

RDS Fire Safe Council Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2025

Board Attendees

Gary Boal (President), Robert Henke (Vice-President), Bruce Dickson (Treasurer), Glenda Dickson (Secretary), and Brian Bertke (Member-at-Large).

Other Attendees

Approximately thirty-eight RDS residents attended the meeting.

Meeting Summary:

- Gary welcomed residents and introduced the Fire Safe Council Board members.
- EL Dorado County (EDC) Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services Deputy, Jeff Whitlock, provided a briefing on evacuation topics, including registering for the Sheriff's Emergency Alert System (RAVE) and using the Perimetermap.com tool. He also discussed Evacuation Warnings and Orders and answered residents' questions.
- Gary then presented information included in the attached briefing "RDSFSC Charts 7-22-25 – FINAL.pdf".
Topics included:
 - Review of RDS Emergency Exits, including recent photos of each.
 - Information on other emergency communication options, including Watch Duty and the Neighborhood Radio Watch (NRW) program.
 - Evacuation readiness, including recommended Go-Bags checklists, home preparation before evacuation, and pet evacuation. Handouts, including checklists and reference material, were available for all attendees.
 - El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC) Assistance Programs for Defensible Space, Chipping, and Hazardous Trees.
 - Recent EDCFSC Meeting highlights, including a fire season outlook.
 - RDSFSC Defensible Space and Home Hardening Assessments.
 - Grant applications for fuel reduction projects and RDS priorities recognized in the recent Placerville Wildfire Resiliency Strategy and the EDC Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).
- Bruce then presented the RDSFSC financial report and Firewise USA® investment status for 2025.
- Gary discussed the next quarterly RDSFSC meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, October 28, at 6:00 PM in the Maintenance Building. The focus topic will be Firewise USA® and Insurance. Durriya Syed from the California Department of Insurance will be the guest speaker.
- Resident comments and questions were addressed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM