

## Appendix A: Community Meeting Notes

The following notes were taken by County of Lake and Lake County Fire Safe Council staff at the community meetings held in October 2008.

### A.1. Lake Pillsbury, Upper Lake, and Blue Lakes

*Odd Fellow's Hall, October 20, 2008*

#### Community Attendees

- Alex & Chauncy Irvine
- Alex Straessle
- Betsy Cawn
- Carol Binkley
- Cecil Prack
- Chuck Morse
- Debbie Ickes
- Denise Rushing
- Dianna Wellington
- Don Davison
- Doris Harville
- Erica Lundquist
- Glenn Roe
- Grant Murray Jr.
- Greg Dills
- Harry Zabel
- Joe Koschik
- Korinn Woodard
- Laura Davison
- Loretta McCarthy M. Quere
- Mike Josephson
- Mo Fitch
- Pat Brown
- Pat Ickes
- Rich Burns

PRC 4290: no money to enforce. FSC and educating public: how effectively are we using the tool? Look at absentee owners. Want to educate public and get action; need county crew to clear property and add to taxes.

#### Pat Brown, Battalion Chief, Northshore Fire Protection District—Local Fire Protection Update

Northshore is very active; weed abatement expanded into Lucerne, Spring Valley, Nice. Triage (evaluate) house before a fire to see if they can safely protect it. Upper Lake usually staffed by volunteers; Nice and Lucerne always have medic and staff. Main stations on 24/7. Top priority now is customer service. Federal grant to replace water tender at Upper Lake. Trying to get more personnel—growing pains, but trying. Will come about and give advice if someone's available. Districts working together more and more. Supervisor Rushing & Pat Brown: 2009 new ordinance in fire district. Following Santa Clara County and bringing it up here. If problem with neighbor, talk to neighbor first. Fire district can come out, call Lucerne in Upper Lake area. Someone will go look at it. Looked at 200 houses this summer. Northshore Fire main number: 274-3100.

#### Local Fire History Remembered

- Cow Mountain Fire; Hunter Fire both in 1981.
- Fork Fire 1996; 87000 acres. Hunters on Fork and Hunter fires. Burned for 11 days.
- Town burned on west side of street 1910.
- Two fires from lake Pillsbury this summer.
- Clover Fire: welding, 3 years ago.
- Variety of causes of fires. August big month.
- Mendenhall Fire in 1987, dry lightning. Highly inaccessible. Air support elsewhere.
- Fouts Fire, August.

#### Community-Identified Priority Projects

| Priority # | # Votes | Project Description                              |
|------------|---------|--|
| 1          | 15      | Prescribed/Controlled Burning in National Forest |
| 2          | 14      | Ongoing Fuelbreak Maintenance/Program            |
| 3          | 13      | Education and Outreach—Defensible Space          |

| Priority # | # Votes | Project Description   |
|------------|---------|---|
| 4          | 12      | New Water Tender for Upper Lake                               |
| 4          | 12      | Program to Assist Residents with Defensible Space             |
| 5          | 9       | Weed Abatement Program  |
| 6          | 8       | Upgrade Upper Lake Water System                               |
| 6          | 8       | Expand Chipper Program to Make Available                      |
| 7          | 5       | Additional Staff (Full Time) at Upper Lake Station            |
| 8          | 4       | Address Signage Program, 5" Letters, Reflective               |
| 9          | 3       | Hogback Ridge Fuelbreak                                       |
| 9          | 3       | Fuelbreak on East Side of Rancheria                           |
| 9          | 3       | Cow Mountain Fuelbreak—Maintenance and Expansion              |
| 10         | 2       | Prescribed Fire in Chaparral North of Blue Lakes              |
| 11         | 1       | Education and Outreach—Evacuation Routes and Shelter in Place |
| 11         | 1       | Develop/Identify "Safe Harbor" Areas                          |

### **Lake Pillsbury Community-Identified Priority Projects**

| Priority # | Project Description   |
|------------|---|
| 3          | Fix the M8 Road (Logging Road)  |
| 2          | Rice Fork Hazardous Fuel Reduction (HFR)                              |
| 2          | Prescribed Fire Area  |
| 1          | Increase Revenue for Lake Pillsbury Volunteer Fire Dept.              |
|            | Lake Pillsbury Volunteer Fire Dept. Training Program                  |
|            | Hazardous Fuel Reduction Chipper Program                              |
|            | Rebuild and Staff Hull Mountain Fire Lookout (USFS)                   |
| 4          | Siren Warning System (Communication Link)                             |
| 4          | Radio Repeater on Hull Mountain (Lake Pillsbury Volunteer Fire Dept.) |
| 5          | Retain More Water in Lake Pillsbury During the Summer                 |

### **A.2. Scotts Valley, Lakeport**

*Scotts Valley Women's Clubhouse, October 23, 2008*

#### **Community Attendees**

- Pamela Capito
- James Dawson
- Janine L. Grothe
- Jared Hendricks
- Linda Juntunen
- Bob Kelly
- Patty Patten
- Greg Scott
- Cornelia Sieber
- Greg Stolesen
- Kenneth Wells
- Lydia Wells

10 residents. Some with fire experience. Even those without fire experience seem aware of fire/environmental issues.

Chief Kenneth Wells, Lakeport Fire—Local Fire Protection Update

Rivieras CC&Rs (covenants) very proactive and fire safe. Lakeport Fire Dept.—4 firefighters on duty 24 hours a day. Don’t have the resources to protect every house. Specialty is to protect the structures, not the wildland. In case of a large fire event, homes will be evaluated according to likelihood of saving them, and safety of fire fighters. Know that best set-up is tanks up high to allow for gravity flow, rather than static flow, which is slower. Also have connectors compatible with local fire engines. If relying on generator, make sure the power is compatible with pump’s needs. If using domestic system, know your pressure will be affected with extreme use. Water tenders are valuable asset.

Problem: narrow road, traffic jams. Power outages: be careful. Downed power lines likely and could be live. Cell phone towers will be gone—do not rely solely on cell phones.

Evacuations: very challenging. Rock slides. Evacuation plans and evacuation centers must be part of any local plan.

911 will not be able to help. City Watch: Reverse 911, used to notify groups of people. Emergency Alerting

System: we do have this in Lake County, can be activated by Sheriff, BOS and anyone going through OES. We

need to add webpage-alerting application to the system. Inter Agency Tactical Communication Plan—but some agencies are not able to be reached directly, costs time to go through dispatch. They are currently working on this.

Local Fire History Remembered

Fires in this area, both recent and distant past. Lots of fuel between Blue Lakes and here. Cow Mountain Fire in 1981.

Community-Identified Priority Projects

| Priority # | # Votes | Project Description   |
|------------|---------|---|
| 1          | 9       | Old Cow Mountain to Hopland Mountain—Prescribed Burn  |
| 2          | 7       | Water Tender for Lakeport Fire—2 Type-3 with Staffing   |
| 2          | 7       | City Watch Reverse 911 Apparatus Moved to Dispatch Facility   |
| 3          | 6       | Ongoing Mosaic Burning  |
| 3          | 6       | Maintenance/Expansion of Cow Mountain Fuelbreak   |
| 3          | 6       | Active Fire Safe Council with Private Landowner Support   |
| 4          | 5       | Chipping Program  |
| 4          | 5       | Weed Abatement Ordinance—Code Enforcement by County   |
| 4          | 5       | Increased funding and staffing for Lakeport Fire Department   |
| 5          | 1       | Scotts Valley Hydrant Water System—every 1500 feet  |
| 5          | 1       | Appropriate Fire Safe Plant & Landscaping List Distributed by Community Development/Planning Department |
| 5          | 1       | Fuel Reduction on Brewery Hill  |
| 0          | 0       | Neighborhood Fuel Reduction   |
| 0          | 0       | North Lakeport Fuelbreak  |
| 0          | 0       | Defensible Space Clearance—All Structures   |
| 0          | 0       | Active/Aggressive Support—CAL FIRE Vegetation Mgmt Program (VMP)  |
| 0          | 0       | Tax Lien for Weed Abatement Crew  |

### A.3. Nice, Lucerne

Lucerne Senior Center, October 24, 2008

#### Community Attendees

- Bill Becker
- Donna Christopher
- Elizabeth Larson
- Gary Saylor
- James Crabtree
- Jim Bridges
- Jim Robbins
- Louise Talley
- Mace Bailey
- Robert H. Vollmer
- Stephanie Rick

#### Chief Jim Robbins, Northshore Fire Protection District, Local Fire Protection Update

History of formation of Northshore Fire Protection District, 350 square miles. 70 volunteers, 15 paid staff. Needs: more paid staff, because it's harder to get volunteers who are around. Good cooperation with each other. This past fire season: resources stretched to the max. We travel to help out via mutual aid too.

#### Local Fire History Remembered

- Forks Fire
- Mendenhall Fire
- Walker Fire
- Many small fires in the area
- Bird strike fires
- Fireworks fires.

#### Community-Identified Priority Projects

| Priority # | # Votes | Project Description  |
|------------|---------|--|
| 1          | 8       | Upgrade all Senior Centers Around the Lake to Disaster Centers                           |
| 1          | 8       | Additional Staffing for Northshore Fire  |
| 2          | 7       | Chipper program for Northshore   |
| 2          | 7       | Communication Upgrades: Computerized Communication and Repeaters.                        |
| 3          | 5       | Enforcement of Weed & Brush Abatement Ordinance. Hire Weed Abatement Officer             |
| 4          | 4       | Task Force to Create Defensible Space for Vulnerable Populations, e.g. Seniors, Disabled |
| 5          | 3       | Hogback Ridge: Fuelbreak and Prescribed Burn Northeast                                   |
| 5          | 3       | More Medical Equipment, Ambulances and Asst. Emergency                                   |
| 6          | 2       | Examine Weed Management Areas for Invasive Species and High Fuel Hazards                 |
| 7          | 1       | Reflectors on Hydrants   |
| 7          | 1       | Address Signage Program and Enforcement  |
| 7          | 1       | Use School and 4H Programs for Emergency Planning, Fire Safety Education                 |
| 0          | 0       | Educational Outreach on Fire Safety to Tourism Community                                 |
| 0          | 0       | Educational Outreach on Fire Safety to Local Adult Population                            |

#### A.4. Spring Valley, Double Eagle

Spring Valley Clubhouse, October 26, 2008

##### Community Attendees

- Evelyn Balsley
- Virgil Blake
- Linda J. Burton
- Alex Carraraga
- Win Cary
- Don Fiora
- Joe G. Welz
- Brian Hanson
- Doyle Head
- Crystal Kinder
- Flo Kinder
- James Kinder
- Cassandra Madero
- Linda Mann
- John Raffaelli
- Gil Roux
- Andrea Salas
- Gene Throg
- Severin Umstrom
- Cameron Waggoner

##### Chief Robbins, Northshore Fire, Local Fire Protection Update

We have a partnership with USFS and CAL FIRE to cover 350 square miles.

Weeds: The weed abatement program is coming. He is working on the ordinance regarding the residential areas. We need to make sure absentee landowners are taking care of these residential areas. This ordinance should be in place before next summer. Attendee concern about absentee owners and county not clearing ground.

##### Local Fire History Remembered

- Fork Fire
- Spring Fire—'72
- 1987–750 acre burn on Double Eagle
- Long Fire—2004—roadside ignition
- On Hwy. 20 last year

##### Community-Identified Priority Projects

| Priority # | # Votes | Project Description   |
|------------|---------|---|
| 1          | 10      | Bridge on Old Long Valley Road and Grade the Road             |
| 2          | 7       | Spring Valley Fire Station Staffing                           |
| 2          | 7       | Double Eagle—Fire Safety Education and Outreach               |
| 3          | 6       | Grant for a Chipper   |
| 3          | 6       | Wolf Ridge Burn   |
| 4          | 5       | Garner-High Valley Extension—Make a Passable Evacuation Route |
| 4          | 5       | Quartz Canyon Burn  |
| 5          | 4       | Fire Inspector/Code Enforcement North Shore Fire              |
| 5          | 4       | Double Eagle—Community Resource Assessment                    |
| 6          | 3       | Double Eagle—Road Improvement                                 |
| 6          | 3       | Cougar Road/Benmore Canyon Road Extension                     |
| 6          | 3       | Wolf Creek to Bartlett Springs road—Evacuation Route          |
| 6          | 3       | Spring Valley CERT—Volunteers and Resources                   |
| 6          | 3       | Double Eagle Phone Tree                                       |
| 7          | 2       | Double Eagle Fuelbreak along Road                             |
| 7          | 2       | Walker Ridge Firebreak Maintenance                            |
| 7          | 2       | Double Eagle Defensible Space—Brush Clearing Assistance       |
| 8          | 1       | Regular Brush Maintenance Evaluation and Schedule             |
| 8          | 1       | Defensible Space Education and Outreach                       |
| 0          | 0       | Extend Hwy. 53 to New Long Valley Road                        |
| 0          | 0       | Double Eagle Siren System                                     |

## A.5. Glenhaven, Clearlake Oaks, Paradise Valley, Kono Tayee

Clearlake Oaks Senior Center, October 28, 2008

### Community Attendees

- Gayle Atkisson
- Clelia Baur
- Jim Baur
- Dianna Brooks
- Pat Graham
- Ben Lawson
- Susan G. Martin

Jeff Tunnell, BLM: Remembered the group of juvenile arsonists, starting grass fires within the town limits of Clearlake Oaks. Much work to do in this community, both in the hills and within the town.

### Pat Brown, Battalion Chief Northshore Fire Protection District, Local Fire Protection Update

24-hour staffing at 3 stations, 8 hours at Upper Lake. Brand new attack engine, and one new heavy rescue, both operated by volunteers. All activity is a team effort with CAL FIRE.

Remembered the worst fire of his career on Widgeon Way.

Plans now to include all areas in Northshore District. Using plans/weed abatement policy from Santa Clara County. Do not hesitate to call if there is a need.

Sup. Rushing: illusion that folks in town are not at risk. He agreed. Fires spread house to house quickly. There are examples where the weed abatement has and has not worked. If you have a problem with weeds, or a neighbor with a problem, call the district.

### Local Fire History Remembered

- Arson: Widgeon Way, Clearlake Park, Elem Colony, local school.
- This area noted for suspicious fires.
- Meth labs, no explosions for a while.
- Hwy. 20 and 53 fire last year—welder working at the house—50 acres
- Mainly west to east movement of fires, prevailing wind off the lake.
- 2 yrs ago in the plaza, up the canyon.
- High Valley Road and Cerrito—roadside fire
- Forks Fire
- Borax Fire
- Sulphur bank has lots of fires.

### Community-Identified Priority Projects

| Priority # | # Votes | Project Description                                     |
|------------|---------|---|
| 1          | 13      | Bridge over Narrows                                     |
| 1          | 13      | Northshore Fire Protection District—Additional Staffing |
| 2          | 10      | Reverse 911   |
| 2          | 10      | Education and Outreach—Defensible Space                 |
| 2          | 10      | Free Public Dumping—Monthly                             |
| 3          | 9       | Evacuation Plan   |
| 4          | 7       | More Fire Boats   |
| 5          | 5       | Weed Abatement Program                                  |
| 6          | 4       | Chipping Program  |
| 7          | 3       | Disaster Prep/Emergency Response Drill                  |
| 8          | 2       | Disallow Trucks on Highway                              |
| 8          | 2       | Ferry Service   |

| Priority # | # Votes | Project Description   |
|------------|---------|---|
| 8          | 2       | Permanent HazMat Site   |
| 8          | 2       | Enforcement of Fireworks Ban                                    |
| 9          | 1       | Widgeon Way—one-way road system                                 |
| 9          | 1       | Enhanced Code Enforcement/Assistance with Compliance            |
| 9          | 1       | Develop Communication Plan with Alternate Communication Methods |
| 9          | 1       | Increase Road Signage, Property Addressing                      |
| 9          | 1       | OHV Enforcement   |
| 0          | 0       | Shaded Fuelbreaks on WUIs                                       |
| 0          | 0       | Water System Improvement—Avenues & Widgeon Way                  |

**A.6. Soda Bay, Rivas, Buckingham**

*Riviera Elementary School, October 29, 2008*

Community Attendees

- Carolyn Beach
- Julie Berry
- Cecil Dixon
- Diana Dixon
- Denise Frane
- John Herring
- Cheri Kendrick
- Norm Longoria
- Mary Manning
- Sandy Moura
- Peggy O'Day
- Nora Star
- Linda Tellardin
- Steve Tellardin
- Don Timme
- David Whett
- Walter Zuercher

Local issues: Shake roof on Peninsula

Brian Burnham, Kelseyville Fire, Local Fire Protection Update

Water systems, defensible homes would be great. It all comes down to taking care of our homes and encouraging others to do so, even the absentee owners. His office sends notices to people who may only have bought the property as an investment; they do not maintain it. That's why they keep working on these lots. He could use more enforcement on the CC&Rs, where it states the property *shall* be maintained and cleared annually. We need volunteers to assist with these programs. It's a lot of work. Definitions of what our abatement process should be should be clarified. It's better now than it was 7 years ago.

Add Sierra Club and Water Quality on the Fire Safe Council to be able to hash out obstacles ahead of time.

Local Fire History Remembered

- Mt. Konocti fire—1951, kids playing with matches.
- Glasgow Grade—Mining Flat Fire, roadside.
- Wind comes off the lake and goes up. Northwest prevailing winds, coming down the mtns. Variable. The winds turn at 3pm.

**Community-Identified Priority Projects**

| Priority # | # Votes | Project Description  |
|------------|---------|--|
| 1          | 8       | Fire Safety Regulations During Real Estate Transactions with Enforcement |
| 2          | 6       | Expanding Hours and Coverage of Clearlake Riviera Fire Station           |
| 2          | 6       | Extend Fairway Drive to 29 for Evacuation Route                          |
| 2          | 6       | Alternate Evacuation Route out of Clearlake Riviera Subdivision          |
| 3          | 5       | Improve Point Lakeview Road as Evacuation Route                          |

| Priority # | # Votes | Project Description                                       |
|------------|---------|---|
| 3          | 5       | Fuelbreak Behind Clearlake Riviera                        |
| 4          | 4       | 5000-gal. Pumper Boats                                    |
| 4          | 4       | Clearance along Soda Bay Road                             |
| 4          | 4       | Expanding Hours/Coverage for Riviera Heights Fire Station |
| 5          | 3       | Brush Masticator  |
| 5          | 3       | Free Chipper Program                                      |
| 5          | 3       | Weed Abatement Ordinance with Enforcement                 |
| 5          | 3       | New and Improved Fire Hydrants throughout Region          |
| 5          | 3       | Fuel Reduction at Wheeler Point                           |
| 5          | 3       | Expand CAL FIRE Compound (Conservation Camp)              |
| 6          | 2       | Evacuation Siren  |
| 7          | 1       | Video Camera at Radio Tower for Firefighters              |
| 0          | 0       | New Evacuation Route—Riviera West Subdivision             |
| 0          | 0       | Improved helicopter pad—off Golf Course                   |
| 0          | 0       | New Water System—Buckingham                               |
| 0          | 0       | Fuel reduction—Little Borax Lake Road                     |
| 0          | 0       | No Smoking in Cars  |

#### A.7. Jago Bay, Lower Lake, Clearlake

Brick Hall, October 27, 2008

##### Community Attendees

- Angie Siegel
- Bill Perkins
- Charlotte Griswold
- Dan Desmond
- Frank Meisenbach
- Kathee Toy
- Lois Meisenbach
- Scott Davidson
- Shirley A. Struempf
- Victoria Brandon
- Marty Englander
- Ben Lawson
- Ricky Junker

Morgan Valley recent fires; can't get insurance

##### Charlie Diener, Battalion Chief, Lake County Fire District, Local Fire Protection Update

Offices are always open—will try to help with neighbor problems and get them to change their ways. Ingress and egress problems in area—Point Lakeview. Getting together in own communities to discuss evacuation for each other. Charlie will come to public meetings to visit and talk about issues. Go out into structure protection mode. Certain things that they look for. Want to be able to save every home; look at homes. Too much vegetation, trashy decks, junipers, vs. proper clearance; if they can get an engine in there, they will make every effort. Have to make tough decisions out there. Help us help you. They have rules they have to live by in order to live. If you know anybody they need volunteers—volunteerism was big; over time, training rules have changed, times have changed. A lot more training required now; more time is involved now. They still have room for volunteers. Must be 18; everyone goes through fire academy; physical, medical clearance. Train twice a month in evenings. They have to be committed. Cadet/explorer program cancelled because of liability insurance issues. Agreement between Lake County Fire District and CAL FIRE. Smoke detectors! Carbon dioxide detector in your home.

##### Local Fire History Remembered

- Three fires on Dam Road South.
- Electrical fire; abandoned structure.
- Fire just the other day in sleep hollow = suspicious fire. Individual using bird scarer where they shouldn't have been using them.
- Hwy. 29 north of Twin Lakes. Pulled over into tall grass with car. Put embers up in Perini Road. Couple miles from original fire.



- Clearlake Park house burned the other night.
- Fire from blown transformer on Hwy. 29.

**Community-Identified Priority Projects**

| Priority # | # Votes | Project Description   |
|------------|---------|---|
| 1          | 7       | Evacuation Plan and Publicity   |
| 2          | 6       | Chapman Tract Fuel Reduction  |
| 3          | 5       | Rocky Creek Road Fuel Reduction                                       |
| 3          | 5       | Small Animal Evacuation Planning and Preparation—Education            |
| 4          | 4       | Defensible Space Billboard Campaign                                   |
| 4          | 4       | Develop Livestock Evacuation—Butte Rock Ranch                         |
| 4          | 4       | Twin Lakes Wildlands Fuel Reduction                                   |
| 4          | 4       | Replace Perini Creek Culvert Bridge                                   |
| 5          | 3       | Organize Neighbors for Fuel Reduction—Murphy Springs/Perini Hill/Road |
| 6          | 2       | More Volunteers—Pt. Lakeview Station/Anderson Rd.                     |
| 6          | 2       | Clear Lake Park Fuel Reduction  |
| 6          | 2       | Sulphur Bank/Borax Lake Fuel Reduction                                |
| 6          | 2       | Hwy. 53-Hwy. 20 Corridor Fuel Reduction                               |
| 6          | 2       | Repair Sulphur Bank Slide   |
| 6          | 2       | Widen Bridges on Burns Valley Creek                                   |
| 7          | 1       | Repair San Joaquin Slide  |
| 0          | 0       | K-12 Fire Education Program   |

**A.8. Finley, Kelseyville**

*American Legion Hall, October 30, 2008*

Community Attendees

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|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| • Blaine Baker   | • Kevin Ingram        | • Carolyn Ruttan |
| • Brian Burnham  | • John McGann         | • Chris Ruttan   |
| • Judy Cardinale | • Susan McGann        | • Roland Shaul   |
| • Susan Feiler   | • Catherine Quistgard |                  |

Brian Burnham, Kelseyville Fire, Local Fire Protection Update

We have town limits, large agricultural areas, and outskirt high fuel areas. In town: we have a quick response, 3-5 minutes since we are so close.

On agricultural land, farm equipment and chemicals frequently involved, hay-barn fires (long and hard to extinguish). In the WUI, where the ranches meet the high fuel areas, this is where the critical fires can start.

Great cooperation with CAL FIRE, very thankful for them.

Finley: grasses, vacant orchards, fuel loads are not too heavy. Separated by dirt roads, lots of green. Pumphouses carry voltage—a hazard to firefighters.

Fires in the creek areas—high vegetation and fences are obstacles. Or a power line falls onto a fence going into a fire, can't touch the fence until the power is turned off. Fences a local problem. Old buildings with roofs built on top of older roofs, problem when fighting fires there.

**Local Fire History Remembered**

- Highland Springs fires, 100 acres, 1-2 years ago, at entrance to park.
- Soda Bay Road, by state park, jumped road and burned Green Acres.
- 95—burned through Saddleback toward state park.
- Hopland grade last year, possibly vehicle start.
- Fire on 29 toward Middletown, caused by chain holding boat, rubbing the road.
- Soda Bay road, catalytic converter or break embers.
- Highland Springs Road, 3-4 weeks ago, dropped power line, fell to the grass.
- Red Fire, Beaner, and Hwy. 29—dropped power line.
- Many power lines are getting old and are dropping.

**Community-Identified Priority Projects**

| Priority # | # Votes | Project Description   |
|------------|---------|---|
| 1          | 7       | Fuel Hazard Reduction on Upper Kelsey Creek—Burn and Mechanical |
| 2          | 6       | Highland Springs Recreation Area, Firebreak Maintenance         |
| 2          | 6       | Assistance with Community Fuel Reduction                        |
| 2          | 6       | Repair and Staff Mt. Konocti Lookout                            |
| 3          | 4       | Fire Safety Education   |
| 4          | 3       | Fuel Reduction on Mt. Konocti                                   |
| 4          | 3       | Prescribed Burn on BLM lands, Highland Springs to Sheldon Creek |
| 5          | 2       | Assistance with Community Discing/Tilling for Weed Abatement    |
| 5          | 2       | Fire Plan Development for Public Lands on Mt. Konocti           |
| 5          | 2       | Community Chipper   |
| 5          | 2       | Fuel Hazard Reduction—Adobe Creek                               |
| 6          | 1       | Shaded Fuelbreak along Hwy. 29                                  |
| 6          | 1       | Shaded Fuelbreak along Bottle Rock Road                         |
| 0          | 0       | Tule Fuel Reduction (as Ecologically Appropriate)               |
| 0          | 0       | Shaded Fuelbreak on Soda Bay Road                               |

**A.9. Cobb Mountain**

*Cobb Mountain Lions Club, October 25, 2008*

**Community Attendees**

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|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| • Bruce Anderson | • David Henderson    | • Scott Parady |
| • Mike Boyce     | • Madelyn Martinelli | • Tom Slaight  |
| • Keith Fricker  | • Pat Meyer          | • Robert Stark |

*Meeting filmed by Hiram Dukes.*

Frustration expressed regarding the enforcement of clearing and weed abatement ordinances, between Dave Henderson and CAL FIRE.

Signage program with South Lake Fire Safe Council—applicant says it has been a year since her first of three requests. Dave Henderson says they are working on it. Signage needs to be improved on Bottle Rock Road (only signed from one direction)—make sure this is listed on the priorities.

**Linda Green, CAL FIRE—Local Fire Protection Update**

Two stations nearby. Middletown station will stay staffed through the winter, as will Cobb thanks to mutual aid with other counties.

Bruce Anderson, South Lake Fire Safe Council (SLFSC)—Presentation and Update

Just got three new members.

Chipping program. Next time will be the end of the month (October). The chipping has been decreasing, people will not get the material ready to chip. Bruce says they will have to compile a list of vendors able to prep properties for chipping.

Get their money from Title 3, county funds. Organization is all volunteer.

Reflective Address program: in the process, slowly, of getting an address for the streets, non-County roads, that are unmarked. Hoping to get an address for these streets, using the same signs as the County roads.

Education Program: They will come and speak at any meeting to which they are invited.

Firebreak Program: now have one around ¾ of Loch Lomond. (Attendee lives in the uncleared part, has done extensive clearing on his own and is interested in working with them.) Now they need the folks wanting a firebreak to help the SLFSC to create it.

Local Fires Remembered

- Geysers 2003/4—Road by Unit 13, electrical connection from CalPine, burned south into Sonoma County
- Anderson Springs—50’s
- Cobb Mtn.—60’s
- Witter Creek—‘64

Community-Identified Priority Projects

| Priority # | # Votes | Project Description  |
|------------|---------|--|
| 1          | 10      | Weed Abatement, Brush and Hazard Reduction. Abatement Ordinance, including Staffing and Enforcement, through South Lake County Fire Department |
| 2          | 7 or 8  | Expand Water Systems to Accommodate Fire Needs   |
| 3          | 5       | Controlled Burns on BLM Land   |
| 3          | 5       | Shaded Fuelbreak—Whispering Pines  |
| 3          | 5       | SLFSC Shaded Fuelbreak—Gifford Springs   |
| 4          | 3       | Fire Water Pond  |
| 4          | 3       | Controlled Burning Education Program   |
| 4          | 3       | SLFSC Shaded Fuelbreak—Anderson Springs  |
| 5          | 2       | Mass-mailing to Residents to Educate about Fire-Safety Issues. CalPine has Mitigation Fund that would be Appropriate Funding Source.           |
| 5          | 2       | SLFSC Shaded Fuelbreak—Seigler Springs (on Cooper and Water Co. Properties)  |
| 6          | 1       | Controlled Burn on Parady Property   |
| 6          | 1       | SLFSC Shaded Fuelbreak—Seigler Canyon  |
| 6          | 1       | Shaded Fuelbreak—Shenendoah  |
| 0          | 0       | Shaded Fuelbreak—Bonanza Springs   |
| 0          | 0       | Shaded Fuelbreak—Siegler Springs North   |

**A.10. Hidden Valley, Middletown**

*Calpine Visitors Center, October 21, 2008*

Community Attendees

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|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| • Ronnie Boyd   | • Ken Gonzales    | • Christalene Loren |
| • Bill Franklin | • Dwight Holford  | • Sajja Mahmud      |
| • Doug Gearhart | • David Lansdowne | • Monica Rosenthal  |

Dave Miinch, South Lake Fire, Local Fire Protection Update

Wildfire environment not the threat but what we've put into it. Have to be good stewards of the wildland if we're moving into it. Activity is picking up fires getting bigger because more people moving into area. Owners aren't taking the proper procedures to care of properties.

Recent codes have finally gotten serious important changes. News codes are a good start. Fire resistant materials on buildings. Must be "class A" roof now. Must close off eaves now. Fire brands under eaves go into attic. Once fire is in attic you're going to have loss. Windows. One pane must be tempered now. As you can afford it; change siding; spark arrester on fire place. Have to stay on top of grass, limb up trees. Protect your house; offer to help neighbor. Support neighbors. Take it upon self to do it yourself, working together as a community. Better to work together. District has changes in last 7 years. Staffing in Hidden Valley, Cobb Mountain; adding additional engine for Cobb area. 24/7 CAL FIRE augments staffing for South Lake Fire, Amador contract. Can hire additional personnel. Extensive use of grant funding. New ambulance and additional water tender, new wildland engine. Updating equipment, communications, working with neighbors. Same pager as CAL FIRE. Works closely with CAL FIRE. Do vegetation management program (VMP) burns. Prescribed burning to protect communities. South Lake Fire Safe Council (SLFSC): firebreaks, shaded fuelbreaks. In Loch Lomond and Cobb. Large district: 289 square feet. Looking at Anderson Springs box Canyon one way in and out. Fuelbreaks, and reducing fuel loading. Jerusalem Valley—more development. Make sure chipper program is offered in that area and making community more aware. Addressing program. Evacuation plan from SLFSC.

Resident wants to know if there's someone to enforce codes. Hidden Valley is proactive. If property owner doesn't clean it up South Lake Fire can go to CAL FIRE; cheaper to just pay fine. County Community Development has enforcement division. 4291 inspection. Community peer pressure.

Local Fire History Remembered

None noted.

Community-Identified Priority Projects

| Priority # | # Votes | Project Description  |
|------------|---------|--|
| 1          |         | Road Side Masticator   |
| 1          |         | Water Tanks for Jerusalem Grade  |
| 2          | 4       | Another Chipper for South Lake Fire District with South Lake Fire Safe Council |
| 2          | 4       | Extend Fire Hydrant System in Middletown                                       |
| 2          | 4       | Fuelbreak and Improved Access along Ridge Road                                 |
| 2          | 4       | Brush Clearing on Dry Creek Road   |
| 2          | 4       | Fire Education in Schools  |
| 2          | 4       | Secondary Egress on Jerusalem Grade  |
| 3          | 3       | Local Website with Updated Fire Info   |
| 3          | 3       | Water Tanks for Hidden Valley/Ranchos  |
| 3          | 3       | Improve Roads and Signage on Jerusalem Grade                                   |
| 4          | 2       | Brush Clearing on Harbin Springs Road  |
| 5          | 1       | Shaded Fuelbreak North of Harbin Hot Springs                                   |
| 5          | 1       | Open Hidden Valley Gates to Ranchos  |
| 5          | 1       | Shaded Fuelbreak Harbin Hot Springs  |