



## Pliocene Ridge CSD District Manager's report

Meeting date 2/18/2021

Agenda item 4b 5. Firewise Projects The application for Pike is complete! The final piece was submitted to firewise USA earlier today. Firewise USA will review the application and either respond with more questions or approve it "as is". Pat Leech of the Nevada County Firesafe Council said that the amount of time that this takes varies and can take up to a few months. In the meantime, we need to get everyone on board with filling out the forms to track their efforts in both Pike and Alleghany, this can be anything that has to do with fire prevention, from raking to tree removal and everything in between.

The committee for the Pike Firewise committee is Christina Dorn and me (Rae Bell) as district representative.

The Alleghany application is being put together. Jo Ann with the Nevada County Fire Safe Council is working on the map. She is using the fire hydrant map as a starting point. The committee for the Alleghany Firewise committee is Ned Cusato and me.

We are hopeful that once things get moving on the ground others will step forward to join the committees.

### Agenda item 5.a 2. Firehouse projects and ADA compliance

**Pike Firehouse:** On Friday February 5<sup>th</sup> Bruce Boyd came and did his on-the-ground survey for his report on the things that can be done to improve the overall ADA rating for the Pike Firehouse.

**Alleghany Firehouse:** Currently we are looking at the idea of subcontracting out part of the concrete work and then doing the other work with a combination of volunteer and paid help utilizing the district's employees (firefighters). Building material prices changed a lot over the last year, so we are in the process of getting updated quotes for the steel, the drain and all other supplies. The county was recently reminded that we are waiting on the building permit and that we are hoping to break ground this year. (The permit application was submitted last year) Joshua Gwiazda is still willing to loan the use of his mini-excavator and David Jeffrey is willing to be the operator. Dan Guyer, Chris Dorn, David Arbogast and Ned Cusato are also on board to help. I (Rae Bell) was appointed as the project manager by the Pliocene Ridge CSD board in 2019. I followed up with USDA as well, about the process for updating the budget but have not heard back as of the date of this report.

## Agenda item 5.a Pending Grants

**Homeland security grants:** After the last board meeting I contacted Lee Brown about the rope harnesses that we never got, and he evidently had them because he said to come pick them up in Downieville which I did on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

I talked to Lee about the reported problem with the siren at Station 1 in Alleghany and according to him dispatch should be able to tone it out for specific periods of time. (It should shut itself off after a specified number of cycles) I have not had a chance to follow-up on this with dispatch. We also have not done the siren test yet, to determine the best location for the second siren to be installed in Alleghany.

**CDF Fireman's assistance 50/50 grant:** The district applied for four sets of turn-outs for Alleghany. However, the price increased by about \$600 per set since the application was submitted. The current order has been cut back to 3 sets of turn-outs and four pairs of boots. Everything is on backorder with Cascade Fire, hopefully the items will be delivered before the end of this fiscal year (June 30<sup>th</sup>), which is also the deadline for submitting reimbursement requests to CDF.

## **Correspondence**

National Fire Protection Association annual survey received, filled out and sent back. Special Districts Financial Transaction Report cover page signed and mailed to the State Controller's office (the auditors file the actual report electronically), thank you card send to Pike City VFD non-profit for their continued support of the Pike Fire Department, memo sent to all directors with an updated index for the district's Policies & Procedures, Request for the Gov. Compensation Report for 2020 from the State Controller's office (forwarded to district auditors). Statement of facts updating the slate of directors sent to the Secretary of State.