

Greenhorn Creek Community Services District  
A Firewise Community  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 19, 2022, 6 PM  
Greenhorn Fire Station  
2049 Red Bluff Circle  
Greenhorn Ranch

**1. Roll Call:**

Elizabeth Zeiner present, Greg Neal present, Vice-Chair Amanda Higgins present, Chair Rebecca Herrin present.

**2. Public Comment:**

No Comments

**3. Board Comments and Reports:**

No Board comments or reports.

**4. Approval of the minutes of the April 21, 2022 meeting:**

Motion is made by Zeiner, seconded by Higgins to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 21, 2022. Motion carried 4-0.

**5. Financial Reports:**

A. Review Monthly Financial Report for May 2022.

The monthly financial report for Greenhorn Creek Fire Department and Greenhorn Creek Community Services District is reviewed and accepted.

**6. Water Department:**

Manager Tyson Rael presents the report. The damaged check valve has been replaced. Shut-off notices for non-payment along with notification that the State moratorium has been lifted will be sent out with the July water bill. Conservation measures have not yet been announced by the State of California. When a notice is received from the State of California, the Board will need to act on a resolution to impose conservation measures. There must be a separate resolution to address water needed for dust control on the private roads. Road Associations for Units 1 and 2 are responsible for dust control. Discussion takes place regarding unknowns associated with use of water for dust control in relation to well drawdown/recharge. There is currently no monitoring device on the well to measure the level of drawdown and recharge. The last estimate for a sonar monitor was \$10,000.00. It is possible that grant monies can be obtained.

The hydrant currently used to fill up the water truck has no meter. Road Associations for Units 1 and 2 do not pay for water use and the roads are allowed to water twice a week. This may have to be reduced to once a week if well recharge is impacted. Rael recommends that the Road Associations pay the same commercial rate as Greenhorn Ranch. Herrin adds that the CSD pays approximately \$7,000 per year for road fees for the parcels owned by the District, so it would seem equitable to have the Associations pay for the water usage at the commercial rate. Rael states that a coating such as magnesium sulfide could be utilized to harden the surface and

control dust. The cost of such treatment would need to be researched and discussed with the Road Associations.

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) has been completed and will be mailed out by July 1st with the July bill.

#### **7. Fire Department:**

The building permit for the siren installation has been issued by the County. Plumas Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative personnel took photos of the installation and are planning a news release. There will be a monthly test of the siren. Notification of the testing will be provided to residents by door-to-door outreach, social media and signage.

Rael announces that this week is National Emergency Medical Service week. NorCal EMS has five counties within its membership. The District received a certificate which will be posted on Facebook. Rael reads from the certificate and all present applaud the recognition of service.

On Tuesday night, the turnouts were fitted for each firefighter. The turnouts should be received by fall or winter. \$35,000 from the North Complex fire is being used to pay for turnouts. Discussion takes place regarding the possibility of acquiring older equipment from other entities such as jaws-of-life. The breathing apparatus tanks are expired and difficult to get refilled. It may be possible to apply for a grant for MSA packs. The Department has two new firefighters on board; Chase and Kylie.

The budget has \$21,000 for storm damage for repair of the fire station driveway. Estimates for the repair are \$40,000 to \$50,000. Wilburn Construction has proposed to tear up the asphalt and a roller from Greenhorn Ranch could be borrowed. The parking must be ADA compliant and be two spaces wide, which will be tight given the available space. The Plumas County Road Department will most likely need to remove its dead grader.

There is further discussion regarding obtaining a pickup or other vehicle (UTV) with water tank and pump and EMS equipped. Advantage of a pickup is that it could be operated by those firefighters who don't have proper licensing for driving the fire trucks. The main advantages of a UTV are less cost and ability to respond to horseback, electric bicycle, and dirt bike accidents on property owned by Greenhorn Ranch and on USFS. Currently the Department has to wait for Search and Rescue to respond and send coordinates to the CHP helicopter if needed.

Rael recommends CSFA membership which could provide many benefits. There may be opportunity for reimbursement of the cost of turnouts. Purchase of "big ticket" items are an issue that CSFA and other entities are working on together.

#### **8. Status of Burn Pile Improvements:**

Rael reports that Ralph Wilburn has graded the burn pile and it is now open. Thanks to Ralph. Neal reports that Pete Duncan teaches chainsaw safety and tree falling classes. There may be opportunity for tree removal on the burn pile property with correct approvals and permissions. Rael responds that the S-212 classes for the year are finished, but there will be more next year.

The vegetation removal grant from the FireSafe Council does include the property where the burn pile is located. The process has been slowed by lack of contractors and the need to obtain signature from Sierra Pacific Industries which has properties involved in the grant proposal.

**9. The next Greenhorn CSD Meeting:**

The next regular meeting of the Greenhorn CSD will be held Thursday June 16, 2022, at 6 PM.

**10. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM at which time the Board went into closed session.

[Rebecca Herrin](#)

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Rebecca Herrin, Chair