

Mono Basin Fire Safe Council Minutes

Prepared by John Warneke

20 April 2022 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Glenda Bayless, Lisa Cutting, Robbie Di Paolo, Margaret Eissler, Santiago Escruceria, Duncan King, Dave Marquart, Connie Millar, Joe Moore, Tom Strazdins, Nathan Taylor, John Warneke, Lenore

- Minutes of 16 March 2022 accepted without changes
- Public comment
 - Small signs needed for fire safety and repair of posts (Joe)
 - Likely Forest Service but need more info (Robbie)
 - Bob mentioned following up with Forest Service [see Dec. 2021 Minutes]
 - Kirkwood ponds may need County help to clear with excavator (Joe)
 - See Dec. 2021 Minutes for discussion of clearing and access
 - Helpful to have emails regarding volunteer work and fieldtrips in advance (Joe)
- Banner
 - Ordered and will arrive soon
 - Funding again provided by the DeChambeau Creek Foundation
- Truck relocation (update from Bob Gardner)
 - CalTrans without right of way at propane tank
 - RV Park unwilling to provide space
 - Will reach out to SCE regarding locations
- East road from Mono City (update from Bob Gardner)
 - Work must be informal and minimal
 - Need coordinator
 - Might happen in May
- Kirkwood ponds (update from Paul McFarland)
 - In contact with Jeff Hunewill regarding use
 - Planning fieldtrip for local fire departments
 - More to come regarding volunteer assistance
- Education grant update (update from Paul McFarland)
 - Holly Alpert without info as of yet
- Mono City fuel breaks
 - Reached out to Stephanie Heller advocating summer/fall work (Robbie)
 - No work to be done during nesting season, 1 April – 1 July
 - Remind again so that work is not deprioritized; Urgency is a public concern; May help to include Heller in FSC meetings and pressure her engagement with topics of concern (Connie)

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- See Minutes from Dec. 2021, Jan. 2022, Feb. 2022 regarding land ownership, clearing schedule, outreach with Heller
- Mill Creek/Lundy Canyon illegal campsites
 - Spoke with Heller at RPAC; She stated sites are illegal & paperwork sorted (Duncan)
 - To date, only public efforts to remove campfire rings and block site access; Need persists for action and signage from Forest Service
- Campfire ring removal and dispersed camping sites project
 - Volunteer work to be discussed at next meeting
- Citizens' Wildfire Academy
 - Email sent to group with dates and topics (Robbie)
 - Will look into putting links on FSC website
 - Recordings available at [youtube.com/watch?v=50PFOBIFIk0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50PFOBIFIk0)
- California Fire Safe Council regional workshop held in March
 - Presentation slides, cafiresafecouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Final322_PPTWorkshopComms-Copy-Copy-compressed.pdf
 - Communications toolkit, cafiresafecouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/22Final_Toolkit_Comms-1-compressed.pdf
 - For more information contact Britney Munoz, bmunoz@cafiresafecouncil.org
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan
 - Previously discussed plans in place, recommendations implemented, and need for updates and inclusion of Hwy 167 community
 - Continue to think about how to approach updates
- Brush disposal bins in Mono City
 - Available from early Spring onwards; Emptied and replaced as needed; Goal is to promote awareness and use, and expect to see them same time next year (John)
- Next meeting to be held on 18 May 2022 at 5pm