



East Fork Fire Protection District FAC October Meeting Notes (Revised)

October 10th 2018 @ 13:00-15:00

1694 Country Rd. Minden, Nv.

I. Introductions

Members in Attendance:

- Anne Grant- Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team
- Lee Elson
- Lyda Hayes
- Terry Clark
- Peggy Ristorcelli
- Michael Beaudoin-Network Coordinator

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

a. Community Hazard Assessments and CWPP

- The group received an update on the East Fork CWPP revisions. The FPD has a contractor in place to guide the CWPP update process. We will need to work with community leaders to facilitate community involvement in the process.
- Coordinator will work with John Pickett to get the new area boundaries and to help community leaders complete the FAC community assessment tool.
- Lyda brought up the issue that the community risk assessments and prioritized group of projects needs to be completed by October 30<sup>th</sup> in order to be included in the CWPP. The Coordinator and the group commented on the short time window of the process but would work to assist John Pickett whenever possible.
- Lee expressed his concern of community leaders not knowing the new CWPP area boundaries. The Coordinator would work with John Pickett to establish those.

b. Defensible Space Inspections and Education

- The Network can offer trainings to communities. Community Chapters can use this opportunity to fulfill their in-kind contribution and annual

FAC event. As the Coordinator has more time in the winter, he will post some of the seminar online as resource for community leaders.

- Peggy asked how to encourage involvement in a DSI training program in an unreceptive community. Lee, Lyda, and the coordinator gave her several suggestions on how to garner interest in new chapter or an initial informative meeting. The Coordinator will follow up with Peggy to see how the Network can assist in her area.

c. Cultivating Community FAC Leaders

- Coordinator Beaudoin shared the draft version of the Network Community Chapter Leader Handbook with the group. He shared some of the features of the handbook and passed out hard copies. He asked for community leaders to review the handbook and provide him with revisions or comments by November 11<sup>th</sup> or at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The group had a good discussion of the Network's membership fee structure and how that might be improved. Some community leaders do not agree with the fee structure. The Network provides members with several benefits such as fuels reduction, event organizing, and professional guidance that is specific to members. Coordinator Beaudoin spoke to the grants available specifically to Network members. Lee reminded the group that a membership fee promotes greater buy-in into the program. Coordinator Beaudoin will share the group's concerns with the Network Advisory Board.
- Coordinator Beaudoin announced that the Advisory Board approved the Holbrook Highlands and Alpine View Estates Community Chapter applications.

d. Promoting Living With Fire educational programs

- Coordinator Beaudoin reiterated the Network's continued support of the LWF program and its willingness to use the program's educational materials.
- The group asked about Ed Smith's replacement and Coordinator Beaudoin said that the university is still looking for a candidate and is only accepting candidates with a terminal degree. The Coordinator will keep the group informed as he learns more about the new LFW director search.

e. Improve wildfire treatment mapping

- Coordinator Beaudoin spoke on how the CWPP updates will improve the project mapping for Douglas County. He also spoke to the Network's GIS record keeping for chapters. The Network will track

community chapters in an Arc GIS database and provide maps to community leaders.

- f. Inform residents about evacuation planning
    - Coordinator Beaudoin reported that he gave a presentation to the Douglas County CERT group on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Ann and Lee were in attendance and the presentation went well. There is the possibility of finding community leaders in Gardnerville to establish a new FAC chapter.
- III. Grant Proposals within District
- Coordinator Beaudoin shared the NV DEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program with the group. The program is a FEMA funded program that can possibly fund CWPP updates and hazardous fuels reduction.
  - Coordinator Beaudoin attended the Western State Fire Managers grant trainings and evaluation program in Utah. Several of the group's proposals are being considered for funding. We should know the funding status of the proposal by early December.
- IV. Review of do-to assignments
- CWPP Areas- John and Michael
  - Facilitating Community Leader Involvement in the CWPP process- John/ Michael
  - FAC Community Evaluation Sheet- Community Leaders
  - FAC Community Kit- Michael and Network Advisory Board
- V. Next meeting- Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 13:00-15:00- East Fork Fire Protection District Office- 1694 Country Rd. Minden, NV.