lists" for the budget will be submitted.

In the Logtown Area, our main funding issues are:

1. Clearance of main evacuation route of Mica. If there were a fire right now, it would be difficult, possibly unsafe, to evacuate area. Per the CWPP prepared by Gene Murphy, 100 ft. reduced fuel is required. This needs to be a priority. Funding is needed for private land.
2. Implementation of shaded fuel breaks is needed at the end of Crystal as well as on the ridge near Little Canyon along BLM property.
Shaded fuel breaks generally leave the overstory of larger trees and there is clearance at ground level. This preserves habitat but provides a corridor to stop fires.

General Discussions:

Weed Abatement - On the issue of policy and ordinances regarding action by the Golden West Community Service District (GWCS D), California Code allows special districts to request clean up and charge the landowner if they do not comply. The Fire District can also enforce weed abatement. The Health and Safety Code specifically defines fire hazards for this purpose.

It takes funding to get a weed abatement program started. A County weed abatement program would require specific structure and seed money. Organizations such as the Sierra Nevada Conservancy may have grant money available.

There has been some action taken on easements of unimproved lots along Crystal Blvd as a result of the letter sent by GWSD.

Diamond Springs Fire District has also been working with landowners to provide clearance along property lines.

EDCFSC Programs - The Chipper and Green Waste Dumpster Programs are about out of money for the year. Vickie Yorty is trying to get it funded again for next year. The EDCFSC Senior Disabled Assistance Program has grant money and is ready to go but has no coordinator. This will possibly be resolved later this fall.

Neighborhood Coordinator Update

- Yellow** A spreadsheet has been made from information on forms; consistency needed. It was suggested and discussed that if information is in a spreadsheet somewhere, it can be reorganized later. Possibly the local fire district can later upgrade with GPS coordinates and GIS mapping from the hydrant project.
Yellow area Coordinator also offered to deliver Hot Dog Social fliers; he has about 40% email addresses in his area.
- Red** Has about 40% response from forms and an unknown number of emails (Ken Hasse reported)
- Silver** Frank Lombard was introduced. He will help near where he lives in the Silver area.
Ken Hasse suggested that if about 6 people can be identified, they might know others and the phone tree could get started. Ken said that he would work with the Silver group to establish the phone tree.
A Neighborhood coordinator is still needed for this group.
- Black** Is in similar situation of not having many responses to forms and no phone tree developed (not present)

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Blue Needs to finish phone tree; however, has about 70% forms returned

Social Event

Distribution of Fliers - Emails v. hard copies was discussed. It was agreed that everyone should be given a hardcopy of the flier and that emails be sent to everyone with email addresses. The timing of distributing hardcopies of the announcement should be about 3 weeks ahead of the event.

A meeting will be scheduled to plan flier distribution and other aspects of the event

Printing of fliers was discussed including expense. About 500 copies are needed. Jean Smith volunteered to print the fliers at her business. Her employer allows printing for non-profit organizations without charge.

Purpose of Event - The primary function of the event is to inform more people about what the Logtown Fire Safe Council has accomplished. We need to reach more people to let them know how they can benefit and what their responsibilities are. It is also a great opportunity to meet neighbors.

Maps of the areas will be available as well as other material. We will try to arrange speakers to make presentations.

Misc. - Tee-shirts and hats are 'on order'.

Logtown Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

The CWPP has been signed off and is ready to go to press. Ken Hasse has further reviewed it for any discrepancies, located electronic maps, etc. and has prepared it to go on a CD.

The CWPP will be available on CD's and will be posted on Logtown's pages of the EDC Fire Safe Council web site. The plan will be in sections on the CD so that loading can be better managed. Six to seven hardcopies will be printed. The Evacuation Plan has already been sent in to be put on the web site.

The plan will be reviewed again in 2 years.

Property Adjacent to BLM

Little Canyon is next to BLM property. A resident of this area suggested that it would be helpful to have a firebreak along that area. Ken Hasse commented that the design within the CWPP was to have a continuous fuel break extending from Rattler

Ridge/Buzztail to the Sandridge/Nashville fuel break (per their Plan). The fuel break would run for several miles.

A major issue of the Maric and Little Canyon area is access and turn-around space for fire trucks should there be a fire. Ken will contact Erik Peterson and Suzanne Todd to arrange for them to tour of the area. A meeting should be arranged to meet with people from the area to talk about what is needed. In the meantime, a phone tree could be started.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM. The next meeting will be October 13, 2007.

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