

# TUOLUMNE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 25, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Greater Valley CCC Facility.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Glenn Gottschall, President, Mike Olenchalk, Vice President, Karen Caldwell, Secretary, and Stephen Johnson, Treasurer.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Chuck Sloan, David Sweitzer, Chris Trott, Sue Forbes

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Diane Bennett, TFSC Executive Coordinator, Alec Lane, Project Manager

**Minutes: Motion made to approve May 30, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded. Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion approved.**

**Financial Report:** Reconciliation summary was submitted by the Treasurer to Board members.

**Presidents Update:** (Glenn Gottschall)

Thank you to all for your hard work. Thanks to Karen and Diane for their work on the CWPP, and keeping me (Glenn) out of trouble.

Glen attended the YSS field trip to visit the SEREL burning area. This is located on the north side of Hwy 108 from Fraser Flat to Donnell's Vista. They used an Incident Command Team to run the operations. High cost, approximately \$3,000/acre for burning. Glenn's observation was about 1/3 burned light, 1/3 moderate and 1/3 heavy. Lot of resources (people), lots of controls...overall a good start at big landscape treatments using prescribed fire. Logging alone does not adequately reduce the fuel loads.

This is a pilot project, lots of learning, great Fire Information actions and products.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Egress – Chuck expressed concern that the County was reluctant to consider “shelter in place” designations. Can the Council convince the County to identify “Temporary Refuges”?
  - This is being built into some of our projects/proposals, specifically Summerville HS, and Belleview Elementary. Schools do identify these.
  - County doesn't recognize.
  - Some Firewise Communities are identifying gathering points.
- Diane suggested the Council consider doing a large landscape level maintenance proposal for future grant funding.
- Agreement to utilize PERT charts for tracking projects.

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## OLD BUSINESS

CWPP Update - Karen

Finishing public CWPP Workshops, last two scheduled for July 28 and Aug. 5. Low turnout in Groveland. About 28 in Twain Harte. Expecting largest turn out on August 5 at the Elks Lodge. A revised schedule was handed out. There will be 2 more meetings, one for key stakeholders to develop the action plan and priorities. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be a public meeting launching the DRAFT plan and kick off of 30 day comment period

## UPDATE OF PROJECTS:

162 Craig and Karen working with UC Davis for a CAL Fire Research Grant Proposal.

166,167,168 Extension requests submitted to USFS. Jerry Usrey will be project manager

169 Extension request due Aug. 30. May need some new mapping.

171 Adam Frese is refreshing CEQA. Prebid meeting – 2 bids, High Sierra TM Mgmt. selected. Contract package being prepared. Possible start in mid Aug, depending on fire activity. Alec is project manager.

### Need to get a standardized contract done. Mike??

172 Contractor going strong. Outside subdivision is ½ done. Inside subdivision, different contractor and contract.

174 Award expected tonight. 4 bids. During CEQA found 18 different archaeology sights. May be ready to start in a month.

175 CEQA underway. **Need a project manager.**

176 Waiting for release of funds.

177 Final Report has been submitted. (9/15/23)

## MISCELLANEOUS:

Glenn: We need some sort of funding for misc. non-project needs. Time to look at fund raising options. Consider a membership? Supporters fund? Marketing for donations, events? Etc.

We need to do an annual report.

We need to refresh our presentation materials and handouts (basically re do)

We need to market the FSC: who, what, when, where, why, how

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ACTIVITIES.**

- a. Community Roots Resources Fair: Fairgrounds, August 17, FSC table and Firewise Table
- b. 49er Festival, Groveland: Firewise booth, September 16

Adjournment: 11:36 a.m.      Next Meeting (Public Collaboration) is August 29, 2023.

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## **Project Updates:**

- #162 T.C. Fuel Density Guidelines for Private Landowners –(unfunded) Konklin
- #166-Big Hill/Old Oak Ranch Roads Phase 2 (Stevens) - ?
- #167-Middle Big Hill Phase 2 (Stevens) – TBD
- #168-Mt. Elizabeth South Perimeter - (Stevens)-Forbes/Trott
- #169-Big Hill Cedar Ridge Areas SFBs Completion and Maintenance (USFS Cooperative Forestry)-TBD
- #171 Mountain Boy Mine (CCI) – Lane/Bennett (needs CEQA)
- #172 Apple Valley (CCI) – Sweitzer .
- #173 CWPP (CCI) – Bennett, Caldwell
- #174 Sunshine Hill – Schweitzer
- #175 Big Hill Fuels Maintenance
- #176 Summerville High Fuel Reduction – Johnson
- #177 CFF Firewise Grant – Karen

\* Project work completed. Financial accounting still pending.