

Firewise Resource Committee Minutes

Meeting: April 8, 2024 at 12 PM on Zoom

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Voting Members: Dave Watts, Lesli Lee, Chris Nota

Non-Voting Members: Jeff Neuman, Louisa Knabe, Ali Pulido, Dani Hannigan

1. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum: No quorum
2. Adoption of Agenda- Additions or Deletions: Meeting Agenda Adopted
3. Approval of Minutes for Meeting on March 11, 2024
4. **Firewise Events for 2024:**
  - A. Town Hall was held on March 25th at 1 PM at the Berger on Home Fire Insurance. The speakers were Annie Barbour of United Policyholders and Stuart Mitchell of Wildfire Mitigation Advisors. Over 100 attendees in person and on Zoom. Many residents are losing their home insurance coverage.: Stuart did an amazing job. The overall message is to explore what residents can do to maintain insurance.
  - B. Fire and Earthquake Fair April 5th from 3-6 P.M.: We hope to have a good turn out. Successful event many new residents attended. We will try and make our exhibits more informative next year, consider an all day event and use the side rooms for exhibitors.
5. **Reports:**
  - A. Assessment updates: Dani, Dave, and Mary – 12 new assessments, a mix of HOA's and homeowner maintain. The town hall event brought in a lot of new people.
  - B. Report from Sonoma Fire Safe Sonoma Leadership Conference: Dave, Jeff, Iris, Dani
    - New State law on fences in the 0-5 foot
    - MFB coating and science about coatings and sprinkler system applications
    - Texas fires and University study: grass fire embers are very small and pass through 1/8 screen:
6. **New Business:**
  - A. The link to write a firewise assessment report may be updated. Ivan O'Neill of Madronus has a licensed software assessment program that Dani may look into using.: Exploring new options with Christel. More information to come.
  - B. There is a federal program ReCover CA that is offering grants to low and moderate income homeowners whose residence was affected by the 2020 fires. Funds both defensible space and home hardening actions up to \$50,000 per household. Would someone like to check out this program?
7. Next Meeting: May 13, 2024 at 12 PM