



Yolo County Fire Safe Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, June 22, 2022 4:00-5:15 pm
Minutes

Meeting Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wm0kc_xuXal

Meeting Attendance: (note: grass fire in Winters the afternoon of 6/22)

Yolo County Fire Safe Council Stakeholder Members		Present
Voting Members		6/22/2022
Super Majority = 14 (2/3 of 21 voting members)		
1	American Red Cross	1
2	Audubon CA-Bobcat Ranch	
3	Cache Creek Conservancy	1
4	Capay Valley Fire District Fire Safe Council	1
5	Capay Valley Vision	
6	Capay Valley Fire Protection District	1
7	City of Winters	1
8	Dunnigan Fire Protection District	1
9	East Davis County Fire Protection District	
10	Esparto Fire Protection District	
11	Golden Bear Fire Safety Committee	1
12	Madison Fire Protection District	1
13	One Hundred Club	
14	West Winters Fire Safe Council	1
15	Winters Fire Protection District	
16	Winters Senior Apartments	
17	Yocha Dehe Fire Department	1
18	Yolo County Commission on Aging & Adult Services	1
19	Yolo County Board of Supervisors, District 4-Provenza	1
20	Yolo County Board of Supervisors, District 2-Saylor	1
21	Yolo County Board of Supervisors, District 5 -Barajas	
22	Yolo County In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee	1
23	Yolo County Housing Authority	
		14
Non-Voting Members		
1	CalTrans-District 3	
2	Eric Sagara, Madison	
3	ForEverGreen Forestry	1
4	Natural Resources Conservation Service	1



1. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order: 4:00PM 45 people in attendance

Chair: Chief Rebecca Ramirez, Yocha Dehe Fire Department and

Vice Chair: Chief Brad Lopez, Winters Fire Department

2. ACTION: Approve Agenda for June 22 meeting: Motion: Don Palm made a motion to approve the Agenda. Second: Wade Cowan; AYES: Unanimous. Motion Approved.

3. ACTION: Approve meeting minutes from May 2022 meeting: Motion: Don Palm made a motion to approve the Agenda. Second: Ken Britten; AYES: Unanimous. Motion Approved.

4. Member Announcements – All

- No announcements made.

5. Reports:

- YCOES Report, including project updates - Kurt Johnson
 - Kurt Johnson of YCOES reported that they have made progress with County Council to begin the vegetation management projects in Winters and Capay Valley. He has made multiple site visits and they have a good understanding of the scope of work.
 - Tara Thronson Yolo County Board of Supervisors stated that her office would be happy to help YCOES work with County Counsel if needed.
- RCD Coordinator Report, including project update - Solano and Yolo County RCDs
 1. Schedule and YCRCD project updates—Tanya Meyer
 - Tanya Meyer of YCRCD: there are two projects in progress using the early action funding – the chipper program and reflective address sign program.
 - Alli Permann of YCRCD stated that the Pilot Chipper Program is already up and running with two more chipper days planned for the month. Also, the first order of the reflective address signs has been ordered. Yolo County Fire Chiefs approved the size at their June meeting: 6"x24"
 - Chief Ramirez requested the RCD share social media postings with fire departments so other organizations can get the word out about these projects.
 - Tanya Meyer of YCRCD reviewed the upcoming meetings and webinars and stated that she will be meeting with FSCs and fire departments to obtain more information for the CWPP.
 2. Grant opportunities update and tracking—Tanya Meyer
 - Update on changes to the grant spreadsheet: the Yolo County Prescribed Burn Association has moved from "contracting" to "awarded." The West Winters FSC worked with the Winters FD on a new grant application through the California Fire Foundation for more signage in West Winters.



3. Website Development Committee Report – Alli Permann
 - The YCRCD has hired a website developer and finally purchased a domain for the website under the name “yolofiresafe.org.”
 - The layout and design of the website was approved for the website at the last website development committee meeting and now the website developer will “build” the site.
4. Solano RCD-Karin Young
 - SRCD is currently trying to work with their community to establish more fire safe councils in the area and starting to plan the Solano County FSC website.
 - Solano FSC will be having their first kick off meeting in late July.
 - Both YCFSC and Solano RCD will be sending a wildfire hazard and resiliency needs assessment out to the community soon.
- Community Fire Safe Council Reports:
 1. Capay Valley
 - Moira Fitzgerald of CVERA reported that the Chipper program has had two successful days in the Capay Valley and residents are very pleased with the program’s results. CVERA had their first dispatch of the year to support firefighters on a fire in Rumsey.
 2. Pleasants Valley
 - Rose Loveall of Pleasants Valley FSC reported that their volunteers continue to provide home hardening and defensible space suggestions to members of the community. PVFSC is in the process of re-submitting their application to become a FireWise Community—the area they are working with was too large and needed to be broken into smaller sizes to qualify.
 3. West Winters
 - Neal Van Alfen of West Winters FSC reported that in collaboration with the RCD they have developed a sign to place along Highway 128 west of Winters reminding visitors to the area about wildfire risk. Also happy about the new wildfire support grant proposal with WFD.

6. Special Presentation: FireWise Communities—what are they? Fire Captain Shane Galvez, CALFIRE

 - Captain Shane Galvez of CALFIRE explained that a FireWise community is a group of households (8 at minimum) that have taken the necessary precautions in their designated neighborhood to become more resistant to wildfire, including working to prevent structural damage.
 - As fires grow and intensify, the resources being called in to help are less available and may be coming from farther away, which is why it is so important for residents to practice home hardening and defensible space in and around their community in order to slow the spread of fire and give resources time to arrive.



- Along with the benefit of community wide defensible space, FireWise communities also often times receive discounts and benefits from insurance companies.
- Captain Shane Galves of CAL-FIRE explained the step-by-step process of developing a FireWise community and showed where the instructions can be found on CALFIRE's website: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/firewise-communities/>

7. Ideas on topics for future meetings

- Ember Defense
- Grazing for fire presentation—local grazers for smaller properties
- Fire Ecology in the LNU
- American Red Cross programs—Alexis Lee
- Evacuation planning tips

8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 27, 4-5:30 pm