

RDS Fire Safe Council Meeting

Minutes

May 27, 2025

Call to Order 6:03 PM

Board Attendees

Gary, Bruce, Glenda, and Robert

Other Attendees

Susan Leu, Brian Bertke

Chairperson's Report:

- **Accomplishments since last meeting:**
 - See attached meeting slides – reviewed Green Waste event results. Logged 725 hours and \$2,824 in investments as reported by participants and volunteers. These investments have been entered into the Firewise USA® database. All four 20-yard dumpsters were completely full and 23 residences participated.
- **EL Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC) - Monthly Meeting Highlights (from 5/21/25 meeting):**
 - See attached meeting slides – summarized the fire outlook that was presented at the EDCFSC meeting by Cal Fire and USFS. Bottom line is an above normal significant fire potential starting in June is expected.

Discussion Items (see attached charts for details):

- RDSFSC Board positions were finalized for this year. Gary Boal and Robert Henke continue as Chair and Vice-chair. Glenda Dickson continues as Secretary and Bruce Dickson as Treasurer. Brian Bertke agreed to join the board as the new Member-at-Large.
- The final Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is posted on the County OWPR website and available for public review and comment through June 9. Expect final approval by the County Board of Supervisors in July.
- One Defensible Space & Home Hardening Assessments in RDS was completed on 4/23. We have four RDS assessments pending and three out of area assessments pending.
- RDSFSC Bank Account – Treasurer (Bruce) working to establish required bank account.
- Emergency Exit Assessment – Gary and Robert will be conducting a review of all RDS emergency exits next week and take photos of any issues observed.
- The remainder of the meeting involved discussion of a new FSC meeting plan going forward. This will be the last monthly meeting due primarily to very poor attendance from residents. The FSC will be adopting a quarterly meeting format with specific focus areas for each meeting in an attempt to draw more resident participation. The first meeting will be held on July 22, 2025 in the RDS Maintenance Building from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The focus topic will be Evacuation. This will include a detailed review of RDS emergency exits, evacuation readiness guidance and emergency communication. A detailed announcement about the new format and planned meeting will be released from the FSC soon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

NEXT RDSFSC meeting will be Tuesday July 22, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the RDS Maintenance Building.