

Mono Basin Fire Safe Council Minutes

Prepared by John Warneke

20 July 2022 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Eva Brown, Lisa Cutting, Robbie Di Paolo, Margaret Eissler, Duncan King, Dave Marquart, Joe Moore, Tom Strazdins, Nathan Taylor, John Warneke, Amy

- Minutes of 15 June 2022 accepted without changes
- Public comment
 - Installed water storage on property, filled from well, with tank in truck and large tank at end of driveway (Joe)
- Update on fire safety signs (Joe)
 - Signs are removable and in place Memorial Day through Labor Day
- Fire safety banners (Robbie)
 - Truck moved to lot next to Chevron, with banner on both sides
 - Hard to see banners with fence and when semis park on the road (Joe)
 - Will contact lot owner about putting banners on fence; Try to move the truck and angle it for better views (Robbie)
 - Will continue to contact others about truck location (Robbie)
- Fire safety fliers (Robbie and Tom)
 - Request for more print and laminated copies
 - Distributed to businesses and camp hosts selling firewood bundles
 - Put up in campgrounds, and will need to replace those removed
- Mono County Fire Coordinator position (Robbie)
 - Funded by CalFire; Works with fire safe councils and local agencies to advocate for projects regarding fire education and outreach
- Update on CalFire grant submitted by Holly Alpert (Robbie)
 - Focus on visitor outreach and education about fire prevention
 - Selected for funding; FSC volunteered to match hours
- Citizens' Wildfire Academy
 - Upcoming session: 15 August, at 6pm, 'Home Hardening and Defensible Space Projects'
 - Recordings available at eswildfirealliance.org/academy
- Mono City brush bin (John)
 - Recently emptied and replaced, twice; Issue with someone clearing entire lot and filling bin rather than taking materials to the dump
- Discussion of enforcing lot clearing in Mono City

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- Pursue idea of County ordinance (Robbie)
- Problem lot pointed out by Annamaria during visit
 - Contacted property owner; Talked about fire danger to rental unit and neighboring structures, defensible space, and clearing thick overgrown brush (John)
- Who assesses lots for fire danger? (Lisa)
 - CalFire reviews some but not all lots, and without involvement of local fire departments (Robbie)
- Resources exist for property owners to take action
 - CA FSC handouts and online; Mono City Fire Commissioners outreach project; Annamaria offered consultation
- Next meeting to be held on 17 August 2022 at 5pm