



## **MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** September 17, 2011

**Location:** Dry Creek-Lokoya Fire Station 5900 Dry Creek Rd. Napa, CA 94558

**Time:** 9:15 am

**Members Present:** Greg Holquist (Chair), Bill Robertson (Secretary), Gary Green (Treasurer), Jock Eggers, Carole Meredith, Gary Margadant

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Approved, any minor corrections can be forwarded to the Secretary for amendments. Otherwise they are ready to be posted on the website.

**Chair Person Report:** Greg Holquist reported on the following.

1. Grant check from State Farm Insurance Company. The check for \$5,000 will be presented to the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council in care of the Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department. The presentation will take place in the County Board of Supervisors Chamber located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the County Building located at 1195 3<sup>rd</sup> Street on Monday September 19, 2011 at 2:00pm. As many Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council members are asked to attend as a show of support. Dignitaries expected to be present include CalFire Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Chief Tim Streblov, County Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht and Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Chief Gary Green.
2. Old Ridge Road Shaded Fuel Break Pilot Project: Greg spoke to the group about the walk the group took during the last meeting with the Western Land Renovators along the Old Ridge Road near Carole Meredith's home. Greg noticed power lines that traversed between Carole's property and Dan Galvin's property. Greg said he may be able to PG&E right of way this portion of the fuel break project due to the power lines in the area. Work would be of approximately \$9,000 worth of in kind match. It was understood by the group that we would need to obtain a minimum of three bids for this project. It was voted to move forward with the Pilot Project with a maximum expenditure of \$10,000.

Greg said he will move forward to work with Nelson Money and Western Land Renovators and in obtaining bids in regards to the project. Bill Robertson mentioned that we need written permission from Chester Brandlin and Dan Galvin if we wish to do work on their property. Gary Margadant will send Carole Meredith a copy of the permission form developed by Kelly Wallace. Carole will obtain signatures from both Mr. Brandlin and Mr. Galvin.

3. Mount Veeder Appellation Wine Tasting: Greg mentioned the wine tasting event that will take place on Saturday September 24, 2011 from 1-4pm at Hess Collection. The MVFSC pop-up display will be there with some public education information. Greg asked if anybody would be willing to staff it.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gary Green passed out the Budget Comparison and the Transaction Detail by Account. Currently there is \$16,398.60 in the account.

Gary Green announced his retirement from the Fire Service effective January 1, 2011. He may still stay involved with the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council as a private citizen.

Gary mentioned the Holiday Party that will be in December. More to follow at a future date.

### **Committee Reports:**

**CWPP:** Greg said The Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council needs to have the signed CWPP in their possession and a copy filed with the group's documents. Greg will speak with Chief Streblow and Supervisor Wagenknecht on the document's status. It is needed for work to commence on the fuel breaks and fuel reduction projects.

**Grants:** Bill Robertson reported that there is no word from the Grants Clearing House and that we are waiting for confirmation of acceptance or denial of the grant application filed in July.

### **Projects:**

1. The Cove had additional brush clearing by Delta Camp crews and the campground has hosted more than a thousand girls scouts this year. Work on hazardous fuel reduction is expected to continue in the future.
2. The Old Ridge Road pilot project -see Chairperson Report above.

### **Events:**

1. National Fire Prevention Week is the week of October 10-16.
2. Wildfire Prevention Regional Conference for Fire Safe Councils is being held on October 6, 2011 in Sacramento. If interested visit the California Fire Safe Council website to register.

### **Old Business:**

1. Bylaws discussion has been postponed to the next meeting so that members will have time to review the draft and to have a discussion.
2. MOU between the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council and the Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors - Members of the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council need to review and be prepared to vote on it at the next meeting in October.
3. Fire Prevention Signs - Gary Green had sent a letter to Napa County Public Works Department to get permission to relocate the sign located at the intersection of Oak Knoll Avenue and Dry Creek Road. He is waiting for a response from them. Gary also mentioned that somebody needs to take a look at the Wall Road and Partrick Road locations for potential sites to locate a fire prevention sign. Gary Margadant and Greg Holquist said they would assist Gary Green.

### **New Business:**

1. Backyards and Beyond - Bill Robertson passed around a flyer for the Backyards and Beyond Wildland Fire Education Conference being held in Denver Colorado October 25-29<sup>th</sup>.
2. Updated California Fire Safe Council website and Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council page. Bill Robertson and Carole Meredith have forwarded information to the California Fire Safe Council to update our contact information and add a link to our website.
3. Fall Newsletter- There was discussion and it was decided that the Fall Newsletter that is a joint effort between MVFSC and the Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire department will have articles from the MVFSC that will report on the Golf Tournament, the \$5,000 grant from State Farm Insurance and the Pilot Project proposal for the Old Ridge Road Shaded Fuel Break. The newsletter should be mailed out to the community in October or November. The Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council will pay the postage just as before.

**Other business:** No other business brought forth at this time.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:40am

**Next Meeting:** Saturday October 15, 2011 9:00am  
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