

Meeting Notes
Logtown Fire Safe Council
January 9, 2016

1. Call to Order: Chairman Pat Dwyer called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Board members present were Pat Dwyer, Ken Hasse, Rod Repschlaeger, John Lindberg and Marc Regelbrugge. Dwyer thanked all in attendance, and requested that everyone remember to sign in.
2. Public Comment: Rod Repschlaeger commented on his recent, very positive experience with the Chipper Program. In response to questions from the audience, Dwyer and Repschlaeger explained how the Chipper Program works and how to sign up for this US Forest Service Grant-funded service (visit <http://www.edcfiresafe.org/programs-grants-2/chipper-program>). John Lindberg urged all who had not already done so to sign up with him for Logtown text-alerts. Alerts will be sent via text message to registered residents in the event of emergencies or significant threats in and near the Logtown area. These alerts are meant as a “heads up” to seek further information via broadcast media and/or local law enforcement channels.
3. Chairman’s Report: Dwyer mentioned the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) is urging citizens to use increased awareness every day, and report things that don’t look right immediately. OES has instituted a new Threat Assessment System. Learn more at <http://www.calstas.org>.

Dwyer also noted the Apple Hill Growers’ Association’s most recent tourist brochure, which features a full page of Firewise and Fire Safe advice for visitors to the Apple Hill area and El Dorado County – an example of an effective way to promote wildfire awareness and safety.

4. Old Business: Hasse reported that the LT-9a project is underway. LT-9a will provide a shaded fuel break uphill to the west of Highway 49 between Mica Street and Lauren Lane. The work is being done by the California Conservation Corps (CCC). CCC will be on the project for a total of six workweeks. Crews typically work eight ten-hour days, then have six days off. As such, the project will extend for approximately twelve weeks from the beginning of January. The initial effort will be started at the Lauren Lane properties and move south. After that, crews will work to the north of Mica Street toward the north. The end result will be a reduced fuels zone spanning much of the heretofore-untreated area uphill of Hwy. 49 from Mica to Sodalite.

Dwyer also discussed the recent cycle of Cal Fire SRA-Funds Grant proposals, in particular Logtown’s LT-10 proposal to complete the shaded fuel break to the east of Monitor Ridge from the southern end of Monitor to Galena. A proposal for the entire LT-10 project, a fuel break running from the

southern end of Monitor to the northern end of Sam Hill Mine Ct., was submitted for an SRA grant in 2014, but was not selected. The 2014 grant proposal was for some \$233,000, but the Cal Fire limit for 2015 proposals was \$100,000, causing division of the prior proposal into two portions. The portion proposed for this year's SRA Grant was the more densely vegetated section from the southern end of Monitor northward to Galena.

Logtown's LT-10 proposal was one of seven submitted by El Dorado County Fire Safe Council satellites, but over 70 proposal identifiers were issued for SRA Grant proposals within Cal Fire's Amador-El Dorado Unit (AEU) territory. Dwyer noted that only fifteen proposals were submitted in the AEU area in 2014, and Cal Fire will face a daunting task to select only about fifty proposals – statewide – from the current solicitation.

Dwyer also reported on his presentation of the State of the El Dorado Fire Safe Council to the County Board of Supervisors at Pioneer Park in December. The presentation was well received, and the Supervisors are very supportive of the work being done by the El Dorado Fire Safe Council and its satellite Councils (including Logtown). Dwyer's presentation can be reviewed at <http://www.edcfiresafe.org/2015-state-of-the-council-report>.

5. New Business: Dwyer led a discussion around our meeting agendas for 2016. Highlights were:

- February's agenda will include a presentation on development of Logtown's Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), and will allow the public to view maps of Logtown's wildfire threats and opportunities, and planned area projects.
- The April 9th meeting will be our Spring Clean-Up Day, providing household-, green- and e-waste disposal facilities to the community in the context of a Firewise Awareness Day. Dwyer solicited ideas from the public for improvements over last year's Clean-Up day, and some productive discussion was held on the topic.
- Our October 8th meeting will be waived in favor of enjoying the Logtown Hot Dog Social. Volunteers are needed to help schedule and setup the event's infrastructure (port-a-pottys, shade, tables, grills, potluck sign-up, raffle baskets, ...). Contact Pat Dwyer to volunteer.
- Suggestions from the public for future meeting topics included Q&A with Cal Fire, a Master Gardener to speak on drought- and fire-resistant plants, a session with the County Office of Emergency Services (OES) and a reprise of Cal Fire AEU's tabletop exercise illustrating response to wildfire.

Dwyer will put together the meeting agendas based on these suggestions.

6. Treasurer's Report: Ken Hasse reported the Fire Safe Council's bank balance is \$9,674.73. The 2015 Hot Dog Social took in approximately \$3,915 at a cost of \$1,015. Net gain from the event was \$2,899.98, which is similar to the past few years.

Discussion noted that attendance at the Hot Dog Social appeared to be on the rise. Nancy Hasse noted the Social's status as a Community event, with lots of community participation. Our local Postmaster noted that it is possible to print and send a flyer to all on the Logtown postal route for about \$80.

In response to a question from the public regarding Logtown's Smokey the Bear Fire Danger Level sign, Dwyer answered he has received the OK to move the sign to the existing, empty sign frame closer to the intersection of Highway 49 and Crystal Blvd. John Lindberg volunteered to adjust Smokey's arm pointer when warranted.

7. County Fire Safe Council Update: In addition to the annual presentation to the County Supervisors (see item 4), Dwyer noted that the upcoming Board of Supervisors' meeting should approve roughly \$68,000 of Title III funding for the County Fire Safe Council. He also noted that the Resources Conservation District will be delivering a presentation on restoration projects being worked in the Sand and King fire areas.
8. Neighborhood Coordinator Reports: None.
9. Other Comments: Regarding the status of the planned flagpole for Station 44, Dwyer indicated that it is in the Fire Protection District's budget, but funds will probably not be released until near the end of June.
10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 13th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.