

Agenda - FHWM committee meeting

Meeting Date and Time: November 18, 2021 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: 33211 Alpine Meadows Dr. (Lot # F35)

Attendees

Nancy Scott, Mark Wilson, Jerry Peters, Tracy Braddock, Kelly Braddock, Scott Alford, Kristin Alford, Michelle Blake and Bob Kreiman

1. Developed draft mission statement and goals

Mission statement:

Enhance community safety by reducing the risk of wildland fire ignition, and spread, on the ranch.

Goals:

1. Apply for grants for fire mitigation projects
 2. Organize community wide mitigation and education projects
 3. Establish partnerships with community neighbors, POA committees, local government and emergency services
 2. Renew and implement the CWPP
 5. Promote a resilient and healthy forest
- #### 2. Obtain formal support for the reinstatement of this committee from the POA board.

Jerry Peters (POA board member) has offered to serve on the FHWM committee and serve as a liaison between the committee and the POA board. He will request that the FHWM committee topic is included on the December 4th POA board meeting agenda.

Michelle offered to serve as a spokesperson on December 4th to share the updated mission statement and goals, to request the reinstatement of the committee, and to ensure the committee is formally recognized and supported by the POA board. If a committee report is ready in time, that could also be provided a week ahead of time for the board to review.

3. Future issues/tasks (*if* the committee is reinstated)

- Nancy is looking into the state funding for fire mitigation, and she might talk to our senator as this progresses. She and Tracy are willing to work on grant possibilities for fire mitigation on SFTR.
- Reinstatement of the 501c3 as this is a requirement for most grants.
- Procure funding for CWPP and/or Risk Assessment renewal (due 2022). The CWPP is required for most grants and drives our mitigation efforts. The Risk Assessment is a requirement for the FireWise certification and is a component of the CWPP.
- Create subcommittees for specific areas/tasks
- Assign chairs/co chairs

4. Other discussions

- General consensus is that face-to-face meetings are preferred over virtual meetings. Furthermore, having a set day/time is easier for planning purposes. So, the third Thursday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. was chosen.
- Discuss if FHWM should be changed to WMFM. If forest health is listed first, there may be the perception that it has a higher priority than wildfire mitigation. Will this impact grant selection?

- Risk Assessment and CWPP
 - Information gained from the risk assessment can be used to provide people with ways to make their structure(s) more survivable. The data is also valuable in the road mitigation selection/prioritization process. If this is funded, residents will be notified several months in advance, and provided with a list of steps they can take to ensure their home is designated as “survivable.” The assessment would take place in the summer.
 - Some residents do not want their homes assessed out of fear that a poor assessment could negatively impact their insurance. (Note: this information is not shared with insurance companies). This may be resolved through communication, but if not, those homes could be partially assessed via Google Earth imagery and drive-by visual inspections.
 - Do the homes that were identified as survivable in the last Risk Assessment need to be reassessed? If not, this could lower the project cost. The CWPP Risk assessment quotes need to be reviewed. Is there POA funding that can be used to renew the CWPP?
- Should this committee address emergency evacuation in the event of a wildfire?
The consensus was that evacuation falls under the Preparedness Committee, but obviously the efforts of this committee would support the Preparedness Committee (e.g. mitigation projects to widen roadways etc). It would be good to communicate closely with the Preparedness Committee.
- Suggestion that the FHWM committee provide an update for every POA board meeting., as was done in the past.
- The SFTR FireWise certification was approved and the renewal is good through 2022.