



East Fork Fire Protection District FAC Working Group Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 19th 2018 @ 13:00-15:00 (1:00-3:00pm)

1694 Country Rd. Minden, Nv.

I. Introductions (Call to Order: 1:10)

Members in Attendance:

- Ken Douglas
- Lee Elson
- Lyda Hayes
- Terry Clark
- Stan Camper
- John Pickett
- Michael Beaudoin-Network Coordinator

-Introduction of Mike Vollmer- New NDF Cooperative Forestry and Fire Supervisor:
Coordinator Beaudoin told the group that Mike is working on grant proposals for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the necessary NDF trainings and should be able to attend to January 2019 Meeting

II. Minutes Review and Approval

-October 2018: The group reviewed the minutes and Lee moved to approve the minutes as written. Lyda seconded. Approval carried unanimously.

- November 2018: The group reviewed the minutes and Coordinator Beaudoin noted that he revised the minutes to better reflect what was said at the meeting. Lee moved to approve the minutes as written with the new corrections. Terry seconded. Approval carried unanimously.

- Posting of Minutes of NDF website: Coordinator Beaudoin let the group know that he plans to put the minutes online in January 2019.

III. Review of Action Items (Progress, Next Steps, Needed Resources)

a. Defensible Space Inspections and Education

- Coordinator Beaudoin mentioned that he will continue to work on finalizing the NDF defensible space form. He was in the process of developing a rubric that would assign point values to each inspection item and incorporating the results into Arc GIS. The NDF GIS person left and Coordinator Beaudoin will follow up with the new GIS person.

b. Cultivating Community FAC Leaders

- Network Annual Conference-April 22nd 2019- Atlantis, Reno.
Coordinator Beaudoin shared the poster for the 2019 Network Conference. It will be held at the Atlantis in Reno on April 22nd. More information on speakers and registration will be available after the January 15th Advisory Board Meeting. The group asked how the Network planned to market the event. Coordinator Beaudoin said he plans to use social media, the NDF website, the network pulse, and traditional media. Lee and Terry suggested that it be advertised as a local newspaper article. Terry shared a sample article from the Elko Daily Free Press with the group that we could model a Network article after.

c. Community Hazard Assessments and CWPP

- CWPP Update Status: The group decided to move the CWPP agenda item down to await the arrival of John Pickett. Mr. Pickett arrived at 1:48 a provided a CWPP Update.
- Mr. Pickett spoke about his recent experiences in Paradise, Ca. He shared some of the things CAL FIRE and he learned from the Camp Fire about community protection and defensible space. He also shared some first-hand videos of homeowners reacting to the fire.
- Mr. Pickett explained that the updated CWPP will focus on the defense and threat zones of the East Fork protection area. The defense zone is a ¼ mile radius around wildfire-threatened communities and the threat zone is a ¼ mile to 1 ½ mile radius around wildfire-threatened communities. This organization is very similar to what he, Forest Schafer, and the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team accomplished with the Tahoe Basin CWPP.
- Mr. Pickett wanted to make sure that the Network and community leaders include periphery areas within their chapter's planning documents because the 2005 RCI assessments left out some communities and Douglas County has a lot of new developments.

- Coordinator Beaudoin asked about a timeline for a draft version of the CWPP. Mr. Pickett said he would know more with the close of the calendar year.
- Coordinator Beaudoin and community leaders asked about how the Network can be off assistance and how to contribute projects to the CWPP. Mr. Pickett discussed how the CWPP will have typical fuel reduction projects such as community-wide chipping, defensible space inspections, and fuel breaks. More specific community projects will be listed in the chapter's action plan.

d. Promoting Living With Fire educational programs

- Coordinator Beaudoin discussed how the Network will continue to promote Living With Fire. The group asked about the status of hiring a replacement for Mr. Ed Smith. Coordinator Beaudoin said that the committee is still searching for a top candidate and it has been hard to find someone with Ed's gift in working well with community leaders. Coordinator Beaudoin mentioned that Jamie should be getting more help soon in the form of an outreach coordinator.

e. Improve wildfire treatment mapping

- Coordinator Beaudoin still plans to build a Douglas county fuel treatment map that Network Chapters and local partners can use to plan fuel treatments. The group suggested that Michael tie in with Forest Schafer or the federal partners to get a copy of the GIS files for the county. Coordinator Beaudoin reiterated that he continues to update the community chapter GIS files and will be able to do more once NDF hires another ArcGIS specialist.

f. Inform residents about evacuation planning

- Coordinator Beaudoin said that the Network could produce evacuation maps for each chapter that could be incorporated into a county-wide evacuation guide that has been used successfully in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The Network will work more on the evacuation guides in early 2019.

IV. Grant Proposals within District

- FEMA-Hazard Mitigation Grant Program- Mike Vollmer is hard at work with these grants to make sure Nevada can secure the entire \$3.4 Million worth of grant funding for wildfire recovery and mitigation.
- FY19 Western State Fire Managers- The Western State Fire Managers Organization recommended several projects in Nevada for funding to the Forest Service. The Forest Service still has to approve the projects and

secure funding from congress. Coordinator Beaudoin let community leaders know that they can contact Mike or Ryan for more information as they are more in the loop on the grant cycle.

- FY20 Western State Fire Managers- Coordinator Beaudoin let the group know that NDF wants preproposals for the FY20 Western State Fire Managers grant. Coordinator Beaudoin will email out more information about the grant asap.
- 2019 NFPA Firewise Mini-grants- Coordinator Beaudoin shared some information about the NFPA Firewise grants. They provide \$500 for communities to organize a community day that addresses wildfire mitigation or education. The application will be ready on the firewise site on January 7th and Coordinator Beaudoin can help communities apply for the mini-grants.

V. Review of do-to assignments:

VI. Next meeting- Wednesday, January 9th @ 13:00-15:00- East Fork Fire Protection District Office- 1694 Country Rd. Minden, NV.

(Adj: 3:27)