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Crest Forest Municipal Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: September 6, 2016 at 6:30pm

Location: Community Meeting Room

Crestline Sanitation District Office

24516 Lake Drive, Crestline, CA

MAC Members Present:

Mike Pate, Chair

Kyle Schulty, Vice Chair

Connie Bracher

Gilbert Flores

Rick Dinon

County Staff Present:

Lewis Murray, District Representative for Supervisor Janice Rutherford

MAC Members Not Present:

1.0 Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Mike Pate

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Bracher made a motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2016. Second: Flores.

Approved 5/0/0

3.0 Correspondence & Announcements by MAC members

Gil Flores discussed the 1st annual bike rodeo. The event was coordinated by the Twin Peaks Sheriffs & the California Highway Patrol Arrowhead office. Approx. 120 kids participated. The key component of the event was bicycle safety. They gave away over 75 helmets. Several bicycles were donated and raffled off. The Sheriff's helicopter was also on hand for tours.

Dinon announced that the Yacht club did clean up along Lake Drive this past weekend.

4.0 Supervisor's Report

Lewis Murray discussed the upcoming Lake Arrowhead MAC meeting on Thursday the 4th of August. Code Enforcement Chief Andy Wingert will be making a presentation on Short Term Rentals. Breakfast with your Supervisor is Friday August 5th at 8:00 am. Murray gave an update on the fire damaged building in Top Town.

5.0 Discussion Items

Lake Gregory Update: Rick Dinon

Special Districts is wrapping up the valve project. There is an existing order from the Department of Safety of Dams to lower the lake by 5 feet. Not sure if it will be enforced. Working with Department of Safety of Dams regarding the de-watering. Dredging is scheduled to begin early fall and should conclude in February. The dredging material will be stored at the ball field location and allowed to dry out prior to being repurposed for the dam buttressing project. This will allow transportation and environmental impacts to be kept to a minimum. The Lake Gregory Improvement Committee is considering a community meeting in early November.

6.0 Community/ Agency Updates

Marc Stamer, USFS: Marc thanked the community for their support during the recent fires. Regarding the Pilot Fire: There are still some hot spots but for the most part they are mopping up. The post-fire watershed assessment has been completed. They are now doing trails work. The fire ended up being approx. 8100 acres. The National Forest is now in full fire restrictions. Firing ranges are closed. No charcoal fires are allowed. Kyle discussed homeless in the forest.

Travis Thogmartin, Cal Fire: All fire agencies are very busy state-wide. Cal Fire has been moving resources to meet demands. All local fire units are back at the San Bernardino station. Discussed defensible space.

Kat Opliger, County Fire: Chief Opliger discussed the San Bernardino City transition to County Fire. The Mountain Division is getting back up to full strength. County Fire appreciates that most residents complied with the evacuation order in the Pilot Fire. She discussed the complexity of the mandatory evacuation order and the coordination required to make the decision.

Captain Gregory, Twin Peaks Sheriff: Captain Gregory discussed that many people did not evacuate in spite of the order. It is necessary to evacuate for safety of residents and firefighters as well as vehicle access. People coming and going in a mandatory area creates confusion of who is allowed and who isn't. Have to be careful about re-populating. The reverse 911 issue that occurred during the Pilot Fire has been corrected.

Lt. Tel Preszler, CHP: Lt. Preszler stated that you must put your address and p. o. box on your driver's license and registration if you intend to get through on a resident only road closure. On a mandatory evacuation, once you leave you do not go back in. He discussed the issue of large trucks on Hwy 138.

Terri Kasinga, Cal Trans: Kasinga discussed impacts to State Highways due to the fires. Hwy. 173 in Summit Valley was the biggest issue for our area. They will be finishing up the Hwy. 18 barrier project next week. They are painting the last post gold and will be installing it at 9 am this Thursday. They are holding a press conference to commemorate the completion of the project. There could be some changes down the line. Be vigilant going up and down.

7.0 Old/ New Business:

None

8.0 Public Comment: Topics discussed included towing at Lake Gregory and several upcoming Historical Society events.

9.0 Next Meeting & Future Agenda Items

The next meeting of the Crest Forest MAC will be November 1, 2016, 6:00 pm at the Crestline Sanitation District Office.

10.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm