

Cuyamaca Woods Fire Safe Council

Meeting Notes: Saturday, January 30, 2016 9:00 AM

Location: Volunteer Fire Department at Lake Cuyamaca, 34560 Engineers Road

Attendees: Susan Carter, Terri Groth, Jon Driscoll, Mary Ann Miller, Colleen Manzer, Steve Nankervis, Matt Wilson

Item 1. Susan Carter called the meeting to order and said that the meeting would be brief so that all present could go out after the meeting and mark the properties that had given permission for the California Conservation Corps to do work on the community road on their property. (In subsequent discussion on this matter it was decided it would be best to only mark the properties that had NOT given permission).

Item 3. Approval of November 21, 2015 minutes: Terri moved approval, Steve seconded, all approved.

Item 4. Terri presented the Treasurer's Report. She said there was \$8,144 in the bank account.

Item 5. Grants.

- a. Susan said there was no need to adopt a resolution applying for the SRAFPP grant because she had mis-read the requirements, and we only need to approve a resolution agreeing to accept the grant funds if we are awarded the grant we requested.
- b. CCC grant – the work will start on Monday February 1st. Susan reported that the number of affirmative permission letters received were much higher this year than in the previous grant in 2012. It was agreed that the attendees present would divide into groups and go out after the meeting to mark the properties that had not given permission with flags and flagging

tape that several folks had brought with them. Susan and Terri will meet the Conservation Corps crews at the Grandview Gate on Monday morning.

Item 6. 2016 Events.

a. Colleen made a proposal that we hold an event on May 7th, National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, that is focused on people clearing the first 5 feet around their houses and other structures, to get rid of junk that is a fire hazard. Here is her description of the project: **“Our theme for Preparedness day is "Five!"-focusing on cleaning and clearing the first five feet around all structures in our community. After watching training by IBHS which demonstrated the importance of just five feet, we wanted to use the same focus as it is very doable for all to participate. We are renting a dumpster to clear personal items and debris from under eaves, next to walls and in rain gutters. We will have volunteers available to help remove items and to assist in weed whacking, shrub and tree trimming under eaves. Local Fire crews will be available to provide feedback on homes for 100 feet of defensible space and overall fire safety. We will be handing out educational materials on clearing defensible feet from the structures. That evening we are having a Cinco de Mayo (Five, again) party and will have vendors there to speak on ember resistant vents and other fire safe products. Cuyamaca Woods is a community of 400 properties surrounded by forest and state parkland-the definition of a wildland interface area. We have a strong Fire Safe Council driving this and other educational and working events and are currently applying for Firewise Community status.”** Terri made a motion to approve, Susan seconded, all in favor.

b. Educational events – no discussion

c. Chipping events – no discussion

Item 7. Create Community Wildfire Protection Plan – no discussion.

Item 8. New Business

a. POA Calendar – should we donate \$500 to the POA again? Discussion ensued about how many calendars that the POA publishes, and how many could be sold. Instead of donating \$500 directly to the POA, Jon proposed

that if we ordered enough calendars to reduce the per item cost, that would be a savings to the POA. He said he would buy 100 calendars. Terri agreed to present this proposal to the POA.

Meeting Adjourned 10:30. Next Meeting March 25, 2016.