

**Sierra County
Board of Supervisors'
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MEETING DATE: May 7, 2019	TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timed <input type="checkbox"/> Consent
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DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors APPROVING PARTY: Paul Roen, Chair, District No. 3 PHONE NUMBER: 530-289-3295
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AGENDA ITEM: Discussion/direction regarding wildfire prevention and preparedness for Sierra County.

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Memo Resolution Agreement Other
Email from Jim Turner regarding Town of Truckee Wildfire Prevention and Preparedness Town Hall Meeting held on April 24, 2019.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

FUNDING SOURCE:
GENERAL FUND IMPACT: No General Fund Impact
OTHER FUND:
AMOUNT: \$ N/A

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COMMENTS:

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Heather Foster

From: Paul Roen
Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2019 9:45 PM
To: Heather Foster
Subject: Fwd: Fire Prevention & Fire Evacuation Forum for Sierra County

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Jim Turner <jim.turner@amerpower.com>
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Cc: DBanchio@gmail.com, Kevin Lee <kevin.lee@amerpower.com>
Subject: RE: Fire Prevention & Fire Evacuation Forum for Sierra County

All,

I attended the Truckee Town Hall Fire Preparedness Meeting on Wednesday night. It was a very impressive production. The public and government officials present almost filled a gymnasium. They had a lighted stage and about a 10' big screen for Powerpoint presentations.

There were at least 200 people total in attendance, some at different times. A lot of people gathered info pamphlets/packets and left before the formal presentations started.

At least 15 agency people were seated onstage with audio and computer connections with Ted Owens as the MCC/moderator.

A rough list of the folks to my best recollection were:

1. State CALFIRE representative
2. State OES representative
3. County OES representative
4. USFS -Eli Elano
5. Truckee Fire Marshall
6. Truckee Planning Dept.
7. Truckee Mayor/City Manager
8. Nevada Co. Firesafe
9. Placer Co. Firesafe
10. USFS Fire response coordinator?
11. CALFIRE response coordinator
12. Liberty Energy Transmission Area Manager-Travis Johnson
13. Liberty Energy Veg Management person
14. Several other people I did not remember

The State CALFIRE representative started off the presentations with an overview of 2018 wildfire statistics. The key points were that the biggest/costliest and most deadly California fires have predominantly happened in the last 5 years. The trend indicates it will only get worse.

The rest of the panel members gave short presentations focusing on what was currently being done for wildfire prevention and preparedness. They are being very aggressive and are well funded/supported by local groups/land owners. It was a very good presentation atmosphere.

A Q&A for the public was opened.

The very first questions were about the Camp Fire and how it compared to the Truckee area readiness. Looking for something or someone to blame for the outcome on the Camp Fire was apparent.

The CALFIRE folks were concise in stating the City of Paradise had a very robust CWPP in place and were used as the model for many other California cities.

They actually stated that if the same situation had occurred in Truckee or the Tahoe Basin, the losses would have been staggering. I felt that should have taken some wind out of the room, but it was well received. Slope percentages, housing density, access/egress routes, and emergency response capabilities in the Truckee area were cited as issues.

Some excellent property preparation and action plans were handed out but they emphasized the “shelter in place or evacuate” decision is something that must be made **before** there is a fire. They pointed out that allowing a landowner to make a scientific fire risk calculation on whether to “fight or flee” is a recipe for disaster.

My take on the City of Truckee emergency fire plan is to shut all the power off, turnaround all through traffic on Interstate 80 and evacuate everyone if they see any smoke..... not good. I am not sure if anyone else picked up on that.

Generally speaking, the event was well planned and some excellent materials suggestions were made.

My takeaways from the Truckee meeting for the SCFSC are:

1. Coordinate first with OES, USFS, Sierra County, and CALFIRE before doing anything
2. Immediately set up to meet with the these folks on our May 9th meeting
3. Dave Goicoechea and I talked. He is contacting the county and it should make it to OES.
4. Do not meet or discuss with the general public about any changes to the Emergency Preparedness until there is actually a current approved plan by OES
5. We can refer anyone with questions to contact OES
6. Setting up any meetings without coordinating with these other groups can infer SCFSC has responsibility for planning or liability
7. There is an infinite amount of funding available for public outreach and preparedness planning
8. I will make copies of the literature from the Truckee meeting and send out or bring to the May 9th SCFSC

I also had the unusual fortune of meeting with Butte County in Oroville at their offices regarding the Camp Fire on Friday. It was to discuss some fuel opportunities from the fire cleanup.

They strongly reinforced the idea of utilizing OES and CALFIRE to coordinate any fire preparedness planning. Those folks think the real blame, lawsuits and verbal beatings are yet to come.

One of the Butte County FIRESAFE folks, Taylor Nilsson, was there. He would like for us to share information regarding our green waste collection program. Let me know how much we want to share. Waivers, landowner forms, etc.

If anyone else attended the Truckee meeting and has something to add, that would be great.

Thanks,

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Subject: Fwd: Fire Prevention & Fire Evacuation Forum for Sierra County

Could remember who said hey wanted to go but here's the info for the Wilder Than Wild showing.
Victoria

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: Fire Prevention & Fire Evacuation Forum for Sierra County

Greetings Esteemed Professionals!

My name is Sylvia Lopez and I am a resident of Sierra City and Sierra County. I reached out to Tim Beals and Bryan Davey regarding a Fire Forum that I and Nordis & Sig Ostrom wanted to

offer our Sierra County residents and Tim Beals led me to you All! Sig and I attended the Nevada County Wilder than Wild film screening and Panel Discussion on Wednesday, March 6th and came away from it stoked to bring it to Sierra County!

I have reserved the Sierra City Community Hall for Saturday, June 1st at 1pm. We have purchased the film Wilder than Wild, the Community Hall has a screen and with the help of the County I can borrow a projector to plug into my DVD player. I have also been in contact with Brian Estes, CAL Fire's Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit Chief who attended the Nevada County event and who will also be introducing the Truckee wildfire prevention and preparedness town hall set for for April 24th in Truckee. Brian has also connected me with Jenn Tamo, who is with Nevada County OES and can help me with developing advertisements for this event in Sierra County.

Now all I need is a panel of experts in this field which is where all of you come in! We plan to have a moderator asking you all questions taken from the audience-which we will bundle hopefully in themes- as well as questions I noted from attending the Nevada County event. We hope to keep the program at 2 hours maximum. The 2 hours includes the 1 hour film presentation.

Please reply to this email as soon as you can! I hope to meet with you All soon!

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