



# Logtown Fire Safe Council

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**Meeting Notes**  
**Logtown Fire Safe Council**  
**February 13, 2016**

1. Call to Order: Chairman Pat Dwyer called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Board members present were Pat Dwyer, Ken Hasse, John Lindberg and Marc Regelbrugge. Dwyer thanked all in attendance, and requested that everyone remember to sign in.

Dwyer introduced the meeting's agenda, and explained the process and purpose of the Community input portion of the meeting. Maps were laid out to allow community members to indicate areas of concern for wildfire ignition and spread within Logtown. The community input will be folded into Logtown's section of the County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) to develop wildfire protection and fuels-reduction project plans for future grant requests.

2. Public Comment: None.
3. Chairman's Report: Dwyer reported that District 2 Supervisor Shiva Frentzen will attend and address our March meeting. Master Gardener Robin Stanley will also address the Fire Safe Council in a future meeting to discuss fire-wise and water-wise options for spring planting.
4. Old Business: Several items were discussed.
  - a) Hasse reported that groundwork on the LT-9a project is complete, and indicated that the Fire Safe Council (FSC) was successful in getting the planned amount of work done by the California Conservation Corps (CCC). LT-9a provides a shaded fuel break uphill to the west of Highway 49 between Mica Street and Lauren Lane. The work area will be mapped and measured. Hasse indicated the CCC spent \$58,182 on the project as part of their SRA-funded commitment. The Fire Safe Council will contribute \$1,000 toward the cost of housing used by the CCC workers during the project.
  - b) Dwyer discussed plans for FSC activities in the upcoming year:
    - a. Our Spring Cleanup Day on April 9<sup>th</sup> in Bobby's Market parking lot offers residents an opportunity to dispose of bagged household trash, E-waste and usable household items. John Lindberg volunteered to man the desk beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Snowline Hospice will accept donations and E-waste from 9:00 a.m. to early afternoon. Dwyer will also request a community green waste pickup either the Wednesday before or after the Cleanup day. On that day, Waste Management will remove (at no additional charge) any amount of bagged and bundled green waste from customers' residential pick-up locations in the community. Dwyer also urged residents to avail themselves of two green-waste dumpsters to be located at Fire Station 44 and in the GWCSO Common Area on Dolomite Dr. for two weeks beginning the week before Spring Cleanup. Visit <http://www.edcfiresafe.org/programs-grants-2/chipper-program> to learn about and sign up for the free chipper service offered by the El Dorado County FSC. Please note in your chipper request that you would like to coordinate your service date with other Logtown residents to minimize transportation time for the chipper crews.

- b. Logtown's annual Hot Dog Social is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> at Station 44. Nancy Hasse will provide a list of volunteer services needed to stage this fun community event that residents can sign-up for.
  - c. Our May meeting will feature talks by Assistant Chief Bryan Ransdell (Diamond Fire) and Brian Estes (Cal Fire AEU, at the "Y") on how California's mutual aid protocols work to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies.
5. Treasurer's Report: Ken Hasse reported the Fire Safe Council's bank balance is \$9,674.73. \$1,000 will be spent for CCC housing expenses associated with the LT-9a project, and approximately \$600 will be spent on a spring newsletter.
  6. County Fire Safe Council Update: Dwyer informed the public of several happenings at the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDFSC). Supervisor Ranalli attended a town hall meeting on public safety in Mosquito, where a revitalized Mosquito Fire Safe Council recently hosted a pancake breakfast attended by some 100 residents. Both Mosquito and Grizzly Flat FSCs are also holding a map exercise this month to gather community input for their CWPPs. EDFSC's planned meeting with Cal Fire to discuss the SRA grants allocation process was delayed. The EDFSC has contracted with Spatial Informatics Group (SIG) to build models incorporating local terrain and vegetation data to assess risk for ignition and fire spread in response to ignition. These models will be used with input from residents (e.g. today's map exercise), Cal Fire units and local fire districts to validate, and to help set priorities for, future EDFSC and satellite FSC fuel treatment projects in the CWPP. The CWPP then becomes a valuable source of defined, validated plans available for grant proposals.

7. Neighborhood Coordinator Updates: Steve Morgan suggested concentrating ignition-source reduction efforts at locations where vehicles, particularly older diesel trucks, tend to downshift. Some questions were asked about defensible space enforcement. Dwyer informed the public that the Fire Safe Council provides advisory inspections to property owners on their defensible space extent and quality. Cal Fire inspects properties per State compliance standards, and can issue citations in cases where proper defensible space is not being maintained. In response to requests from the public, Dwyer indicated he would seek to raise Logtown's near-term, defensible space inspections priority with Cal Fire. Dwyer further noted that burning restrictions have been lifted, and that residents should track their time (and monies) spent to clear their defensible space for future, in-kind matching against grant proposals. A suggested time sheet is attached to these notes for your use. Please forward completed timesheets to Pat Dwyer.
  
8. New Business: Hasse spoke briefly on the history of Logtown's fuels reduction projects, which have focused on encircling the area with reduced fuels zones to prevent spread of wildfire into Logtown. The planned projects are nearly complete, with only two significant areas to the east of Monitor Rd. and Dolomite Dr. to be treated. The area east of Monitor is the focus of Logtown's LT-10 Monitor Section project, proposed in January for an SRA funds grant. Dwyer hopes to be able to propose the LT-10 Dolomite Section project later this spring for a USFS grant. Hasse noted that the grant-funded work requires maintenance, and that future grants may be needed to re-visit prior project areas and maintain the effectiveness of the treatments.  
  
The public was then requested to study the Logtown maps and indicate areas of their concern for wildfire ignition and/or spread, and areas they felt in need of fuels reduction. The Board meeting adjourned informally thereupon, and several members of the public converged to study the maps.
  
9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Station 44 on Quartz Drive.

