

MINUTES
HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE
July 9TH, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL - 2 CASTLE VALLEY DR.

Present: Jazmine Duncan, Bill Rau, Bob Russell, Pat Drake, Ron Drake, Greg Halliday, Leta Vaughn, Jack Campbell

Recorder: Alison Fuller

CALL TO ORDER

Jazmine Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:07p.m.

1. Public Comment – Comments noted 6.30.14 from Jack C. regarding brush around power poles. Campbell wondered if there was anything in place to see that residents clear fuel around power poles and transformers. There was discussion around who has easements and who is responsible for clearing fuel around those utilities. Ron Drake stated that sometimes the transformers have started fires themselves. Campbell stated that it was a relief to make it through another 4th of July.

2. Approval of the Minutes - June 11th, 2014.

Halliday stated that the prefabricated bridge in the minutes is called a GBS bridge.

Halliday moved to approve the minutes with the presented change, Russell seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

3. Continue To Develop The Mitigation Plan

A. Prioritize hazards – Go back to mitigation strategies for Flood, rate missed strategies.

(The worksheets rate the financial & political viability and the potential benefit)

The group rated documenting and mapping drainages with the NRCS study and an all weather access at the upper 80 Placer Creek crossing as mitigation strategies.

The group rated getting transformers and power infrastructure surveyed & located and having contractors remove brush and weeds from around the power poles as hazard mitigation strategies.

Campbell inquired about the transformers being fused and if one pole goes down how will it affect the rest of the valley.

B. Identify mitigation actions for severe weather. Rate with worksheets.

The group rated getting back-up power at the town building, fire stations, and the churches, as a mitigation strategy.

Duncan stated that another big topic is to raise public awareness about being prepared for emergencies.

There was discussion around not depending heavily on the county for support because there could be times when the County wouldn't be able to reach Castle Valley.

The group discussed the feasibility of a helicopter landing in heavy snow, and the local resources the Town has.

Campbell recommended propane generators since it is more stable than gasoline.

Russell inquired about adequate warning systems for the community to prepare for severe weather.

The group rated development & use of a warning system for the community during severe weather as a mitigation strategy for severe weather.

The group discussed "Reverse 911" as a warning system and if it is really reliable and should be tested.

The group discussed & rated identifying heavy power lines and trees that could block accesses & roadways as a mitigation strategy.

The group rated creating a staging area at the town building with Emergency First Responders (EMR's) when the power is out.

The group discussed & rated public education and awareness as a mitigation effort.

There was discussion around more affordable options to reach everyone in the valley besides a town mailing.

The group discussed & rated getting generators for back-up power at a central point during power outages & creating an emergency protocol throughout the Town and Fire District for prolonged power outages.

Campbell inquired about someone in the community who knows about the power circuits in the valley and suggested a liaison from the Town to work with the power company.

There was discussion around the power installation in the early phases of the valley that had no forethought involved.

Campbell discussed bringing public awareness to the community about what a power outage might mean for them related to their heat and other resources.

There was discussion around other resources that would be needed for prolonged power outages and incorporating those needs into public awareness messages. The group rated preparing back up resources as a mitigation strategy such as gasoline, propane, fire wood, water, and food.

C. Prepare mitigation strategy

D. Document the planning process

4. Other Needs

A. Discuss fire mailing, help with draft if needed.

Bill Rau stated that he had incorporated other comments from the community into the fire mailing letter and was ready to move forward.

There was discussion around language in the letter for people who are available to clear and mow brush and fuel.

Campbell stated that he thought it would be a good idea to let people know of the odd ways that fires had started in the valley. He recalled a story of a glass jug in the back of a truck starting a fire from the sun and igniting books and propane tanks that were also in the truck.

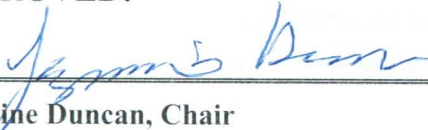
The group discussed putting the odd fire stories in the Castle Valley Comments to help get the word out.

Vaughn moved to adjourn, Rau seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

Duncan adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

ADJOURN

APPROVED:



Jazmine Duncan, Chair

Date:

ATTESTED:



Alison Fuller, Town Clerk

8.13.14

Date: