

Alpine Fire Safe Council

Meeting Minutes March 26, 2003

The first meeting of the Alpine Fire Safe Council was called to order by Clint Celio, Fire Safe Council Coordinator at 6:13 at the Woodfords Fire Station, 85 Diamond Valley Road, Markleeville, CA 96210.

Present:

Don Jardine	FSC Board	Supervisor, District 1
David Griffith	FSC Board	Mesa Vista Resident
Nancy Thornburg	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Josh Kelly	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Clint Celio	Council Coordinator	Woodfords Resident
Lynn Doyal	Alpine EMS	Woodfords Resident

Absent:

Patty Brissenden	FSC Board	Hope Valley Resident
Pete Spansail	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident

I. Background FSC –

The Alpine Fire Safe Council handbook was introduced and briefly summarized. Clint summarized C.G. Celio & Sons participation in the meetings as a facilitator and coordinator for the Council. C.G. Celio & Sons was hired by the BOS through a grant from the RAC. Other participants in the FSC will include the US Forest Service, although a representative has not yet been selected yet. Don Jardine requested monthly updates on the FSC be sent to the BOS.

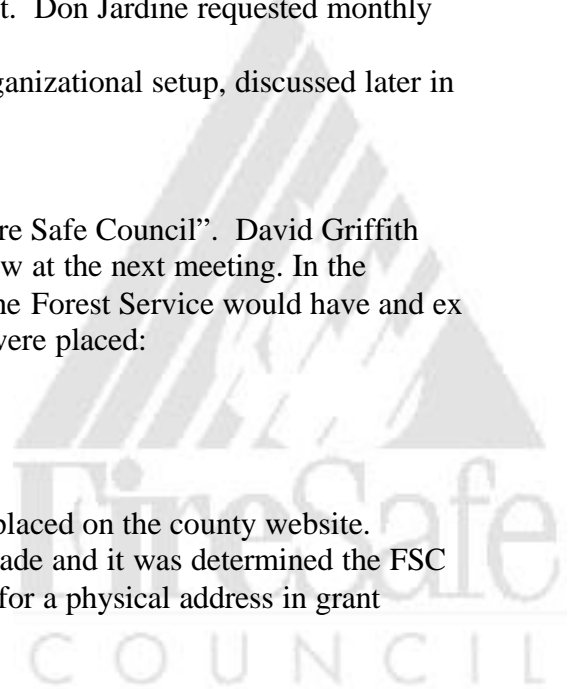
Other concerns brought up were FSC liability and organizational setup, discussed later in Lynn Doyal's discussion.

II. Administration

The legal name for the non-profit entity is "Alpine Fire Safe Council". David Griffith volunteered to make a draft vision statement for review at the next meeting. In the discussion of President and Officers, it was decided the Forest Service would have an ex officio member. Additionally the following offices were placed:

President: David Griffith
Co-Chair: Don Jardine
Secretary: Patty Brissenden
Treasurer: Nancy Thornburg

Following this meeting agendas and minutes will be placed on the county website. Additionally, corrections to the contact roster were made and it was determined the FSC would get a PO Box and use the county clerks office for a physical address in grant applications.



III. Non profit notebook

Clint began the discussion by briefing the council on the steps necessary in forming a non-profit group and suggesting possible legal and accounting review. The council suggested the possibility of using county counsel or the attorney generals office to review bylaws and articles and requested Clint to further research that avenue. In further review of the example bylaws and articles included in the notebook, David requested an electronic copy to begin to draft the council's version.

Lynn Doyal discussed non-profit status. He suggested the FSC to organize similar to the Alpine EMS. In this arrangement there would be two separate entities, the non-profit organization (Alpine Fire Safe Council (AFSC)) and county organization (Alpine County Fire Safe Council (ACFSC)). The non-profit AFSC would function to apply for and receive grants; the county organization (ACFSC) would function to disperse the money through projects and fall under the county umbrella (for auditing and liability purposes).

The council selected to follow suit and requested for Clint to attend the April 1 Board of Supervisors meeting, introducing the Fire Safe Council and state the FSC will operate similar to the Alpine EMS.

IV. Grants

Clint gave a brief update on the grants applied for and upcoming grants. The council approved his application for the USFS planning grant, having Josh sign as part of the Alpine EMS fiscal agent since David would be absent. Clint would forward the grant information on the David and cc to Tom Baker

V. Activities

The State Fire Safe Conference will be held in May at Lake Tahoe. It was suggested to see if the local fire departments could send one of their members in addition to Clint to the Conference. Clint also reviewed the schedule of additional meetings and would research if April were Fire Safe Month in California. The council also discussed the possibility of having their first public meeting in the last week of April.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. The next meeting was scheduled for April 9th at 6:00pm