

Colusa Fire Safe Council Meeting

7/29/2025

Location: Colusa County Farm Bureau

2:00PM

Attendees:

Marijke Lauwerijssen, CCFB

Molly Yarger

Elisabeth Quick, GP/CCFB

Greg Corant, Glenn County RCD

Allen Gobel, Colusa RCD/Fire Safe Council

Derrick Ash, Sac River Fire

Tucker Bennett, Colusa RCD

Jeff Gilbert, Williams Fire Protection Authority

Xzandrea Fowler, County of Colusa CDD

Ciara Fisher, County of Colusa CCD

Beth Nall, Colusa RCD

Penny Walgenbach

Greg Hagin

Scott Gharda, Sutter County Office of Emergency Services

Liann Stubblefield, Pleasant Valley FSC

Notes:

Alan Gobel went over what was discussed at the previous meeting.

Xzandrea spoke about the 2025 state fire capacity grant they are applying for through the county. This grant will focus on creating a wildfire emergency plan, updating the CWPP and other mitigation efforts. These will be living documents that will continue to change as the landscape of the county changes.

Elizabeth Quick gave a presentation on rural fire insurance and her job of assisting landowners determine the coverage they are eligible for based off fire safe assessments of their property.

She discussed the CA Fair Plan, tips of how they can get a better policy, fire hardening of properties.

A question was asked about fire insurance carriers leaving CA. Quick discussed that carriers have been leaving and coming back fluidly, but that the main issues for

coverage have been the number of claims that come in yearly causing these carriers to not be able to expand coverage to new customers as well as lapsing on current holders.

Local Response area maps are now beginning to be included in Cal Fire and other state maps to help insurance providers determine response times for properties that are being assessed for coverage.

Quick also spoke about a Cal Fire grant to help with inspections of properties that can lead to discounts if the property is deemed fire safe.

There were concerns from the public on where that data is going because Cal Fire is a public agency. It was stated that you can fill a form out the does not allow Cal Fire to share this information with 3rd parties.

Tucker Bennett spoke about the Cal Fire grant the Colusa RCD is applying for and requested that if there are existing firebreaks that the public would like this great to focus on to please submit the location, and maps to the RCD by the 4th of August.

Discussion of the Fire Safe Council's Fall meeting was had.

It was determined that an email would be sent in October to determine the best date in November to host the meeting.