



Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2020

Public Comments:

- None

Plumas NF (Feather River RD): Eric Apland

- The North Complex Fire burned 54% of the Feather River Ranger District. Total acres burned were approximately one-half federal land and one-half private land.
- Support for fuel work and prescribed fires

Outreach-Education Committee – Beverly Cameron

- Received a \$1000 donation from Hal Stocker towards the 2020/21 calendar and reminded everyone to submit photos if they have any
- Reported that some posts to Facebook have been denied due to political, caustic or advertising related
- Working on a Youth Take Action Project – that involves students 12-15 producing a series of public announcements relating to fire safety or preparedness
- Add Curtis Canfield as a Facebook Administrator

Yuba County Reports:

Board of Supervisors - Randy Fletcher

- After working on insurance issues for the past year and half with RCRC on several bills, the legislature dropped them - they are more interested in climate change v. forest management
- Received an email from TuCare - they are putting on a program in Tuolumne County October 30 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm – Let me know if you are interested in attending and will forward the invitation
- Steve sent an email regarding the Bear Fire letter-it has a powerful message to the legislature and public
- Looking for locations for purple air monitors for the Yuba Feather Air Quality Board – must have power and Wi-Fi – let me know if you are interested or know of a good location, need four or five more locations
- Found some funds from the North Counties Consortium for clean up on the Willow Fire – should hear something within about 30 days
- If anyone is interested in joining a Coalition with Cal Fire, contact either myself or Steve. This relates to a lawsuit from environmentalists on the spotted owl

Art Craigmill reported that Dan Macon, the livestock and natural resources advisor for Placer, Nevada, Sutter and Yuba Counties is interested in forming their own fire safe council (Rancher's Fire Safe). Art

advised this would be a good opportunity for them to participate in our fire safe council. They will be having a meeting on Wednesday, October 28 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Let me know if you are interested in attending

Steve indicated that Yuba County OES did an exemplary job on the North Complex Fire and getting information out to the public.

Sheriff's Office – Brandon Spear

- During the 21-day evacuation order – there were no burglary or theft reported
- Working on the evacuation tag video
- Progress on Regent Way work

Yuba County RCD – Gary Fildes

- Still waiting on response from the Yuba Sutter Realtors Association regarding the home inspections required by state law by July 1, 2021
- Meeting with Board of Directors on October 16
- Look at obtaining grants from Yuba Water Agency to help with residential trash clean up. Brandon Spears advised Gary to get ahold of him to see what they could do to assist and well as contact code enforcement

Yuba Water Agency Report – Alex Boesch

- Work is progressing on the Yuba Project in the north yuba watershed
- Participate in The North Yuba Forest Partnership, work is in planning stages
- YWA submitted for an award through ACWA on behalf of the North Yuba Forest Partnership based on the MOU signing event

Camptonville Community Partnership – Allison Thomson

- Moving ahead with the project – scheduled for startup of operations in late 2022
- Working on feedstock contracts – looking for long term contracts
- Looking for leads on potential businesses for the Business Center
- Working on SYRCL's Yuba Forest Network Project - visit our website at www.yubaforestnetwork.org

Gretchen Cupp, with the Yuba Sutter Domestic Animal Disaster Assistance reported that during the evacuation they housed 67 dogs between September 8-25th

YWP&FSC Reports

Website Update – Curtis Canfield

- Shared the statics of the website to show what is being viewed
- Asked for assistance on re-arranging the sub tabs on the website
- Any upcoming events to send information to Curtis to post of Facebook

Admin Assistant Report – Jeanene Upton

- Update on the residential address sign program
- Update on contractor for residential chipping program
- Youth Take Action Project - producing several PSA's on fire safety and preparedness
- Upcoming monthly newsletter

Executive Director Report – Steve Andrews

- Update on the Yuba County Grant and distribution
- Meeting with a potential contractor for the residential chipping program
- Update on Healthy Forest Project
- Update on the Data Platform
- Potential CEQA to allow for roadside treatment in the Yuba County Foothills

The next meeting has been scheduled for November 11, 2020.