DATE: Saturday, March 23, 2019

LOCATION: Dry Creek-Lokoya Fire Station, 5900 Dry Creek Road

ATTENDANCE: Joe Nordlinger, Gary Green, Bill Robertson, Roger Provost, Paul Woodward, Jeff Enos, Carole Meredith, Evangeline James

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: Community breakfast

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 23, 2019 meeting were approved with 1 correction

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT (Joe Nordlinger):

NCFF/NRCD/Ag-Innovations moderated meeting: The tentative date is May 4 from 12 to 3. Joe will attend. Bill Robertson said he would attend. Various organizations will be represented to talk about their work in relation to fire safety with the aim to create a county-wide CWPP. It is expected that the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation, Cal Fire and Napa County Resource Conservation District, the Land Trust of Napa County and the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will all be represented. NCFF is aiming to become a centralized service for these organizations. The agenda will be ready by the end of March and will feature Carol Rice, who has developed other county-wide CWPP’s.

NCFF updates: People are needed to go to the state capitol on May 7 and 8 to lobby legislators regarding legislation that would direct money to support fire safe councils and regional entities like NCFF. Jeff Enos and Paul Woodward said they might be able to go. Evangeline is also a maybe.

501(c)(3): no update

Mayacamas Mount Veeder Community Outreach Education Grant (MMVCOEG): The contracts are in place. Joe is discussing with Carol Rice and Esther Mandeno the tools to be used, considering that large parts of the area have no cell signal or internet access. Carol and Esther have identified a couple of tools for entering information on a tablet. We need to make sure we take into account all the existing assessment form used by Cal Fire and others. Soon we will pull in the Mayacamas Fire Safe Council
leadership and other stakeholders. We will try to interface with Cal Fire, offering them our information and requesting their information.

ACTIVE FUNDING

LAR1: The mapping and concept proposal have been completed, including a rudimentary drawing for the neighbors.

PROJECT MANAGER’S REPORT (Greg Holquist absent):
Bald Mountain legacy fire road: no update
Neighbors in Need: no update

TREASURER’S REPORT (Gary Green)
The checking account balance as of 3/15/19 was $39,241.96 and the money market savings balance was $10,043.00. We spent $921.50 for administrative assistance from Ascent and we will be reimbursing Jeff Enos $535.70 for his expenses to attend the Sea Ranch retreat.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Napa County Water Quality and Tree Protection Ordinance: While the proposed ordinance does allow for fuel reduction for defensible around homes, it does not address the kind of community-wide fuel reduction projects that we conduct. We should work to expand the Napa County Fire Hazard Abatement Ordinance to include fuel breaks, forest thinning, and private driveways.

Community Breakfast: This will be on Sunday May 5. Bill Robertson needs cooking help because there are fewer DCL firefighters available to help now. Jeff Enos said he can arrive early. Joe will also help but will not arrive as early. Carol Rice will be invited to the event.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:15 am
Next Meeting: Saturday, April 27, 9 am, Joe Nordlinger’s house, 4297 Dry Creek Road