Sonoma County Forest Conservation Working Group
General Members Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 15, 2024
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation + Open Space District
747 Mendocino Ave # 100, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
Parking is available in the back of the building or on the street.

Or Zoom Video Conference:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87022286598?pwd=eWJKVVhaeG5XR3dSWi9RQlhKTXRlZz09
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I. General Updates: All (45 min; 11:00am)
Updates from each attendee. Please be brief; longer items can be scheduled for next month's agenda. Members will provide updates on projects, upcoming events, requests for support, observations from the field, etc.

II. Proposed Measure H Fire Tax: Countywide Vegetation Management (60 min; 11:45am)
Presented by Fire Chief Steve Akre, Sonoma Valley Fire District

Chief Steve Akre will present on the vegetation management component of Proposed Measure H, which voters will have the chance to approve this March. This proposed ½ cent sales tax is expected to generate approximately $60 million annually to address the current and future funding challenges that face every fire agency in the county, and which must be used to sustain and improve fire protection and medical response service levels.

Revenue from Proposed Measure H is expected to provide an estimated $5 million annually for vegetation management, which will be used to develop, prioritize, and implement vegetation management projects countywide. Projects may include roadside vegetation management, wildland urban interface (shaded) fuel breaks, strategic (shaded) fuel breaks, community chipping days, prescribed burning, and ecological restoration. More information is provided in the attached one-page fact sheet.

III. Upcoming Events
- General Membership Meeting, February 15, 11am-1pm, Ag + Open Space Office and Zoom
- General Membership Meeting, March 21, 11am-1pm, Ag + Open Space Office and Zoom
- General Membership Meeting, April 18, 11am-1pm, Ag + Open Space Office and Zoom

Spring 2024 Public Events Calendar

- Feb 11: Resilient Forests and Watersheds Workshop @ Green Valley Farm + Mill
- March 9: Burn Pile Intro Workshop @ Pepperwood Preserve
- March 10: Resilient Forests and Watersheds Workshop @ Green Valley Farm + Mill
- April 14: Resilient Forests and Watersheds Workshop @ Green Valley Farm + Mill
- May 4: CA Tree School hosted in Hopland, hosted by UCCE
- Share your upcoming event to be added to the calendar

Visit sonomaforests.org/events for more upcoming events.