Call to Order: Pat Dwyer called the meeting to order at 9:05. Members present: Pat Dwyer, Ken Hasse, Kevin McAllister, and Marilyn Olson-Petersen.

Special Award: Assistant Fire Chief Brian Ransdell of El Dorado-Diamond Springs Fire Protection District, presented Scott Weaver, a local resident, a special award for his heroic, unselfish act. Scott was at Bobby’s Market when a fire started in the adjacent field. He took action immediately and commandeered a backhoe that was sitting in the lot and proceeded to make a fire break; his quick thinking and action helped keep the fire from spreading until the Fire Department arrived. Pat, on behalf of the whole community, thanked Scott for his actions and presented him with a Logtown Certificate of Appreciation as well as a Logtown “Fire Dog” trophy.

Treasurer’s Report: Ken Hasse reported that our bank account is the same as last month: $3,934.19

EL Dorado Irrigation District Presentation: Dana Strahan and Matt Heape

1. Logtown Water Supply, where does it come from and how is stored, treated and distributed
2. Hydrant locations, testing and maintenance

Pat Dwyer noted Logtown’s water supply was suspended when Fiber Optics construction project broke a water main. Residents learned that some of our water supply is “pumped” and hence raised the question: what would happen if our electrical supply went down; how would water be provided for fire suppression.

Water Supply: Dana Strahan, Operations Manager, Drinking Water Division, explained that only a small portion along the ridge on Quartz Drive is pumped; the rest of the system is “fed by gravity”. However, due to the location of this latest water break EID had to turn off the whole section. They are required to identify underground utility lines in the immediate area before they can begin to excavate and start any repairs. This assessment may take 1½ hours with staff on-site and assistance from office on-line records. EID will send out a precautionary advisory via a “rapid notification system” to residents “to not drink” the water until they have done the appropriate testing. If the water needs to be treated it is done at the treatment plant. The water warning usually last 24 hours as it takes that long to get the results. Dana encouraged all residents to make sure EID has their updated phone contact information. EID can list up to 3 phone numbers for each resident. To update your contact information: EID’s phone number is 530-622-4513. Their system allows them to determine if a resident answered the phone “alert message” and if not, they will send a person to the address.

The original source of our water is Sly Park Reservoir. Dolomite Reservoir serves all of Crystal Blvd and Dolomite; both sides of Highway 49. Our earthen reservoir storage unit located at the north end of Logtown is a 3.8 million gallon covered-reservoir and at some point it will need to be recovered or converted to a steel tank. The Pump Station is located on Quartz Blvd.
Hydrants: Within the last year EID assigned 2 staff specifically to maintain hydrants. EID owns 6700 hydrants and their goal is to service all of them. There is no strategic master plan at this time; EID started with the oldest and most at-risk hydrants. Cameron Park, with 750 hydrants, was determined to be the starting point. They are ¾ complete with the project. EID checks functionality and either upgrades or replaces the hydrant if it is not repairable. Logtown’s hydrants may be close in age (1962/65) to Cameron Park. EID is creating a database that will be key in developing a maintenance program and selecting what “area” will be next.

Local residents were at one time able to assist in the evaluation of Logtown’s hydrants. Their work enabled the Fire Department and EID to update their data system and focus on those hydrants that needed maintenance. However, with the passage of the Clean Water Act, any released water is required to undergo immediate testing which necessitates permits and professional staff.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) / El Dorado Fire Safe Council Update: Pat advised Ken Hasse has been working diligently on a grant request for a “Chipper and Green Waste Dumpsters” for the entire County. Last year the request went un-funded but we had enough “carryover money” to keep the program going. Without funding this year the programs will end in December. There could be several reasons for such action. There is another grant request that is unique to Logtown. It is to continue the shaded fuel break along the east side of our community. The Grant Evaluation Criteria gave 10% of the rating to those communities which have an “Approved CWPP”. While Logtown has an approved Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) it was not listed in the database used by the grant evaluators. Meetings have been set up with appropriate local authorities to determine how to fix the broken link so the evaluation committee has accurate information. Also the County Council has been advised that “agency collaboration” is critical in the evaluation process and hence Pat and Ken are working with the Board of Supervisors, Air Resources Board and Fire Chief’s Association to secure support/endorsement letters. Important timeline: Grant submittal deadline is September 17th and Logtown Fire Safe Council is just beginning its “5-year update to the CWPP”.

Another grant application – a “Fuel Break” request. This Grant Evaluation Criteria ranks areas defined as a “community at risk”. Pat was concerned if we checked the grant application section that would specifically state that Logtown is a “at-risk” area such action would/could adversely affect our home insurance rates.

Pat requested public comment on this policy issue – i.e. risk of specifically declaring Logtown an “at-risk” area and the impact that may have on local home insurance rates against the advantage of potentially securing a grant for a Logtown “fuel break” area that would increase the area’s protection from fire.

Jean Smith, who works in the insurance business, volunteered that the ISO (Insurance Service Office - a leading source of information on fire safety that provides data to help communities assess fire safety and determine risk) lists Crystal Blvd as “Next to a High Risk Area” and categorizes the “Side Roads” as “High Hazard”. It was also noted that Logtown is included within the umbrella of Diamond Springs Fire District which is defined as a High Risk Area. The Diamond Springs Fire District Chief advised they are currently doing an ISO review. Ken added that any community that is within 3 miles of a “community at risk” is also considered a “community at risk”.

Alternative idea presented: could the fuel break work be done by local volunteers. Ken advised that it took considerable effort (6 months) to do the last fuel break: 20 crewmembers with chain saws and a Class 3 Engine to clear the last project area. Various governmental and residential permits are also
required. A tall task and doubtful that all the above could be made available by local residents. There may be some other smaller projects that we could accomplish with community volunteers, “the grey-haired chainsaw brigade”.

Pat asked for a show of hands of those who would support going ahead with the grant application declaring our community “at risk”. A majority of those in attendance indicated “support”. Pat will submit the request.

**Neighborhood Coordinator Update:** Pat advised there were “packets” with fire safety information on the side table.

**Hot Dog Social Planning and Volunteers – Our Annual Fund Raiser:** It is only 2 months away. To get creative juices flowing Pat noted they made a list of last year’s baskets and some sign-up cards for this year so we can keep track of what may be offered. Ken H. will make available a “Letter of Introduction (tax status)” for those who want to approach merchants for donations. Please coordinate with Nancy Hasse before making contact as someone may have already approached the business. Everyone is encouraged to be creative. The “Gourmet Dinner for 6” as well as the “Slave Labor for Brush Clearance” will be returning to the Auction Table. So please get involved – we need your participation. It is a fun day and one that we benefit us all. Look at the attached list of “ideas” and contact Nancy to sign up.

**Public Comment:** **Friends of Seniors-Fund Raiser:** Pat mentioned that we may have an opportunity to raise some funds by partnering with other organizations. Friends of Seniors sponsors a dinner in February and is looking for volunteers to help serve. Funds raised are distributed to local organizations. Last year $4,000 was raised. Might be an opportunity to help out seniors in our communities.

**Tree Trimming Management:** Pat brought up the lack of coordination and often times “hatchet job” that befalls our tree lined roads. Three entities--PG&E, AT&T, and El Dorado County-- as well as home owners trim trees. Property owners are frustrated with all this disruption. It would be more efficient and less disruptive if the entities would communicate and coordinate their work. Perhaps this could be a topic for guest speaker in the future.

**Evacuation Routes:** Kevin expressed concern over the viability of “Mica Road” Evacuation Route. Pat said more time would be needed to discuss the “route” and suggested it be scheduled to another meeting.

**Illegal 4-wheeling/Dumping on Logtown Private Property:** Dennis Painter wanted to make everyone aware that adjacent to his property in the area of Sodalite and Highway 49 people were accessing the vacant property and dumping off large scale garbage and disrupting the area with groups of 4-wheel riders. He has tried to discourage them when he is physically on the lower end of his property but he wanted Logtown residents to know about the illegal activity.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Pat adjourned the meeting at 10:35. Next meeting - September 14th.

Signed:

*Marilyn Olson-Petersen*  
Logtown Fire Safe Council Board:
Pat Dwyer, President (622-7121), Ken Hasse, Treasurer (620-7220), Marilyn Olson-Petersen, Secretary/Vice Chairperson (620-2461), Kevin McAllister (295-9123), Rod Repschlaeger (621-3219)