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"Public and Private Partners Working Together to Protect People, Homes, and Natural Resources"

## General Meeting

October 28, 2014, 12:00 am

USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA

"Draft Minutes"

1. Meeting Call to Order: 12:00 pm, Pat Dwyer, Chairperson
2. Public Comment: None
3. Agency Updates:
  - a. Mark Egbert, RCD – Mark offered his agency's assistance with developing the CEQA reports for any new projects. He also mentioned an upcoming workshop for CPIP enrollment. Regarding the King Fire, Mark Egbert advised us that Fire Recovery money from the Farm Bill is expected in the spring. They are currently ordering seedlings, and pushing for a reforestation plan. They are also looking at watershed funding to clean out the burnt areas. He said they're getting a lot of requests for assistance.
  - b. Tom Tinsley, CAL FIRE – Tom just recapped that the weather is improving, fire season is finally ending, and they're busy learning about the grant process.
4. Special Presentation and Demonstration: Chris Thompson/Phos-Chek Long Term Fire Retardant. Chris Thompson from Phos-Chek gave a presentation of their homeowner's version of their fire retardant. He explained the differences between the various types of suppressants and retardants, and explained that Phos-Chek is the only long term retardant – once applied it remains effective until washed off - and that the USFS has used it for 50 years. This retardant is the same stuff they spray from airplanes, except that the version for home use is clear rather than red. He also mentioned that many insurance companies will actually come apply it around their insured properties when a fire is imminent. He left brochures and contact information. He also offered to provide material to create our own information posters for fire wise events.
5. Good of the Order: Meeting adjourned at 12:37 pm.