

FBM Firewise Mtg

June 5, 2019

Attendees: Alexis Borich, Dave Kapler, Barry Angel, John Shulse, Sandy Casting (subbing for Anne Westling), Nicki Wilkinson, Jim Wilkinson, Mr. Bottenfield, Cliff and Marlene Bottenfield, Jim Brake, Carvel Hasey, Ruth Berliner, Bob Hanna, Dave Fournier, Colleen Shade, Bob Anderson, Susan Sanders, Jeff Peach, Gale Peach, Ric Cameron, Peggy Slyker, Audrey Height, Ruth Hackman, Ed and Jackie Greenwood,, Arnold Foreman, Larry Engel, Ted Beedy

Action Items in **RED**

Introductions/Business

- Need notetaker – Dave Kapler volunteered to take notes tonight
- Email protocol – expressed concerns about spammers getting emails. For now blind cc all recipients to avoid sharing email addresses; could create a Yahoo group, or Mail Chimp. Also could just hand off list of group contact info.

Follow up on Action Items

1. Grants: NCRS – done Jeff contacted Pam Hertzler, will be available for a future meeting
2. List of Defensible Space Advisors – done contacted FS Council- she will follow up with list
3. Firewise Cover Letter – done
4. Map of Firewise volunteers – done
5. Neighborhood Watch – done - Alexis contacted Sheriff's department, but they will not share names of NW captains. She sent to her NW captain.

Map Updates/New Members

- Jeff created an updated map and list of members with contact information, handed out information

Neighborhood Outreach Leaders–

- Distributed sign-up sheet with name and streets they will cover
- Handouts packet for Neighborhood Outreach Leaders– printed 150 copies, consists of:
 1. Cover letter – welcome letter describing purpose of FBM Firewise community, how to sign up on email list. Back of that letter has “Defensible Space Cliffnotes”
 2. Jim Brake’s checklist
 3. Firewise USA – NFPA glossy handout “Residents Reducing Risks Wildfire Risks”Neighborhood Visits and Talking Points – two-page “script” with talking points. Collen covered:
 - Overview of the talking points.

- Colleen suggested we develop case studies that could be shared, pointed out links to technical resources and other resources, including CalFire staff who will come to their house for free to give advice.
- Roadside vegetation management (County budget is only for 50 miles/year – just got a grant to double that). You can do veg mgmt. in front of your property on County property (as long as it doesn't affect traffic)

Vegetation Management

- Host a vegetation mgmt. party – get photos, useful for applying for grants
- Adding slash to the piles that PG&E has been accumulating with their veg management
- John Shulse - has had good luck with the chipping program. Will take material up to 8 inches. Fee is \$49. Will do up to 4 hours.
- **Jeff will contact Joanne Drummond ask what the policy is for removing downed tree material and will report back to the group next meeting.**

Planning Committee (Short and Long-Term Planning)

- Short range planning – create agendas for meetings; Inner group to make sure meetings go well, are well-organized, and are relevant
- Meet 6X/year, aim for 6-8 people(Colleen volunteered)
- Pizza & wine involved!
- Long ranging planning (hazard assessment in 2023)

Updates from Neighborhood Outreach (Show and Tell)

- John Shulse – met a new neighbor, very interested and engaged
- Sandy – simulation meeting on Forest View (Anne Westling described at last meeting)
- Bob Hanna –
 - Fire Drill this weekend: spoke with Matt Wallen, coordinating a Fire Drill this weekend for his neighborhood, maybe get with Forest View, Cascades Shore.
 - Started Loma Rica Ranch to start clearing adjacent to Forest Knolls development. Done in a few weeks. Loma Rica Ranch is paying for it.
 - Also walked with 2 members of the board looking at secondary evacuation route – talked to NID – installed a buddy lock, and now have 3 other exits that can be used. Maybe bottom half of Idaho Maryland?
- Marlene Bottenfield - Potluck – got half of road involved. Lots of neighbors came together who don't normally get together – talked about Tumbling Creek Road, fix road and fire stuff
- Fire drills – inactive NW group (Red Cross, Quaker Hill) – will get that group going again.
- PG&E Blackouts – this will be worse than we thought, will last 24-48 hours after red flag conditions are done.

- In evacuation, Dave said should turn off gas if you have time.

Recap of 5/22 FBM/Cascade Shores Evacuation Meeting

- Attendance was beyond expectations, 300+ people
- Messages
 - Be alert, stay informed, have go bags
 - Get to know your neighbors
 - Become familiar with local roads
 - Shelter in place – beware of hot gases
 - Roads and chokepoints (560 miles of County roads, 1500 miles of private roads)

Long Range Planning

- Call to action on private roads
- Hazard Assessment due in 2023 – need professional forester
- Coordination with BLM – Dave/Ted coordinating with BLM
- Sirens - research volunteer – Jeff Pettit doing research – anyone want to do research. Alta Sierra was looking into it.
- **Dave – will research sirens and share information on air horns/sirens, and research evacuation**
- Shelters for Shelter in Place? Tornado shelter \$2960 – concrete bunker, buried. Have scuba gear for air supply.
- **Arnold will research shelter in place options and come back to the group with info.**
- Sprinklers for fires? – home sprinklers will not work, piping must be something that would not melt, need pump, water source, has to be maintained.

July 24, 5:30 next meeting, same place

Jeff will email Firewise contact list to the group