

Linn County

Community Wildfire Protection Plan

2022 Update Kickoff Meeting MEETING NOTES



Thursday, November 3, 2022 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM

Online via Zoom

Presentation slides: https://dlcd.box.com/s/zh4lzcxvlmex7xcsrfvfjfv1q0ha6gal

Attendees:

Emerson Marsh, Linn County Emergency Management

Kate Bentz, Linn County Planning & Building Department

Shane Wooton, Fire Chief Albany Fire Department/ Linn Fire Defense Board liaison

Nancy Brewer, Lebanon City Administrator

Kelcey Young, Sweet Home City Manager

Scott McDowell, Brownsville City Administrator

Joe Samaniego, Tangent City Administrator

Blair Larsen, Sweet Home, Community & Economic Develoment Director

Sheldon Flom, Linn-Benton Community College

Cliff Carpentier, Linn-Benton Community College

Craig Pettinger, Oregon Dept. of Forestry, Sweet Home Unit

Ryan Quigley, The Dyer Partnership Engineers, City Engineer for Brownsville, Scio, and Tangent

Susan Millhauser, DLCD, Natural Hazards Planner-Wildfire

Patrick Wingard, DLCD Southern Willamette Valley Regional Representative

Erica Fleishman, OCCRI and Oregon State University

Dominique Bachelet, OCCRI and Oregon State University

Pam Reber, DLCD Natural Hazards Planner/ Project Manager

Welcome/Introductions:

• Attendees signed in via the chat.

CWPP Project Overview:

- A project overview was given and the project timeline was shared.
- The Box folder was described as were the references within it.

OCCRI Future Conditions Report

- Erica Fleishman of OCCRI presented the results of the Future Conditions Report. The report and the presentation slides are available in Box (the online project folder).
- Report: https://dlcd.box.com/s/kqtfm88ov09khgkhuvxhus1todelxh0k
- Slides: https://dlcd.box.com/s/2yfjk4r7ehv4rwgp8ehk0y7xpk79m5w3

CWPP Action Items

- The group reviewed the project goals and action items.
- The action item leads were tasked with updating the status and text of the action items.
- Goal revisions:
 - o The need for a new goal related to community capacity was identified.
 - o Life safety component of goal two could possibly be moved into goal one.

Committee Discussion and Comments

- There were significant concerns expressed about SB 762. (Scott Mcdowell, Eliszabeth Coleman, others); it was determined that an action item should be added around capacity building for local municipalities.
- Improve grants for reducing structural ignitability.
- Need support for establishing emergency shelters and having them up to standards. (Kelcey Young)
- Coordination items include planned power outages by Pacific Power. (Blair Larsen)
- Be careful about adding regulatory actions. (Blair Larsen)

Next Steps

• Please review your action items by 1/15/23.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 22nd 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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Project webpage:

https://www.co.linn.or.us/planningbuilding/page/community-wildfire-protection-plan