

Oct. 2020 Meeting at Soldier Mountain Volunteers

This was the first meeting of the fire safe council. Introductions were held. There was a discussion about the background of the local fire safe councils. General discussion of grants, EQUIP (I handed an EQUIP package to Mary Rickert) RCD and project work done around the valley. There was some discussion about the project on soldier mountain. Alpine subdivision and the grows out there were a topic of discussion. The next meeting was scheduled for 11/18/2020 and it was suggested to include the Pittville area. Due to the car accident, the next meeting did not happen until April 2021.

April 13, 2021, Meeting at Soldier Mountain Volunteers:

After the accident and the slow start to getting the fire safe council going, we started over. Agenda items were basically the same for this meeting: what is a fire safe council, who is interested, projects that are on-going and potential to get dollars for the projects. This group that showed up was much more enthusiastic and had lots of questions- which some we could not answer. The group set the next meeting for May 27, 2021, at 1900 at Soldier Mountain Volunteers. Requested topics for the next meeting were for Don Curtis to come and discuss how they got the Old Station/Hat Creek Council going, Garrett to come and give an update for Burney and Shasta County fire safe council meeting and a map to start discussing and identifying work that needs to be accomplished.

May 27, 2021, Meeting:

This was the second meeting of the fire safe council group. We had introductions and signs ins. Don Curtis was our first guest speaker and talked to us about Old Station/Hat Creek fire safe council and their process. He talked about identifying what is the problem and what is the concern. From that they developed their fire protection plan those prioritized treatments. Don ended up the de facto leader of the fire safe council. His comment was that a CWPP is heavy lifting and get help. There is money to pay for help thru grants – financial help. He was disappointed that the Shasta County was not as active as when he was involved- they had been helpful in the past. Hat Creek Valley has an evacuation plan that they worked with the Sheriff's in developing.

Two of the areas identified that need evacuation plans would-be Old-School Road and Alpine sub-division. It was also brought up to no forget the state park and Pitt River Campground.

There was also discussion with the group on fire wise and what fire wise is.

Garrett gave the group an update on what was going on with the Burney fire safe council and Shasta County.

There was also discussion with Cal-fire about the inspection process. First offense you have 14 days to fix, if you get a third ticket it is a citation and a DA referral. The Cal-fire representative said because of the process it was more a big bark and not much of a bite. He also discussed the CFIP program and cost share for properties that are plus acres. Shasta County has a fuel reduction ordinance that deals with parcels were the landowners cannot get 100 feet of clearance due to property lines.

The group then worked on our project map and started a rough line of areas needing treatments. There was lots of input into the treatment areas.

The next meeting is July 22, 2021 at 1900 at Soldier Mountain.

There will be a field trip June 26 time to be announced to look at various fuels treatments around the valley. Several stops already identified: handpiling at the corner of Cassel, mastication on 6 mile hill, and thinning at Don Sandbergs (small landowner thinning).