07/23/26 CCFSC Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome & Intros
   a. Attendees: Elizabeth Quick, Colusa County Farm Bureau; Kelly Baucom, Kletsel Dehe; Derrik Ash, Colusa Rural Firefighters; Janice Bell, Colusa County Board of Supervisors; Colusa Fire; Trevyn Close, CAL FIRE LNU Chief; Jeff Gilbert, Williams Fire; Allen Gobel; Tasha, Sen. Megan Dahle's Office
II. Old Business
   a. February, April Agenda and Minutes
      i. Gilbert moved to approve, Gobel seconded, all approve
   b. July Agenda and Minutes
      i. Gobel moved to approve, Gilbert seconded, all approve
III. Review of Supervisor Bell's Application
   a. Nonvoting member, will represent in a nonofficial capacity
   b. Ash moved to approve, Gobel seconded, all approve
IV. Fire Evacuation Guide & CWPP Update
   a. Guide
      i. Effectively complete, waiting for final touches, then will share with planning partners (CAL FIRE, Mendo NF, Sheriff, etc.) before distributing to the public
      ii. With funding, a pamphlet will be developed, per community feedback, to consolidate the 25 page document into more critical information
      iii. A limited number of printed Fire Evacuation Guides will be printed and used for reference at places like the RCD, libraries, etc.
   b. CWPP
      i. Due for an update, will be hosting events for community input
      ii. Need to form a consulting, workshop, etc. Committee
V. Partner, Agency, & Funding Updates
   a. CAL FIRE, Trevyn
      i. Not a lot of new activity, focusing on fuels
      ii. Lots of movement of state and federal resources across fires
      iii. Early summer burn planned cancelled twice, may burn in early Fall
   b. Colusa Rural Fire, Derrick
      i. Local mitigation burns in early summer
   c. Farm Bureau, Elizabeth

i. Lots of conversation about insurance; can Colusa model Butte's program that provides a grant for homeowners insurance?

d. CCRCD, Kurt
   i. Lots of grant writing in June & July, ~$15M, especially for CAL FIRE monies, 5 grants applied for, 1 fire resilience grant due in 2 weeks
   ii. Grants include partnerships with Wilbur Hot Springs, Glenn County, and Mendo NF
e. Megan Dahle's office, Tasha
   i. Happy to provide letters of support from the office on grants
   ii. Office can contact State departments on organizations' behalf (ie for more info communication on grant processes)

VI. Open Discussion & Comments
   a. What about the evacuation routes for the Tribe?
      i. In the CWPP and County Hazard Mitigation Plan
      ii. Sand Creek -> Green Road, locked gates, not maintained, only accessible to fire and LE authorities
      iii. Fuels and maintenance have been performed since the 16 Fire
      iv. Shelter in place and escort out is safest option

VII. National Night Out
   a. Hosted by Williams Fire near the station
   b. Tuesday, August 4, 5:30-8:30, E Street
   c. Gather to allow people to see resources available to them, first responders
   d. Hamburgers and hotdogs, 300 people in years past
   e. Williams Fire open to others hosting in the county, won't let it die out

VIII. Regional Priority Plan (RPP) & Regional Fire and Forest Capacity (RFFC)
   a. Inner Coast Region with Lake, Napa, Yolo, Sonoma, & Solano; CAL FIRE LNU
   b. Goal: pull together various plans, roll them up into one to strengthen funding proposals; could invite localities to RPP to apply
   c. Currently developing criteria to prioritize projects
   d. Will be a public platform to see various projects and shared vision
   e. What projects need to be added from Colusa?
   f. Sites Reservoir, workforce development, mitigation
   g. Projects in CWPP will be included
   h. Is there money for data center building or expanding?
   i. Not in RFFC or RPP
   j. Projects evaluated with pillars of resilience & geospatial data for prioritization

IX. Next Steps

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a. Next meeting November 12, 3:00, 100 Sunrise Boulevard, meeting room