

**Nor Cal FPO WUI Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
9/26/08 - Petaluma**

**In Attendance:**

Ethan Foote, CalFire/SFM

Mike Mentink, MOFD

Linda Collister, City of Healdsburg

Caerleon Safford, So.Co, DES FireSafe Sonoma

Ruben Mandujano, City Of San Healdsburg

Cyndi Foreman, Rincon Valley Fire

Bradley Mark, San Rafael Fire Dept

Bill Robertson, CalFire/SFM

The meeting was opened by Co-Chairs Ethan Foote and Mike Mentink.

**Update on committee activities:**

- The Building Standards Committee and WUI Committee will be making a joint proposal to the executive board and CalFire to update and teach the Chapter 7A classes. This class would be sponsored by the Fire Prevention Officer.
- The WUI Committee plans to facilitate CalChief FPO sponsorship of two “Assessing Wildfire Hazards in the Home Ignition Zone” training classes developed and taught by Firewise Communities. We will be evaluating the curriculum to consider a formal endorsement and possibly begin teaching the class in the state. A discussion of the curriculum and the merits of the class followed. The curriculum is available from the Firewise Communities catalog (<https://www.cmsassociates.com/firewise.nsf/avcatalog?open> ) and the co-chairs have a loaner copy if members wish to evaluate it.
- Jack Cohen will be teaching a WUI related class at the annual Fire Prevention Officer’s conference in March.
- The committee will be working on IWUI Code change proposals for the next ICC cycle. Anyone with suggestions should contact either Ethan or Mike.
- A copy of a new Emergency Action Notice from the Department of Housing and Community Development was distributed to the committee. This notice, dated September 1, 2008, relates to the application of Chapter 7A requirements to manufactured homes, mobile homes and multifamily manufactured homes in designated interface areas. These rules apply to Title 25 regulated structures. Check the HCD The Manufactured Housing Program website for this and other related publications.( <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/codes/mhp/> )

- Check the OSFM/BML webpage for the latest updated version (10/2/08) (<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/pdf/bml/wuiproducts.pdf>) of the OSFM Wildland Urban Interface Products “Handbook”

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Mentink  
Co-Chair, Wildland Urban Interface Committee