Meeting Notes
Logtown Fire Safe Council
May 11, 2019

1. Call to Order:
Chairman Pat Dwyer called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Board members present were Pat Dwyer, John Erickson, Chris Olson. Pat began the meeting by leading the assembly’s Pledge of Allegiance. He reminded attendees to sign-in and mentioned that Logtown T-shirts, hats and coffee mugs are available for purchase from John Erickson including the newly designed Logtown T-shirts and Hats.

2. Public Comment:
Community members mentioned how easy it was to obtain an on-line Burn Permit through CAL FIRE. Please see this link that explains the procedures and allows one to apply for the permit. Remember, the end of May usually marks the end of the open burn season. (Note: I agree, very easy. Watch the video, register and print your permit; John Erickson)
https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/before-you-burn/

3. General meeting business:
Chairman’s report. Pat mentioned Logtown was awarded a $400,000 grant to complete the LT10 fuel break project. Out of the seven applications submitted we were the only one approved state wide! Project must be completed NLT March 2021. More to follow as we move forward with the project.

No general meeting next month. Saturday, June 08, 8:00am to 1:00pm will be our annual Spring Cleanup at Bobby’s Market. Dumpsters supplied by El Dorado Disposal. PLEASE: NO Early Birds, household trash only, no large trailers, no commercial refuse tires or hazardous waste. Green waste dumpsters also will be supplied. Snowline Hospice will be there to accept donated items that are in good shape and reusable. E-Waste will also be accepted by Snowline.

Cameras are being placed in the National Forest around El Dorado County to look for smoke for early fire detection. More to follow.
Chairman’s Report (cont.)

An El Dorado County weed abatement ordinance is in the early development stages. Actual rules and enforcement measures are being discussed at the County Supervisor level of local government. Pat encourages all Logtown community members to attend Board of Supervisors meetings so local input can be heard.

The proposed El Dorado County Fire Tax ordinance of $96.00 per parcel (requires a ballot initiative) does not affect the Logtown area as we are part of the Diamond Springs Fire Protection District.

Vice Chairman Report: None

Treasurer’s Report:
John reported the following
Cash Account Balance: $26.50
Checking Account Balance: $8009.15
Total Assets: $8035.65

4. Special Guest Speakers:

Pat introduced Rebecca Darrah, PGE Vegetation Program Manager

Rebecca provided the audience with a very in-depth presentation on what PGE is doing to prevent future wildland fires that are caused by vegetation near their power transmission system.

- Weather is a very important component of wildfire safety and vegetation management. PGE is installing 19 remote weather stations in El Dorado County to more closely monitor conditions.
  - PGE will be proactive and selectively turn power off to mitigate possible wildfires when weather conditions warrant it.
- PGE and its contractors are in the Logtown area installing stronger, more resilient power poles and changing transformers, insulators and fuses.
- Many new HD cameras are being installed throughout the El Dorado County PGE grid to monitor activity
- Drones will be used to monitor and inspect PGE power lines
- There are 3 tiers that are used by PGE to classify powerlines located in dangerous areas. El Dorado County has 865 miles of Tier3 (most dangerous) and 290 miles of Tier2.
- Darrah provided handouts and mentioned the top 10 species of trees that are a problem when located near transmission lines
PGE Vegetation management (cont.)

- Any tree less than 12” in diameter will be removed when they are trimming vegetation near power lines
- If a tree has a “white X” marked by PGE vegetation inspectors it will be removed. This is determined by criteria that is published in their enhanced vegetation management brochures
- Rebecca also had brochures on selecting the right trees when planting or replanting and where to plant them in relation to PGE power lines

More information on PGE vegetation management can be obtained by calling 877-295-4949 or www.pge.com/enhanced veg/

Pat introduced our second guest speaker Deputy Todd Crawford, El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office/OES

- Todd thanked Darrah for her PGE presentation and mentioned how PGE, law enforcement and fire protection agencies work together to ensure proper power requirements are met for all areas
- Evacuation Preparedness is essential. Have a 5 day supply of water, food, medications ready to go. Have a plan for no power. Generators MUST be installed properly with a whole house disconnect to prevent energizing power lines outside your home.
- CODE RED. All cell phone and VOIP phones MUST register for CODE RED notification. Go to EDCSO web page to register.
- Todd is working with the County to have a practice emergency notification exercise through CODE RED up very soon (2 months). So, be sure to register your phones!
- Community members expressed strong concern about evacuation routes
  - Fire agencies will assess the fire threat and determine what areas in Logtown need to be evacuated. EDCSO will carry out the evacuation. Egress routes will be determined at the time of the incident.
  - If necessary, KNOX locks will be removed from gates on possible egress routes that are on private properties
  - There are 3 levels of Evacuation Advisories. Precautionary, Voluntary and Mandatory
  - DO NOT delay your evacuation! If you feel threatened, DO NOT wait to be told to leave. Early on, our paved roads should be accessible
  - We may have to shelter in-place or leave the area by foot. HAVE A PLAN with contingencies!!
On all Red Flag Warning Days, the EDCSO/OES will be manning their offices.

5. Final Board Comments: None.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next general meeting will be on Saturday, July 13, 9:00 a.m. at Station 44. Please join us then.

Logtown Fire Safe Council
On-Line Resources

http://www.edcfiresafe.org
El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

http://www.edcfiresafe.org/about-the-council/satellite-councils/logtown-fire-safe-council
Logtown Fire Safe Council

http://www.edcfiresafe.org/programs-grants-2/chipper-program
Chipper Program (FREE!)

http://ready.edso.org
Sheriff’s Office Emergency Notification System Sign-up for “Code RED” (replaced reverse-911)

https://wildfiresnearme.wfmrda.com and
Web-based “beta” application providing email and text-message information about wildfires near users’ locations of interest.

http://www.friendsofedcseniors.org/
Friends of Seniors, a private, non-profit advocacy organization supporting wellness, life enrichment, dignity and independence of El Dorado County Seniors and their caregivers through advocacy and financial assistance.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Southwest County Resident Sheriff’s Deputy Steve Wunschel (530)957-3581

EDSO Dispatch (No emergencies. FOR EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911) (530)621-6600

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