

# Alpine Fire Safe Council

**Approved Minutes**  
May 31, 2010  
**6:00 pm, Markleeville Fire Station**

The meeting of the Alpine Fire Safe Council was called to order by Kris Hartnett, Chair, at 6:05 pm at the Markleeville Fire Station, Markleeville, CA 96120.

**Present:**

Kris Hartnett	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Jerry Andrews	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Dave Mills	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Al Moss	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Shirley Taylor	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Steve Yonker	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Jeff Brees	Coordinator	Markleeville Resident

**Absent:**

David Griffith	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
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**I. Call to order**

**II. Introductions**

**III. Approve corrected minutes of April 26, 2010 meeting.**

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Steve Yonker Second: Al Moss*

*All ayes. Motion carried.*

**IV. Volunteer Time Sheets**

**V. Old Business**

- a. Follow-up and continued discussion on the Community Wildfire Preparedness meetings.

Hartnett reported that he had not contacted Deane Roberts or Supervisor Philip Bennett regarding rescheduling the community meeting for District 3 and questioned if the Board would like him to do so. Moss suggested that one more contact be made offering to host a community meeting in District 3. Hartnett questioned if the FSC had funding available for another meeting and what parameters he should set for dates for the

meeting. Brees confirmed that funding is available. It was decided that a meeting could be hosted end of June or beginning of August. Yonker mentioned that Roberts or Bennett should set the meeting date. In regards to the Woodfords community meetings, Moss said that there was limited success with the door to door solicitations and recommended that future community meeting notifications be mailed to the Mesa Vista/Woodfords residents. Moss went on to say that one meeting may be sufficient for Districts 2 and 5 due to participation level in those districts. Brees suggested that the community meetings be held every other year. There was some discussion on ideas for future community wildfire preparedness meetings. Brees distributed draft thank you letters for those who had assisted with and attended the community meetings from the various agencies for review. It was agreed that the letters could be sent as presented. Brees reported that meeting expenses totaled \$400 for the food and \$600 for the printing and mailings.

- b. Continued discussion regarding options for reestablishing the biomass pile.  
Hartnett reported that he had not drafted the petition for the biomass pile, but he did meet with the Woodfords Fire Department and they are pleased with the petition. Hartnett went on to say that there is interest from the WFD to include wording in the petition stating that fire fighting budgets be maintained. It was agreed leave the biomass petition as a separate petition from the fire departments budget item. Yonker said that concerns over the opening of the biomass pile were the number one question from homeowners when distributing flyers for the community meeting. Brees reported that he met with Brian Peters with the Community Development Department to discuss the logistics of the fall biomass pile. Brees added that it was agreed that the County would manage the pile in the fall. Brees said that Peters mentioned he would work towards getting the biomass pile funded with the FSC continuing to partner with the county. Brees suggested that the biomass pile should be open four weeks in the fall and four weeks in the spring, but he said that Peters felt the RAC funding would only cover the fall program. Andrews questioned if there were problems with people burning and the accumulation of debris this spring without a biomass pile. Brees said that there have not been any problems yet with residents burning, but there have been an increased number of burn permits and it has been a wet spring. Moss suggested moving forward with the biomass pile petition. Hartnett mentioned that the petition will make the burn pile a perpetual budget item for the county. Hartnett will send a draft of the petition out to the board for review and then will get the finalized petition out for distribution for signatures.
- c. Update on the Death Ride beer booth logistics.  
Brees said that the Death Ride is July 10<sup>th</sup> with the FSC beer booth open on July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Brees added that he will apply for the liquor license

and the brewery will provide the booth, beer, and cups. Brees said that he would confirm the final details with the Chamber of Commerce.

## **VI. New Business**

- a. Discussion of project ideas for submission to the RAC for the 2009/2010 funding cycle

Brees said that there is a RAC meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>, but the RAC has not yet called for proposals for the next round of funding. Brees added that he had heard the RAC would be calling for proposals for all remaining funding years at one time as the funds must be awarded by September 2011. Brees distributed a list of projects ideas for review. Brees said that the Senior and Disabled Defensible Space Fuels Program, the Markleevillage Forest Fuels Project, and Curbside Chipping applications were ready to be submitted. Brees added that the property owners on Lower Manzanita Lane will need to be contacted again before moving forward with the Lower Manzanita Fuels Reduction Project. After some discussion it was agreed that they should move forward with the projects above as well as the Biomass Collection Site and Diamond Valley School Fuels Reduction Project.

Brees questioned what projects the board would like to apply for funding through Proposition 40. Brees suggested that the Markleevillage Forest Fuels Project, Curbside Chipping and Biomass Collection Site would fit the requirements for Proposition 40 funding. A motion was made to submit applications for the Markleevillage Forest Fuels Project, Curbside Chipping and Biomass Collection Site through Proposition 40 funding.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Al Moss*

*Second: Steve Yonker.*

*All ayes. Motion carried.*

Taylor reported that the brush surrounding the Early Learning Center was a fire hazard and action needed to be taken. It was suggested asking CAL FIRE inspectors to do a defensible space inspection on the property. Brees said that he would speak with the Community Development Department to determine who owns the building and notify them of the hazard and he would also contact CAL FIRE about doing an inspection on the property.

- b. Update on current budget status and remaining Title III funds.  
Brees reported that he met with Radelfinger and Makley to reconcile the Title III funds. Brees added that Radelfinger is working on a worksheet to reconcile the figures. Brees went on to say that the money is flowing and there is a little over \$6,000 remaining in the Title III grants.
- c. Staff reports.

Brees announced that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Turtle Rock Park. Brees added that they will be having a field trip and reception on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brees said that they are putting together their strategic plan for the next five years and are taking community input. Brees directed anyone interested in attending to contact him for further information. strategic plan for the next five years if anyone would like to go.

Brees said that the burn pile permits have been extended until June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Brees reported that the BLM completed a 70 acre mastication project on Airport Road. Brees added that the contractor did a nice job.

Brees said that he was not able to attend Shay Creek Homeowner's Association meeting. Mills questioned if the biomass pile will available in the fall. Brees confirmed that the FSC was awarded RAC funding for the biomass pile and it will be open for six weeks in the fall.

d. Board member comments.

Andrews questioned if CAL FIRE had finished their inspections and when the follow-up inspections will be completed. Brees confirmed that CAL FIRE would be back as time permits to do the follow-up inspections, but a date was not set to return. Taylor questioned about adding the Early Learning Center to CAL FIRE's inspections list. Brees said that he could contact Kris Timberlake with CAL FIRE to add the property to their list.

Taylor questioned the status of the siren in Markleevillage. Hartnett said that he needs to mount the siren and it will be operational. Hartnett said he will provide a key to the fire department and the sheriff's department.

**VII. Adjournment**

Set next meeting at the Woodfords Fire Station at 6:00 pm on Monday, June 28, 2010.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Al Moss Second: Steve Yonker*

*All ayes. Motion carried*