

Fire Safe Sonoma
CDF West Division Headquarters
2210 W. College Ave, Santa Rosa, Ca
Minutes
August 6th, 2008

Attendees

Jack Rosevear, Vern Losh, Caerleon Safford, Tamara Boulton, Marjorie Conley, Nathan Garrett, Tony Walls, Laura Tietz

Introductions

Guest speaker, Laura Tietz, gave a presentation on the development of a community action group entitled Fire Free Fitch. The group was established to educate and promote actions to support fire prevention on Fitch Mountain and surrounding neighborhoods. Caerleon will attend a Fire Free Fitch meeting on August 7th to discuss establishing “Chipper Days” in the Fitch Mountain Area. She will also speak with Scott Avlekeotes of Davey Tree Service to solicit their service for the project.

Agenda Modification

Jack recommended that critical agenda items, decided upon by the Board, be moved up on the agenda due to time constraints for the meeting.

Consent Agenda

All present Board members unanimously approved the consent agenda.

Election of Officers

Present Board members unanimously selected all of the following positions:

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| Executive Coordinator: | Caerleon Safford |
| President: | Jack Rosevear |
| Vice President: | Vern Losh |
| Treasurer: | Tamara Boulton |
| Secretary: | Tony Walls |

Status Updates for FSS Grants

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Grant

Caerleon explained there is still work that needs to be completed for the CWPP. Progress has been hampered by the busy 2008 fire season.

The CWPP needs approval from CalFire, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, and the Fire Chiefs Association.

SOD Grant

As soon as contracts are set up, FSS can move forward with the top three projects.

Block Grants

Gary Tabert is interested in using "Redevelopment Funds" for establishing a defensible space project.

Caerleon suggested redevelopment funds can also be used for structural improvements of selected homes, such as roofs or siding.

Caerleon and Gary are currently laying out the foundation for the project.

Approximately \$400,000 is available.

Western Wild Urban Interface (WUI) Grant Program

FSS still needs to apply for grant.

Applications are due August 27th.

Grant funding tops out at \$350,000 with a 50% match.

The grant is pathogen and insect based.

Caerleon would like to set up the program similar to the SOD grant.

Invoicing by Caerleon

Caerleon provided a spreadsheet synopsis of her invoicing to the Board.

The invoice included money from the CWPP grant and the SOD grant.

Any additional money needed will come from the Fireman's Fund Grant.

Board requested more time to review and respond to Caerleon's invoicing before it is accepted.

Present Board members unanimously accepted the invoices.

Adjournment

All other topics to be covered at the August 6th meeting were postponed until the

September 3rd meeting.