

RDS Fire Safe Council Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2025

Board Attendees

Gary Boal (President), Robert Henke (Vice-President), and Brian Bertke (Member-at-Large).

Other Attendees

Only 13 RDS residents attended the meeting which was a very disappointing turn-out. Obtaining expert guest speakers in the future will be very difficult if residents are not going to attend the quarterly meetings.

Meeting Summary:

- Gary welcomed residents and introduced Durriya Syed, the guest speaker from the California Department of Insurance. Durriya presented the attached briefing charts titled “Sustainable Insurance Strategy Update 10-28-25”. Durriya then answered questions from residents and provided a number of handouts.
- Gary then presented information included in the attached briefing “RDSFSC Charts 7-28-25 FINAL.pdf”. Topics included:
 - Review of RDS Firewise USA® status for submitting the 2026 renewal application which is due on November 21, 2025. While we have met the minimum investment criteria requirement, only 28 of our 136 residents (20%) have submitted Firewise data this year.
 - Summary of the new Firewise Three Year Action Plan which is required for this year’s renewal.
 - Due to lack of federal government funding there will not be a community green waste event this fall. Gary discussed options available to residents including small dumpster rentals, burning and chipping.
 - El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC) Assistance Programs for Defensible Space, Chipping, and Hazardous Trees.
 - RDSFSC Defensible Space and Home Hardening Assessments.
 - Grant applications for fuel reduction projects.
 - RDFSC Financial report
- Gary discussed the next quarterly RDSFSC meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Maintenance Building. The focus topic will be Defensible Space.
- Resident comments and questions were addressed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM