

## Meeting Notes Preparedness Day BBQ 4-29-2023

1. Wildland Fire Preparedness Day is Saturday May 6, 2023. This is the day that communities all across the U.S. come together to do their defensible space work. Now is the time to start your defensible space work, whether it be next Saturday or not!
2. The Shingletown slash deposit program is going to be starting Tuesday (5/2 CANCELLED) and again Saturday 5/6, check the website beforehand because if it rains it may be too muddy to open.
3. Chipping is available to all Shingletown Residents with a completed application. For Shasta Forest Village the scheduled dates are May 22,23<sup>rd</sup>.
4. Beaty Timber Sale currently active behind Shasta Forest Village and Whispering Woods. 967 acres saw log sale expected to be completed mid June. Will grind and chip limbs and tops upon completion of sale. Additional grant funded Biomass and mastication treatment expected this fall along sale area boundary. Contractor will be Vestra.
5. CALFIRE (Cusack) spoke about the fire zones. There are 3 zones 0-5 ft, 5-30 ft and 30-100 ft. Zone 0 to 0-5 ft is not being enforced yet, but is still smart to begin preparing your homes. Calfire is having discussions about homes with decks and how they will enforce compliance and tackle this issue as it relates to fire safety.
  - A. Any flammable materials should be kept at least 5 feet away from surrounding of homes, including combustible fencing.
  - B. Wooden fences next to a house and other buildings were mentioned as a substantial risk of spreading fire into a building. Note: chain link fencing or gates can be purchased at hardware stores to replace existing combustible fencing. 10 feet is recommended distance of building from combustible fencing.
  - C. Trees need to be free of branches up to 10 feet and grass cut to minimum of 4" height.
  - D. For fire safety everyone should have a large enough driveway that fire equipment will be able to access homes and outbuildings.
  - E. Residents should have visible (and reflective) house numbers at end of driveway entrance for emergency services to easily identify.
  - F. Some people have been taking off their rain gutters on their buildings and houses where they do not walk regularly and putting concrete or gravel down below it for fire safety.
  - G. Sweeping chimneys is a must especially during heavy use periods.
  - H. Certain areas are spaces that are regulated by both the Shasta County and CalFire. As far as fire safety guidelines for communities within SRA (State Response Area's) we are subject to PRC (Public Resource Code).
  - I. You can request someone do a fire safe inspection of your home from CALFIRE and sometimes even home insurers offer this service.
  - J. There are multiple resources available to look up fire resistant building materials online. One link here: [2022 WUI Listed Products Handbook \(ca.gov\)](#)

6. OES (Randall)
  - A. Alert Systems in place for Emergencies:
    - a. SHASCOM – residents can sign up on website to receive messages and alerts.
    - b. CODE RED – residents can sign up on website to receive messages and alerts.
    - c. FM Alert system – can be purchased from Dustin Warren (SHASCOM) they think for around \$99 (Or free if you meet eligibility requirements)
    - d. Ham Radio – In some communities, led by residents themselves.
    - e. Police are now using Drones to monitor fires for direction of spread to evaluate potential evacuations.
7. Due to rural communication concerns, OES stated that residents might explore if there were any potential grants for cellular tower improvements for communication.
8. It was reiterated that residents need to be prepared for evacuation far in advance of a fire including a solid plan with grab and go bags etc.
9. OES was also asked about publishing EVACUATION ZONES online when orders are issued and Captain Randall stated they are working with Zone Haven and hope to have that in place.
10. Resident asked about roadside vegetation and that it is getting out of control. OES stated to contact Shasta County Roads about this.