



East Fork Fire Protection District FAC Working Group Agenda

Wednesday January 9th 2019 @ 13:00-15:00 (1:00-3:00pm)

1694 Country Rd. Minden, Nv.

I. Introductions

Members in Attendance:

- Ken Douglas
- Lee Elson
- Jan Roberts
- Joel Parker
- Lyda Hayes
- Terry Clark
- Peggy Ristorcelli
- Michael Beaudoin-Network Coordinator
- Mike Vollmer- NDF Cooperative Forestry and Fire Supervisor

Mike Vollmer- New NDF Cooperative Forestry and Fire Supervisor- Mike was in a meeting with Carson City Fire at the beginning of the meeting so the group moved onto the review of minutes and several action items.

II. Minutes Review and Approval

- December 2018: The group reviewed the minutes from the December 2018 meeting. Lyda suggested we add that John Pickett suggested that NDF or the Network have an information assistance number with someone that has the appropriate qualifications to assist residents. The group agreed to add this into action item C: Community Hazard Assessments and CWPP. Lyda moved to approve the minutes as amended and Jan seconded. Approval carried unanimously.

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

a. Community Hazard Assessments and CWPP

- CWPP Update Status: John Pickett is currently working on the local hazard mitigation plan for Douglas County and once that is complete he will finish the rough draft of the East Fork CWPP. East Fork and John

want public input into the CWPP but need to finish the local hazard mitigation plan due to grant requirements first. Coordinator Beaudoin will check in with John to see how the progress on the CWPP is going.

b. Defensible Space Inspections and Education

- Coordinator Beaudoin reported that he is working on a DSI rubric that works with the Network's DSI form. This will allow the Network and anyone using the form to assign grades to a homeowner's defensible space. The DSI forms will be linked to NDFs geospatial databases so results could be displayed on a user-friendly map. NDF has not hired an ArcGIS replacement and Beaudoin will work to finalize the DSI form once he/she is hired.
- Coordinator Beaudoin reminded the group that he is available to provide home hardening seminars to communities that want the training on defensible space or using the DSI form. Terry Clark requested a seminar for her community and will work with the Network to arrange that.

c. Cultivating Community FAC Leaders

- Network Annual Conference-April 22nd 2019- Atlantis, Reno: Coordinator Beaudoin reminded the group that the Annual Network Conference will be April 22nd at the Atlantis Resort in Reno. The Network will utilize the Network Pulse Newsletter for registration and more information on speakers will be made available after the January 15th advisory board meeting.
- Mike Vollmer arrived from his meeting with CCFD. Coordinator Beaudoin introduced him and Mike gave an overview of his background. He has worked in the Tahoe area for more than 20 years and brings a lot of experience and expertise to the table. The group introduced themselves to him and gave him an overview of their chapters/communities.
- Coordinator Beaudoin asked a recurring question that the group had about DSI. How does Tahoe fire protection districts enforce defensible space codes? Mike responded that they enforce WUI codes within their district and have a dedicated mitigation department within their districts. The California districts have California Public Resource Code 4291 at their disposal and work closely with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to ensure compliance and to education homeowners about maintaining their defensible space.

d. Promoting Living With Fire educational programs

- Coordinator Beaudoin updated the group on the LWF program. He mentioned that Jamie is doing a great job managing the program and

should be getting help soon in the form of an outreach coordinator. The Network is still available to provide seminars and will invite Jamie to chapter events.

e. Improve wildfire treatment mapping

- Coordinator Beaudoin reported that he is working on a historic treatment map for the east fork district areas. He also mentioned that mapping for advisory board approved chapters are complete and includes fire history, topographical, and chapter boundaries. He will make additional maps for the new chapters once they are approved by the advisory board. All maps are available to chapter leaders upon request.

f. Inform residents about evacuation planning

- The group had a good discussion about evacuation planning and Coordinator Beaudoin mentioned that he would like the Network to work with local entities to develop an emergency preparedness and evacuation guide like what is used in the Tahoe Basin and several California Fire Safe Councils. Mike Vollmer discussed how we need to plan for emergency preparedness and involve the fire districts in our emergency preparedness planning sessions. Mike added that residents that evacuate need to have contingency plans in place in case their primary escape routes are blocked and that we need to do a better job teaching the general public about emergency preparedness planning for all hazards, not just fire.

IV. Grant Proposals within District

- FEMA-Hazard Mitigation Grant Program: Mike Vollmer provided an update to the group about the hazard mitigation grants. FEMA gave project proposals in Douglas, Washoe, Lyon, and Elko counties priority due to the FMAG fire designations last year. NDF has asked for the full \$3.4 million available for the projects. Proposed projects include a fuel mitigation project in Elko County, CWPP updates for southern Douglas county, Washoe County, and Lyon County.
- FY20 Western State Fire Managers Grant Pre-Proposals: Coordinator Beaudoin reminded the group that the FY20 Western state fire managers grants are available for communities to apply for. He shared the pre-proposal information packet with the group. More information on the grant program can be found at: <http://forestry.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2-2020-request-project-pre-proposals.pdf>

- 2019 NFPA FireWise Mini-grants: Coordinator Beaudoin shared information about the NFPA FireWise mini-grant program. The program awards up to \$500 for a community fire preparedness event on May 5th, 2019. He offered assistance to any community chapter that wishes to apply for the program. More information can be found at: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Campaigns/National-Wildfire-Community-Preparedness-Day>

V. Review of do-to assignments:

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