



# California Fire Chiefs Association

FIRE PREVENTION OFFICERS' SECTION

## NorCal WUI Midmonth Meeting

2/15/07

Contra Costa Fire District Office, Geary Rd.

### Present:

Co Chairs: Hoover, Foote

George Laing – Contra Costa Fire

Rick Carpenter – Contra Costa Fire

Tonya Hoover – MOFD Co- Chair

Shana Jones – Cal Fire

Mike Mentick – San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District

Leroy Griffin – Oakland Fire Department

Elsa Hucks – Cal Fire

Ethan Foote – Cal Fire, Co-Chair

Greg Littlehales – Contra Costa Fire

### Agenda:

1. Membership status – The committee is in the process of updating its membership roster. We will be sending out an email in the near future to collect names, department, and email address. Stay tuned.
2. Ethan gave a briefing on the development of the WUI code requirements. This helped set the stage for the second part of our meeting was to discuss the “roll-out” process of the new draft FRAP Hazard Maps.
3. Status of Committee 2006 Goals – Discussion about the goals and objectives from last year. The committee feels that we made great progress in meeting our goals and objectives. We will be providing this information to the Board of Directors for our budget presentation.
  - a. Training classes for fire safe inspector class
  - b. Participation in code development
  - c. Participation in national work to engage in WUI discussions
4. Discussion of 2007 Goals – These are suggested goals for the 2007-08 budget year. Stay tuned for the formal information for committee review in the near future. If any committee member would like to participate in one of these items, please contact the co-chairs so that your name can be placed next to the objectives (thanks in advance).

- a. Fire Safe inspector series – work with Community Colleges and other stakeholders to complete the curriculum for this project. The current committee member heading this effort is Forrest Craig from Novato Fire. If you are interested in assisting, please let a co-chair know.
- b. Code development participation – The committee will continue to participate in the code development processes of both the State of California and the International Code as it relates to concerns with the wildland-urban interface. The committee will assist other code development committees (Fire Code and Building Standards) with code development pertaining to WUI.
- c. Help sheets/fact sheet adoption assistance (as it pertains to WUI) – The committee will provide information to the fire service through the development of help and fact sheets that may assist local agencies with adoption of WUI amendments to local code.
- d. To assist with implementation of 7A/mapping (help sheet) – The committee is committed to assisting local fire agencies with information collection and help sheet development as it relates to the implementation and acceptance of the hazard mapping for the use of the new Chapter 7A.
- e. The committee will work with local FireSafe councils to assist with specific interested and information sharing.

5. The committee discussed an agenda for the March Annual Meeting in Buellton. These items included;

- a. Fire hazard severity zone roll out
- b. ICC code hearings for Rochester
- c. Process for WUI code development (ICC, State Process, NFPA)
- d. Share draft goals and objectives for 2007/08.

If anyone has further agenda items, please forward them to Tonya by March 2 so that a draft agenda can be sent to our Southern Committee friends.

6. New Business

- a. Fact sheets for adoption – Mike M./Tonya H will work on a fact sheet that will hopefully assist local agencies in adoption matters pertaining to WUI.
- b. Training and education – Forrest has asked for a meeting to start this process. This is directly related to the Fire Safe Inspector Series. If anyone is interested in assisting, please contact a WUI co-chair or Forrest.
- c. Fire Hazard Zoning Field Guide (Revised 2002) – The committee is considering approaching Cal Fire to see if the book will be updated based on the changes on mapping/codes. The committee will contact (by writing) Chief Dargan and Chief Dave Hillman for information.

7. Good of the order –

The Committee meeting was adjourned continued with a Q and A about roll out of the Cal Mapping.