

## Mono Basin Fire Safe Council Minutes

Prepared by John Warneke

21 September 2022 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Glenda Bayless, Kirstie Butler, Robbie Di Paolo, Margaret Eissler, Connie Millar, Joe Moore, John Warneke

- Minutes of 17 August 2022 accepted without changes
- Public comment
  - Reminder of installed water storage at driveway and Dobie Meadows Rd. (Joe)
    - Tank full until mid-October, with plans to refill in the Spring
  - Kirstie or Luke will attend meetings more often and be involved (Kirstie)
  - Rumor of a permanent dispersed camping fire ban? (Connie)
    - Decision is about thresholds, and likely not year-round in our area (Kirstie)
- Community Wildfire Defense Grant (Kirstie)
  - Intent is to help at-risk communities plan for and reduce the risk of wildfire
    - Development and revision of Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP), and implementation of previously described projects
    - Funding available to hire a consultant
  - For more information, see [fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/grants](https://fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/grants)
  - CWPP designing info available on the CAFSC website; Might think about community efforts before securing funding for a consultant (John)
    - Last consultant worked with knowledgeable locals (Kirstie)
- Whitebark Institute secured CalFire grant (Kirstie)
  - Focus on visitor outreach and education about fire prevention
  - Steering Committee working on broad cohesive messaging to target visitors through social media and beyond
    - Opening here for the FSC to become more involved
- Fire safety signs (Joe)
  - Taken down for the year
  - Next year, signs will be more prominent with double-sided messaging
- Mono City fuel breaks (Robbie)
  - Has not been, despite 'promises' by Echeverria and Heller during June on-site meeting and by Heller earlier in the year
  - Funding might have been secured if more communication; No patience for this work not being done! (Connie)
  - Update from fire services points to FS not acquiring equipment to accomplish work... efforts should be taken at community level (John)
- Fire safety banners (Robbie)
  - Plans to adjust line of sight

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- Paul working with SCE at south end of town to secure a location for northbound traffic
- Fire safety fliers (Robbie)
  - More printed and laminated for tom to pick up
- Mono County Fire Coordinator position (Robbie)
  - Will continue to update as more is known
- Idea of working with the June Lake Fire Safe Council (Robbie)
  - Concerns about bigger community size, and larger amounts of secured funding
  - Will reach out
- ‘Problem’ lot in Mono City with overgrown brush (John)
  - Considerable clearing done, with attention to fire resiliency and aesthetics
  - Can arrange a fieldtrip for parties interested in community fire safety
- Upcoming
  - Will send emails regarding progress on discussed items (Robbie)
- Next meeting to be held on 19 October 2022 at 5pm