



## Pliocene Ridge CSD District Manager's report

Meeting date 4/15/2021

Agenda item: 4. b) 4. PCVFD non-profit report: Roland reported that they had their April meeting a week early because he will be gone. They are continuing to work on the name change as-well-as the June newsletter to go out in May. June is their annual membership meeting, they are working on that. Agenda item 5.a 4 MOU Roland reported that his board discussed it at their recent meeting and they are OK with signing it "as is" but they want the insurance company to look at it before it is signed.

Agenda item: 4. b) 6 Staff report non-agenda items:

On Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> PRCSD staff members Chris Dorn, Ned Cusato and Rae Bell met by phone with Brianna of the National Forest Foundation regarding partnering up on grant proposals for the Trapper Fuels reduction Project. Approximately 80% of the Trapper Project falls within Pliocene Ridge CSD's Jurisdiction, primarily in the Pike area. The remainder of the project area abuts Camptonville and Goodyears Bar. We discussed evacuation routes as a high priority along with reducing fuel loads in the steep canyons of Oregon Creek and the Middle Fork.

The National Forest Foundation is a non-profit partner of the U.S. Forest service that writes grants for them (who knew the Federal Government applies for CDF grants?) and they also facilitate the work by hiring sub-contractors. Their website is: [nationalforests.org](http://nationalforests.org)

For the 2021 grant cycle they are focusing on a project in the Sierraville area. The goal is to apply for a project in the Trapper Project area for the 2022 grant cycle. These are Forest Resiliency and Fuel reduction grants that are being funded by CDF. It takes about a year's worth of planning to apply, so hopefully this will be a win-win and we can utilize the help of the non-profit's paid staff to meet some of the firewise objectives for Pike.

Agenda item 4b 5. Firewise Projects

**Pike Firewise Community:** The revised 3-year action plan was submitted on 3/19/2021 and certification was granted on March 31, 2021 making Pike the second Sierra County community to obtain certification.

**Alleghany Firewise Community:** The action plan was submitted to Pat Leach of the Nevada County Firesafe council on 3/19/2021. Alleghany's application was completed on April 8<sup>th</sup> and is pending.

Facebook pages have been launched for both firewise communities.

**Request for Title III \$ for Firewise admin.** The 45-day public comment period ends on April 23<sup>rd</sup> so hopefully final approval will happen at the April 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisor's meeting.

Agenda item 5.a 1. Policies & Procedures

I did not have time to put the policy together for the non-rental firehouse use as discussed last month. I did however, revise policy 2070 for the disposition of fixed assets and I updated Policy 1020 Administrative duties. Draft copies are included in the meeting documents for board consideration.

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

**Pike Firehouse ADA Compliance:** Nothing new to report

**Alleghany Firehouse ADA Compliance:** DMCE was only willing to provide an estimate for the concrete work. Their estimate is \$44,529 (compared to the other one for \$50,000) but it does not include the grading.

We are still looking at options for hiring other help so that we can revise the budget. It doesn't look like we will be able to break ground this year.

Agenda item 5.a 3 Pending Grants

**Homeland security grants:** The siren test was conducted on 3/26/21 and we asked Lee Brown if speakers can be placed on both ends of Station 2. He has not responded as of this writing.

We also followed up on Pike's approved request for air bags and a thermal imaging camera. Those items were approved with the Siren for Alleghany a couple of years ago. As of the date of this writing we haven't heard back.

**CDF Fireman's assistance 50/50 grant for the 20-21 cycle:** Everything has been ordered. The final invoice for the 2020 grant must be dated no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> and submitted by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Agenda item 5. b)1 50/50 CDF grant (now called the Rural Capacity Grant) The new application for the 21-22 cycle is out. The deadline to apply is May 4<sup>th</sup>. I was mistaken last month when I said that the resolution to apply needed to be on this month's agenda. The resolution is done after the notice of award. We will have a list together with a budget amount in time for the meeting.

Correspondence:

Another NFPA survey was received, filled out and sent back, an update was submitted to the CDF database as it still showed Mark Jokerst as the contact for PRCSD. The form 700s were mailed to the Sierra County Clerk Recorder's office.