

TULARCITOS RIDGE FIRE SAFETY GROUP MEETING  
October 14, 2021/ 6:00PM

**PRESENT:** Jenn Jackson, Ron Hanik, Shaheen Kazi, Don Sherman, Rachel Sherman  
Jason Campbell

Meeting Began: 6:10 PM

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**1. Old Business:**

- A. **Summary of Evacuation Exercise on September 25, 2021.** Jenn Jackson gave a synopsis of the event and the county agencies that attended
- B. **Updates to the Tularcitos Ridge Fire Safety Group website.** Jenn talked about the evacuation route videos and where to find them on the website. The videos are in the “Events” and the “Video” tabs.
- C. **Evacuation Maps.** Copies of the evacuation route map of Tira Nanza was provided to Shaheen Kazi, Rachel Sherman and Jason Campbell. These maps were created by Jenn Jackson and Greg Hill and Ron Hanik. There is an evacuation route map on the group website.
- D. **Update to chipper program.** Jenn talked about the upcoming Firewise Partners Quarterly Forum, November 4 from 6PM-7:30PM. One topic that will be discussed during the meeting is access to and establishing a community chipper program to facilitate defensible space clearance. Pam Peck, who Meredith May, has reached out to several times, will be attending this Zoom meeting. Ms. Peck is responsible for grants and the chipper program as part of the Fire Safe Council for Monterey County. Jenn offered to forward Zoom invitation to anyone who is interested in attending. Shaheen Kazi and Rachel Sherman said they were interested in attending.
- E. **Property Map Update.** Ron Hanik discussed, and the map is ready. The hydrants have been added to the map.
- F. **TRFSG logo update.** Ron discussed and asked for some feedback. The consensus was the logo is great and there were not enough people at the meeting to make any other decisions. Jenn suggested that sweatshirts, hats, etc may be good Christmas presents. Ron asked if Betsy should send an email to the community. Jenn stated that this would be a good idea.

## **2. New Business:**

- A. **Community Risk Assessment for Firewise application.** Jenn explained what this is and how the community needs to be involved. The information gathered is anonymous and no addresses are provided to Firewise. The information is used to get an overall impression of the community and fire risk. Jenn assigned TRFSG steer committee members to gather Risk Assessments from their neighbors. Jenn stated that Firewise requires 10 property owners to participate.

## **3. Questions**

Jason Campbell asked if the fire hydrants still have blue reflectors. Don stated that there are no blue markers on Sky Ranch Rd. These markers are placed on roadways in the lane closest to where the hydrant is located (i.e either on the left or right of the divider line). On Sky Ranch Road it may be best to put them in the middle since the road is so narrow.

Jason asked when the next TRFSG meeting will be held. Jenn Jackson stated that the next meeting will be in February 2022 after the Winter hiatus. There will be a steering committee meeting to talk about fund raising. Shaheen stated that she is interested in helping with fund raising and grant writing. Ron mentioned that Betsy Vobach's Wildcat Cove organization may be able to assist.

Shaheen Kazi asked about the requirements of becoming Firewise certified. Jenn explained that the first step is to get organized, create a group with board members of volunteers from the community. The steering committee, which is open to new members, for the TRFSG has been formed and has met 4 times. The next step is to plan the geographical boundaries of the group. The TRFSG encompasses the areas and communities of Cachagua Rd from Sky Ranch Rd. to Tira Nanza, Mike Officer's property, Sky Ranch Rd., Via Cielo Rd, Richard Crane's property, and Tira Nanza Winery. The Community Risk Assessment is the what the group is working on now for the Firewise Application. The resident/community risk assessment will also help create a multi-year action plan to reduce fire risk.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:57 pm