

OFSC Minutes Final for September 18, 2024

Attending

Elizabeth Stage, Ken Benson, Doug Mosher, Joelle Fraser, Jen Grimm, John Brega, Lin Barron, Kyle Trambley, Nick Zamarano, Joe DeVries, Jacque Long, Lyman (?), Stan Weisner, and Jared Savas.

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Chair asked if there were any changes to the Draft Agenda and there were no changes made from the participants. Chair mentioned several new participants this month.

1. Minutes

The Draft minutes for August 21st were accepted without correction unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance was \$50,266 with an unencumbered balance of \$19,683 and an encumbered balance of \$30,583 and then the Treasurers Report accepted as read.

3. Old Business

a. City of Oakland – Joe DeVries – How bad the budget was and though they had the Goat Contract signed and underway they did not have funding for roadside clearance contracts. He was able to re-prioritize Public Works Crews to the Hills to perform the necessary clearances. Then the Tree Division was able to get logs placed on southern end of Skyline Drive and some additional along both Keller and Golf Links Road. Now working with East Bay Regional Parks District and may get more Eucalyptus logs for use on other South Hills and Skyline Drive locations. City did get awarded the \$1,000,000 CalFire Grant and that additional Vegetation Management work will likely begin early next year (January 2025).

EMSD update – Kyle Trambley - Gave update as to calendar and upcoming trainings and CERT presentations. Will attend the October 5th Preparedness Fair and made commitment to planned EMSD website updates to reflect on upcoming 2024/2025 training dates.

b. Community Preparedness and Neighborhood Organizing – Jen Grimm, Joelle Fraser, and Doug Mosher

Doug Mosher gave an update on the planning and progress on the October 5th Preparedness Day at Ed Roberts Camus in Berkeley. He discussed efforts in working with Lin Barron and Joelle Fraser with Louise Comfort and the UC Study Group regarding Shephard Canyon Evacuation planning and modeling. Jen provided the link to the latest OFSC newsletter in the Chat for the latest OFSC Newsletter, reminded participants to forward the link to their List Serv's and networks, and encouraged everyone to send her newsworthy items at outreach@oaklandfiresafe.org. Joelle Fraser reported that she is the busiest she has ever been

and there's continuing strong interest in Firewise recognition. She is working with at least 8 groups and 5 recognized Firewise neighborhoods and 1 additional neighborhood on their potential application needs. She mentioned that several are nearing final submission and will work with OFD on those final efforts. She is currently working with Doug Mosher's Skyline neighborhood group and all these efforts are going quite well. It continues to be the busiest time ever for Firewise efforts in Oakland.

c. OWLS update – Lin Barron

Lin mentioned that there wasn't much to report but did mention that Garber Park Stewards were active and looking to get Measure MM Door hangers to distribute.

d. East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Agency Groups Update – Elizabeth Stage

There will be a meeting in September on 23rd at El Cerrito City Hall. <https://eastbaywildfire.org/>

e. Neighboring Wildfire Groups – Nick Zamarano

He gave an update for El Cerrito and on their Open Space Plan as part of the Grant the City of El Cerrito received from the Coastal Conservancy and specifically for 100 foot Eucalyptus clearance and buffer zone for fire breaks

f. UC Berkeley Climate Initiative – Louise Comfort update

She mentioned working with Doug, Joelle, and Lin on evacuation planning Montclair and Shepard Canyon area within Oakland Hills. The study is in its second year, it has a website and the project continues moving forward and will continue helping neighborhoods and groups with decision making and evacuation planning and modeling efforts.

4. Open Forum

Chair spoke with multiple participants and specifically with Stan Weisner of Piedmont Pines, and Jacque Long of South Hills about receiving and distributing Measure MM Door hangers.

Next meeting October 16, 2024, 7pm on Zoom

Meeting adjourned by President/Chair Elizabeth Stage at 8:41 pm