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SPECIAL AGENDA

Wednesday, July 19, 2019 - 5:30 P.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- **4. AGENDA:** Approval of agenda for this date; all off-agenda items must be approved by the Board (pursuant to §54954.2 of the Government Code.)
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Discussion items only, no action to be taken. Any person may address the Board now upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Board; however, any matter that requires action may be referred to staff and/or Committee for a report and recommendation for possible action at a subsequent Board meeting. Please note there is a three (3) minute limit per topic.
- 6. CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Cal. Govt. Code section 54956.9 – Existing Litigation: Case Name Unspecified (disclosure may jeopardize existing settlement negotiations).

7. ADJOURNMENT - The next Regular Meeting July 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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REGULAR AGENDA

Wednesday, July 19, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
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- 6. MINUTES: Discussion / Approval.
 - a. June 19, 2019 Regular Meeting.
- 7. CONSENT ITEMS:
 - a. Monthly Financial Statements Period Ending June 30, 2019.
 - b. Expenditure Report Submitted Check Approval through June 33, 2019.
- **8. MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT: Discussion.** Any matter requiring Action will be placed on and upcoming agenda for consideration.
 - a. Monthly Operations Report.
 - b. Monthly General Manager Report.
- 9. BOARD MATTERS: Discussion / Action / Direction to Staff.
 - a. Monitoring Wells Project Update. Discussion/Action.
 - b. Eco-Green Program Update. Discussion/Action.
 - c. 2019/2020 Budget. Discussion/Action
 - d. Backflow Prevention Device Policy. Discussion/Possible Action.
 - e. New State Law Regarding Solid Waste. Discussion Only.
 - f. Firewise USA Recognition Program Community Wildfire Risk Assessment for River Pines. Discussion/Possible Action.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS: Discussion Only.

a. Capital Improvements and general repairs necessary at the District. Continued Item.

11. COMMITTEE COMMENTS/REPORTS: Continued Item.

- a. Solar Panel Committee. Discussion/Possible Action.
- b. Water Rights Committee. Discussion/Possible Action.
- **12. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**: This is an opportunity for Board Members and District Staff to request matters to be placed on upcoming agendas.
- 13. ADJOURNMENT The next Regular Meeting August 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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River Pines Public Utility District



REGULAR MINUTES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 ACTION MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Director Roscoe Raymond Director Anita Ebbinghausen Director Patrick Henry Director Richard Miller Director Karla Christensen

Candi Bingham, General Manager Gisele Wurzburger, Board Clerk -Via Phone

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Raymond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AGENDA:

General Manager Bingham request an emergency item be placed on the agenda: Approval of Resolution 2019-05 Consolidation with the November 5, 2019 Special District Election.

Motion by Board Member Miller, seconded by Board Member Henry, and carried by a 5 to 0 vote to approve the Regular Agenda dated June 19, 2019 as amended. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Christensen, Ebbinghausen, Henry, Miller, Raymond

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Nel Raymond stated PG&E will be turning off the power during windy conditions and her concern was regarding the generator/well operation.

Board Clerk Wurzburger stated for the record that PG&E had made presentations at the City of Jackson and the City of Ione regarding this power outage due to weather conditions.

General Manager Bingham stated AWA will keep on top of the power outages due to the weather conditions.

Chairman Raymond requested General Manager Bingham to contact PG&E about making a presentation at a future meeting.

Customer (no name provided) stated her concern was regarding standby fees on her vacant lot. General Manager Bingham requested this customer to contact her at the office and she will go over this matter in more detail.

River Pines Public Utility District Profit & Loss by Class June 2019

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	Sewer	Water	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense			TOTAL
Income			
Base Fee Income			
Maintenance Fees	332.48	332.48	664.96
Sewer	16,076.55	0.00	16,076.55
Voluntary Lock-Off Water	157.50	157.50	315.00
	0.00	12,689.42	12,689.42
Total Base Fee Income	16,566.53	13,179.40	29,745.93
Town Hall Rental Variable Income	10.00	10.00	20.00
Door Hanger Fee	0.00	60.00	60.00
Service Connection Fee	32.86	32.89	65.75
Water - Usage	0.00	4,290.01	4,290.01
Total Variable Income	32.86	4,382.90	4,415.76
Total Income	16,609.39	17,572.30	34,181.69
Gross Profit	16,609.39	17,572.30	34,181.69
Expense			
Bank Charges			
Tax Roll Fees	225.97	225.98	451.95
Total Bank Charges	225.97	225.98	451.95
Board Members			
Stipends	187.50	187.50	375.00
Total Board Members			
	187.50	187.50	375.00
Contracted Expenses			
Board Clerk Manager	150.00	150.00	300.00
	2,416.66	2,416.68	4,833.34
Total Contracted Expenses	2,566.66	2,566.68	5,133.34
Sewer Expenses			
Amador Water - After Hour Cover	234.00	0.00	234.00
Amador Water - Routine Service	2,242.43	0.00	2,242.43
Amador Water Agency-State Re Amador Water Agency Maintena	34.26	0.00	34.26
Electricity - Sewer	983.44 3,176.78	0.00	983.44
Repairs/Maintenance	43.14	0.00	3,176.78
SCADA Service	700.00	0.00	43.14 700.00
Sewer - Parts/Supplies	1,471.81	0.00	1,471.81
Telephone - Sewer	116.36	0.00	116.36
Testing - Sewer	204.00	0.00	204.00
Total Sewer Expenses	9,206.22	0.00	9,206.22
Town Hall Expenses			
Janitorial	120.00	120.00	240.00
Repairs/Maintenance Supplies	21.57	21.57	43.14
	14.98	14.99	29.97
Total Town Hall Expenses	156.55	156.56	313.11
Water Expenses			
Amador Water - After Hour Cover Amador Water Agency-Meter Re	0.00	468.00	468.00
Amador Water Agency-Meter Re Amador Water Agency-Prev. Mai	0.00	292.60	292.60
Amador Water Agency-Prev. Mai Amador Water Agency-Routine	0.00	764.53	764.53
Amador Water Agency - Custom	0.00	1,579.45	1,579.45
Amador Water Agency - Repairs	0.00	132.94 918.23	132.94
Electricty - Water	0.00	1,326.80	918.23
Parts/Supplies	0.00	127.61	1,326.80 127.61
Repair/Maintenance	0.00	43.14	43.14
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River Pines Public Utility District Profit & Loss by Class June 2019

	Sewer	Water	TOTAL
SCADA Service	0.00	300.00	300.00
Telephone - Water	0.00	118.07	118.07
Water Testing	0.00	660.00	660.00
Total Water Expenses	0.00	6,731.37	6,731.37
64900 · Office Expenses			
Postage/Shipping	105.64	105.66	211.30
Software	254.98	255.00	509.98
Supplies	72.48	72.48	144.96
Website Service	75.00	75.00	150.00
Total 64900 · Office Expenses	508.10	508.14	1,016.24
66700 · Professional Fees			
Security Service/Maintenance	280.00	280.00	560.00
Total 66700 · Professional Fees	280.00	280.00	560.00
68600 · Utilities			
Disposal	46.31	46.32	92.63
Electricity - Office	0.00	25.86	25.86
Electricity - Town Hall	25.86	0.00	25.86
Electricty - Street Lights	114.28	114.28	228.56
68100 · Telephone - Office	30.45	30.46	60.91
Total 68600 · Utilities	216.90	216.92	433.82
Total Expense	13,347.90	10,873.15	24,221.05
Net Ordinary Income	3,261.49	6,699.15	9,960.64
Other Income/Expense Other Income			
Wireless Site Lease	050.05		
	250.00	250.00	500.00
Total Other Income	250.00	250.00	500.00
Net Other Income	250.00	250.00	500.00
Net Income	3,511.49	6,949.15	10,460.64

River Pines Public Utility District Account QuickReport-Board Meetings As of June 30, 2019

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37,365.69	152.00	Deposit			06/26/2019	Deposit
37,213.69	1,191.87	Deposit			06/25/2019	Deposit
36,021.82	558.47	Deposit			06/24/2019	Deposit
35,463.35	164.52	Deposit			06/21/2019	Deposit
35,298.83	6,485.30	Deposit			06/20/2019	Deposit
28,813.53	308.91	Deposit			06/20/2019	Deposit
28,504.62	331.96	Deposit			06/19/2019	Deposit
28,172.66	157.37	Deposit			06/19/2019	Deposit
28,015.29	-451.95	Doposii	County of Amindao		06/19/2019	Deposit
28,467.24	-8,122.23	30010	County of Amador	13284	06/19/2019	Bill Pmt -Check
36,589.47	-228.56	30018	Amador Water Agency	13283	06/19/2019	Bill Pmt -Check
36,818.03	-51.72	7368064062 7	PG&E - Street Lights	debit	06/19/2019	Check
36,869.75	-330.74	6898952032-2	PG&E - Office/Town	debit	06/19/2019	Check
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Balance	Amount	Memo	Name			

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River Pines Dept. Report

June 1 - June 30, 2019

Water Production/Sold

Well 2: 561,200 gallons Total Produced: 1,028,038 gallons

Well 3R: 442,400 gallons Total Sold: 786,634 gallons

Well 6R: 24,438 gallons Unaccounted Loss: 23%

Regulatory Compliance Specialist-

 Completed monthly reporting for water and wastewater. Including No Spill Report to CIWQS

Wastewater-

- Influent flow <u>972,900</u> gallons. Effluent Discharged <u>148,300</u> gallons.
- Continue to maintain pond level and irrigate whenever possible.
- · Continue to monitor collection system.
- Weed-eated and sprayed all lift stations and plant.
- Oversaw well drilling for monitoring wells in sprayfield with Cascade for eight (8) days.

Water-

- Completed all regulatory sampling.
- Staff continues to operate Wells 2 / 3R and 6R facilities
- Completed a rebuild on pressure reducing valve which supplies sample slow water to the CL17 analyzer
- Assisted Cooper Control's instrumentation technician in completing the calibrations of Wells 2, 3R, and 6R meters and 6R chart recorder.

Distribution-

- Routine flushing
- Service line leak repair (1gpm)

Prepared by: Andrea Hinton, Regulatory Specialist

Reviewed by: Rick Ferriera, Operations Manager



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AGENDA ITEM - 8B

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

For the Month of: June/July 2019

1. Monitoring Well installation is complete!!! Yay! Three pumps were ordered with a cost of \$1,700. This included all parts for installation. Pumps have been installed and first test has been completed.

2. Cost of Monitoring Well installation - \$73,275.00. Amount approved by Board - \$115,000. GM will use balance to pay NV5 instead of using General Fund. Will also pay for pumps out of Laif Funds.

- 3. Board vacancies have been posted on website and published in the Ledger. Interested parties must contact elections office for paperwork and information.
- 4. Weekly Bank Deposits
- 5. Monthly Service Billing
- 6. Monthly Late Notices
- 7. Monthly 48 Hour Notices
- 8. Updated Website
- 9. Agenda & Packets

Will be in the River Pines Office – August 19th through August 23rd.



REMIT TO: CASCADE DRILLING, LP.
PO BOX 844046, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90084-4046
ACH PAYMENTS REMIT TO: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

ABA: 121000248, ACCOUNT: 4942159435

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Invoice #:

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Attn: Accounts Payable

River Pines Public Utility District

Candi Bingham

22900 Canyon Ave

River Canyon, CA 95675

Project Name: River Pines Pt

River Pines Public Utility District - River Pines Customer Project#:

PUD-Amador County-Air Rotary - Air Rotary -

00011400

Project Start/End Date:

06/10/2019 / 06/24/2019

PO/Work Order #:

Project Contact/Phone:

Candi Bingham / (209) 245-6723

Additional Detail:

Work Site Address:

Plymouth, CA 95669

Billing Start Date:

06/10/2019

Billing End Date:

06/24/2019

Product	Description	UM	Qty	Rate	Extended Rate
Mob/Demob	Mobilization/Demobilization	Each	1.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Other	2" SCH 40 PVC and annular materials	LF	94.00	\$15.00	\$1,410.00
Other	Above Ground- completion	Each	3.00	\$550.00	\$1,650.00
Other	Crew Travel / Per Diem	DY	11.00	\$600.00	\$6,600.00
Other	Air Rotary Rig (up to 10 hrs onsite)	DY	7.00	\$6,500.00	\$45,500.00
Other	ATV Support Equipment	WK	2.00	\$2,425.00	\$4,850.00
Other	Surcharge OT	Each	5.50	\$230.00	\$1,265.00
			ı	Pre-Tax Total	\$73,275.00
				Tax Percentage	0.000%
				Taxes	\$0.00
			1	nvoice Total	\$73,275.00

Total Bank Charges	Expense Bank Charges Loan Service Charge Tax Roll Fees 60400 · Bank Service Charges	Gross Profit	Total Income	Total Variable Income	Returned Check Fee Service Connection Fee Water - Usage	Broken Locks Call-Out Door Hanger Fee Late Fees Reconnection Fee	Interest Income Town Hall Rental Variable Income	Total Base Fee Income	Base Fee Income Maintenance Fees Sewer Voluntary Lock-Off Water	Total Amador County Auditor's Warrant	Ordinary Income/Expense Income Amador County Auditor's Warrant Direct Charges - Tax Roll HO & Timber Tax Homeowners Exemption Secured Appointment Secured Direct Charges Secured Taxes Unitary Tax Unsecured Appointment	
240.00	240.00 0.00	165,771.00	165,771.00	2,985.00	0.00 33.00 0.00	2,952.00	3,408.00 120.00	147,921.00	4,425.00 142,200.00 1,296.00	11,337.00	Jul '19 - Jun 3,600.00 30.00 45.00 1,008.00 6,252.00 300.00 102.00	Sewer
420.00	180.00 240.00 0.00	198,624.00	198,624.00	42,699.00	0.00 33.00 38,400.00	0.00 150.00 684.00 2,952.00 480.00	3,408.00 120.00	141,060.00	4,260.00 1,296.00 135,504.00	11,337.00	3,600.00 30.00 45.00 1,008.00 0.00 6,252.00 300.00 102.00	Water
660.00	180.00 480.00 0.00	364,395.00	364,395.00	45,684.00	0.00 66.00 38,400.00	0.00 150.00 684.00 5,904.00	6,816.00 240.00	288,981.00	8,685.00 142,200.00 2,592.00 135,504.00	22,674.00	7,200.00 60.00 90.00 2,016.00 0.00 12,504.00 600.00 204.00	TOTAL

Sewer Expenses Alarm Monitoring Amador Water - After Hour Cover Amador Water - Routine Service Amador Water Agency-State Repor Amador Water Agency - Electric Amador Water Agency - Repairs Amador Water Agency - Repairs Amador Water Agency Maintenance Chemicals	Total Employees	Retirement - Field	Total Reimbursements	Reimbursements Phone	Total Payroll Expense	Payroll Expense Field Payroll Payroll Taxes - Employer's	Total Medical Insurance	Field	Employees Amador Water -Vacation Coverag District Sub-Contractor Medical Insurance	Total Depreciation Expense	Depreciation Expense Sewer Water	Total Contracted Expenses	Contracted Expenses Board Clerk Manager	Total Board Members	Board Members Stipends	
8,400.00 3,000.00 26,004.00 384.00 4,500.00 7,008.00 3,600.00 450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,784.00	15,784.00	30,799.92	1,800.00 28,999.92	2,250.00	2,250.00	Sewer Jul '19 - Jun
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,427.00	26,427.00	30,800.16	1,800.00 29,000.16	2,250.00	2,250.00	Water Jul '19 - Jun
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Water Expenses Alarm Monitoring Amador Water-Fire Assist Amador Water - After Hour Cover Amador Water Agency-Alarms Amador Water Agency-Equip. Use Amador Water Agency-Fequip. Use Amador Water Agency-Meter Read Amador Water Agency-Prev. Maint Amador Water Agency-Routine Amador Water Agency-Customers Amador Water Agency - Lengineer Amador Water Agency - Prog/Plan Amador Water Agency - Prog/Plan Amador Water Agency - Repairs Certification Fees Chlorine Consulting - Engineer Customer Expense - Reimbursable Electricty - Water Excavating Parts/Supplies	Total Town Hall Expenses	Town Hall Expenses Janitorial Repairs/Maintenance Supplies	Total Sewer Expenses	Consulting - Engineer Electricity - Sewer Excavating Jetting Permit/Fees Repairs/Maintenance Sewage - Pump Service Sewage - Parts/Supplies Sm. Tools Storm Damage/Repair Storm Work - 2017 Telephone - Sewer Testing - Sewer
0.00	795.00	720.00 60.00 15.00	112,788.00	Sewer 2,850.00 28,800.00 0.00 0.00 12,000.00 3,108.00 9,000.00 1,020.00 0.00 1,104.00 1,500.00
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68600 · Utilities Disposal Electricity · Office Electricity · Town Hall Electricty · Street Lights	Total 66700 · Professional Fees	66700 · Professional Fees Legal Expenses Property Surveying Security Service/Maintenance Yearly Audit	Total 64900 · Office Expenses	comparer and internet expenses	Website Service	Training	Supplies	Software	Printing	Postago/shipping	Maintenace/improvements	License/Certifications	Filing Fees	Equipment	64900 · Office Expenses Admin Cost - Tax Roll	Total 63300 · Insurance Expense	63300 · Insurance Expense Insurance - Property/Liability Workers' Compensation	Total 60200 · Automobile Expense	60200 · Automobile Expense John Deere - Tractor	Total Water Expenses	c	Water Testing	Sm. Tools	Repair/Maintenance		
504.00 150.00 150.00 720.00	3,612.00	0.00 0.00 1,680.00 1,932.00	5,160.00	0.00	300.00	150.00	1,020.00	120.00	612.00	1,320.00	0.00		300.00	102.00	228.00	3,909.00	3,909.00 0.00	48.00	48.00	0.00					Jul '19 - Jun	Sewer
504.00 150.00 150.00 720.00	3,555.00	0.00 0.00 1,680.00 1,875.00	5,160.00	0.00	300.00	150.00	1,020.00	120.00	612.00	1,320.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	102.00	228.00	3,909.00	3,909.00	48.00	48.00	109,272.00	3,000.00	1,416.00	0.00	3,000.00	Jul '19 - Jun	Water
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Net Income	Net Other Income	Total Other Expense	Mastication Project(CalFire) Write-Off Accounts	Total FEMA WORK	Equipment Rental Labor Supplies	Other Expense Bad Debt - Sewer Bad Debt - Water Bad Debt - Water DWSRF - Environmental Study DWSRF Grant - Surveying FEMA WORK	Total Other Income	Other Income/Expense Other Income FEMA - 2017 Storm Funds FEMA - Reimbursement Grant - SRAFPF(CAL FIRE) Grant Income - DWSRF Other Income Sale - District Vehicle Wireless Site Lease	Net Ordinary Income	Total Expense	Total 68600 · Utilities	Internet Propane 68100 · Telephone - Office	
-10,118.92	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 3,000.00	-13,118.92	178,889.92	3,504.00	1,020.00 600.00 360.00	Sewer Jul '19 - Jun
16,083.84	3,000.00	0.00	0.00			0.00 0.00 0.00	3,000.00	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 3,000.00	13,083.84	185,540.16	2,904.00	1,020.00 360.00	Water Jul '19 - Jun
5,964.92	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	6,000.00	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	-35.08	364,430.08	6,408.00	2,040.00 600.00 720.00	TOTAL Jul '19 - Jun



FIREWISE USA® RECOGNITION PROGRAM COMMUNITY WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

This information is intended to help guide you and your community through the risk assessment process.

Each state has the ability to designate their own template and special requirements for Firewise USA® participants. **Before starting this assessment, please contact your state liaison to determine their process.** Completing the assessment should be done, and is more robust, when it is a collaboration between residents and their state forestry agency, local fire department, or other designated partner.

These resources will additionally provide assistance in understanding the interaction between wildfire behavior and the Home Ignition Zone:

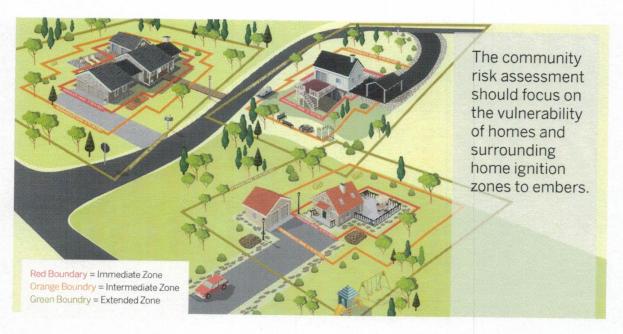
- E-learning: Understanding the Wildfire Threat to Homes https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire/Firewise-USA/Online-learning-opportunities/Online-courses
- Actions that reduce risk tips and resources https://www.nfpa.org/preparinghomesforwildfire

INTRODUCTION

NFPA's Firewise USA® program teaches people how to live with wildfire and increase their home's chance of survival through proactive actions, while encouraging neighbors to work together to reduce losses and damage. The community wildfire risk assessment is an important step in the Firewise USA® recognition process. It's a tool to help residents and their community members understand their wildfire risk and engage them in risk reduction efforts.

Research has shown embers (burning pieces of airborne wood and/or vegetation that can be carried more than a mile through the wind) and small surface fires to be the primary source of home ignitions during wildfires.

Residents must prepare their home to withstand embers and minimize the likelihood of flames or surface fire touching the home or any attachments. This can be accomplished by limiting the amount of flammable vegetation, choosing ignition-resistant building materials and construction techniques, along with periodic exterior maintenance within the three home ignition zones (HIZ). These zones include the Immediate Zone: 0 to 5 feet around the house including the deck and attachments; Intermediate Zone: 5 to 30 feet; and the Extended Zone: 30 to 100 feet.



It is not uncommon for home ignition zones to overlap onto adjacent properties. This makes the conditions of neighboring homes and vegetation a part of the wildfire threat. To maximize benefits, it's extremely important that neighbors work collaboratively with each other, and talk with each other, to reduce their shared risk.

The community wildfire risk assessment speaks to the general conditions of the overall Firewise USA® site and does not provide details on each individual dwelling.

The assessment should focus on:

- Vulnerability of homes to embers, surface fire, and crown fire
- Condition of the structures themselves
- Immediate hazards within the HIZ on individual properties
- Concerns presented by common/open space areas or adjacent public lands

Also consider factors that impact risk and influence fire behavior or structure ignitability:

- Structural characteristics (such as roofing, siding, and decks)
- Vegetation types
- Slope and aspect (direction a community faces north, south, east, or west)
- Housing density

The recommendations provided by the completed assessment will be the board/committee's primary tool in determining action priorities within the site's boundaries, documented in their action plan. The Firewise USA® program requires assessments be updated at a minimum of every five years.

OVERVIEW

The assessment:

- Can be completed in a variety of ways, including a walkthrough or a drive-by and does not require each individual dwelling unit to have a home risk assessment completed prior to the community assessment
- Should focus on the condition of vegetation within the participating site's boundary;

- general landscaping characteristics; and home construction (materials used for roofs, siding, decks, etc.)
- Needs a logical recognized site boundary (HOA, defined neighborhood, street, etc.)

Assessment Participants

List the principal participants who assisted in data gathering and development of this document (include name, role/organization, phone and email). This can be your district forester, fire department, Firewise Board members, etc.

Name	Role/Organization	Phone	Email

DEFINING YOUR FIREWISE USA' SITE

For this section, there may be an existing community wildfire protection plan that includes your site and can provide this information. Ask your State Forestry representative if one exists.

	General Site Description
Site name:	
City:	
County:	
State:	
Latitude:	
Longitude:	
Boundary Describe defined by you	ption (Provide a description of your site's recognized site boundary, this could ur HOA, subdivision, defined neighborhood, street(s), etc.):
Area (provide nu	mber of acres or square miles) (OPTIONAL):
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General Site Information

Number of dwelling units – Firewise USA® participation requires a minimum of 8 individual dwelling units and not to exceed 2,500 (for new sites in 2018 or later), within the site's identified boundary.

For definition purposes, a dwelling unit is a:

- Household/residence built for occupancy by one person, a family, or roommates, including mobile homes and cabins; and for multi-family residential occupancies (i.e. duplexes, and other types of attached housing)
- An apartment building with 10 units would be considered ten dwelling units
- Multiple sites can be located within a single large master-planned community/HOA

■ The Firewise USA® program is designed for residential occupancies where residents actively participate in reducing the wildfire risk where they live; it is not a program for every occupancy type, or an entire town, city or county Contact NFPA's Firewise USA® program, https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/ Wildfire/Contact-us, with any questions about your area's eligibility. Number of dwelling units: _____ Number of residents: ____ Description of Properties within the Boundary Residential types in your site (check all that apply): ☐ Single family Duplex ☐ Townhomes ■ Apartment ■ Mobile/Manufactured Other Types of ownership (check all that apply): ☐ Private □ Common ☐ Public (county, state, federal, etc.) Lot sizes (check all that apply): ☐ Less than .10 acres or 4,356 square feet ☐ .10 to .50 acres or 4,356 to 21,780 square feet ■ .51 to 1 acres or 22,215 to 43,560 square feet ☐ Greater than 1 acre or 43,560 square feet Other site information that you would like to provide (OPTIONAL): Description of Local Wildland Fire Characteristics Fire intensity and rate of spread depend on the vegetation type and condition (live/dead). topography, and typical weather patterns. This information can be obtained from your state forestry agency or local fire department. Describe the common vegetation type(s) in your site (i.e., grasses, shrubs, and trees): Describe the topography within your site (geographical features such as canyons, chimneys, steep slopes, or is the area primarily flat, and what direction slopes face): Wind exposure: ☐ Not in an area with regular exposure to winds ☐ Regularly exposed to winds ☐ Frequent severe winds History of Wildfire: ☐ Area with history of fire occurrence ☐ Area with no history of fire occurrence Unknown



Use this section to record observations from within your site and recommendations for action that can be included in the site's Action Plan. Consider taking photos to keep in your site's files that illustrate successful risk reduction efforts and areas that need improvement.

Remember, this is a community-wide view and should report on the overall conditions of the entire site. Individual home risk assessments are not required to fill out this section, however they may end up being a recommendation for the action plan.

Observations

The observation section is broken down by the characteristics of homes and the vegetation management within the home ignition zones and common areas. Mark the appropriate box for each category that best represents the conditions within your site.

Home ignition zones

Home: General building construction (are the homes made from ignition resistant building

materials?)
Roofing Materials: composite shingles, metal, cement tile and clay Greater than 75% of homes have metal, tile or Class A asphalt or fiberglass shingles 50 to 75% of homes have metal, tile or Class A asphalt or fiberglass shingles 25 to 50% of homes have metal, tile or Class A asphalt or fiberglass shingles Less than 25% of homes have metal, tile or Class A asphalt or fiberglass shingles
Soffit vent: a screened vent in a house soft that allows air to flow to the attic or the space below roof sheathing. Greater than 75% of homes have non-combustible soffit vents with mesh or screening 50 to 74% of homes have non-combustible soffit vents with mesh or screening 25 to 50% of homes have non-combustible soffit vents with mesh or screening Less than 25% of homes have non-combustible soffit vents with mesh or screening Unknown
Siding: stucco, masonry products, plaster and cement Greater than 75% of homes have non-combustible siding 50 to 74% of homes have non-combustible siding 25 to 50% of homes have non-combustible siding Less than 25% of homes have non-combustible siding
Skirting: material used around the bottom of homes and sometimes decks to protect the underside from exposure. Greater than 75% of homes have skirting underneath raised floors/decks 50 to 74% of homes have skirting underneath 25 to 50% of homes have skirting underneath Less than 25% of homes have skirting underneath
Attachments: wood vs. non-combustible materials. Examples of non-combustible materials

include decks made with wood-plastic composites, higher density tropical hardwood, or fireretardant treated decking materials; fences that use metal or masonry when attaching fences directly to the siding of a home.



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- ☐ 25 to 50% of homes have NO wooden attachments
- ☐ Less than 25% of homes have NO wooden attachments

Windows

- ☐ Greater than 75% of homes have multi-paned windows
- □ 50 to 74% of homes have multi-paned windows
- ☐ 25 to 50% of homes have multi-paned windows
- ☐ Less than 25% of homes have multi-paned windows
- ☐ Unknown what type of windows exist (single-pane vs. multi-pane)

Leaf litter, pine needles, or debris on roof or in gutters

- $\hfill \Box$ Greater than 75% of homes have cleaned and maintain their roof and gutters
- □ 50 to 74% of homes have cleaned and maintain their roof and gutters
- ☐ 25 to 50% of homes have cleaned and maintain their roof and gutters
- $\hfill \square$ Less than 25% of homes have cleaned and maintain their roof and gutters

Gutter type

- ☐ Greater than 75% of homes have metal gutters
- □ 50 to 74% of homes have metal gutters
- ☐ 25 to 50% of homes have metal gutters
- ☐ Less than 25% of homes have metal gutters

Immediate Zone: 0 to 5 feet from the furthest attached point of homes, this area addresses the immediate vegetation and materials, creating a combustible free area. Items to consider:

- Is there dead vegetation, dried leaves, pine needles and ground debris near foundations?
- Has hardscaping been used around perimeters to keep them free of litter/debris. Concrete, stone, or gravel walkways?
- Have wood mulch products been replaced with non-combustible such as crushed stone/ gravel options?
- Are there trees/shrubs next to the home? Are there branches overhanging the roof or within 10 feet of chimneys?
 - ☐ Greater than 75% of homes have treated vegetation and created a combustible free area
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 - 25 to 50% of homes have treated vegetation and created a combustible free area
 - ☐ Less than 25% of homes have treated vegetation and created a combustible free area

Intermediate Zone: 5 to 30 feet from the furthest exterior point of the home. This area uses landscaping and breaks (areas of non-combustible materials such as dirt, cement, or rock) to help influence and decrease fire behavior.

- Are there fuel breaks such as driveways, walkways/paths, patios, and decks?
- Are lawns and native grasses maintained (general recommendation is a height of 4 inches)?
- Is vegetation in this area spread out? It is recommended that trees and shrubs should be limited to small clusters of a few each to break up continuity; trees should be spaced to a minimum of 18 feet between crowns.
- Have ladder fuels (vegetation under trees) been removed so a surface fire cannot reach the crowns? Have trees been pruned? General recommendations are up to six to ten feet from

	the ground; for shorter trees do not exceed 1/3 of the overall tree height.				
A	Are plants, trees, and lawns watered to keep them from becoming dry?				
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	Extended Zone: 30 to 100 feet, out to 200 feet (where applicable). Generally, this area focuses on landscaping - managing the vegetation to influence fire behavior and spread. The goal here is not to eliminate fire, but to interrupt fire's path and keep flames smaller and on the ground. At these distances property lines may overlap, presenting the opportunity and need to work collaboratively with neighbors. Items to consider:				
	Are there heavy accumulations of ground litter/debris?				
	Is there dead plant and tree material that should be removed?				
	Are storage sheds and/or other outbuildings in this zone clear of vegetation? Do mature trees have small conifers and brush growing between them or is the space maintained?				
	Do trees 30 to 60 feet from the home have at least 12 feet between canopy tops? Is there at least 6 feet between canopy tops of trees located 60 to 100 feet from the home?				
	☐ Greater than 75% of homes have treated vegetation				
	□ 50 to 74% of homes have treated vegetation				
	□ 25 to 50% of homes have treated vegetation				
	☐ Less than 25% of homes have treated vegetation				
	Common/open space areas or adjacent public lands:				
	Not adjacent to wildlands with accumulated fuels				
	Adjacent to wildlands with accumulated fuels				
	■ Is there a management plan for these fuels? If so, please describe:				
	Additional comments or observations regarding site conditions:				



	Summary
areas where there is especially at low cos Home Ignition Zone	summarize observations. The percentages captured will help you briefly of your community's current status and areas for successful focus. List is significant success and also list areas where improvements could be made with sweat equity/volunteer labor. Emphasis should be on the immediate.
Example: Greater the were several noted was	nan 75% of homes observed have non-combustible roofs; however there with wood shake shingles.
	Recommendations
to homes. It's recom way out into the thre	om the observation phase, identify actions and steps the site can take to m wildfire. Prioritize recommendations based on the potential fire threat mended that residents address hazards at the home first and work their se home ignition zones. Remember, small things can have a huge impact or list these recommendations to create your site's action plan.
Examples:	
debris. Encoura	of homes observed had a roof free of leaf litter, pine needles, and other age residents to remove the debris and keep those areas clean, work than 75% compliance.
Bark mulch is wi and replacing wi	idely used within the immediate area, recommend removing bark mulch ith an ignition resistant material (i.e. crushed stone/gravel).
Work with reside	ents to improve the number of homes that have removed flammable feet from the home.



The information you have collected during the assessment process will help you develop recommendations that can be applied to your site's action plan. Action plans are a prioritized list of risk reduction projects and the related investments needed to achieve them for the site. Action plans also highlight suggested homeowner actions and education activities that participants will strive to complete annually, or over a period of multiple years. Action plans should be **updated at a minimum of at least every three years**.

Visit

https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire/Firewise-USA/Become-a-Firewise-USA-site to view the full list of required criteria needed to complete the Firewise USA° recognition program's application process.

Visit https://portal.firewise.org to start vour application.

These are not required, but you may also consider adding addendums that cover other community/fire safety issues such as:

- Hydrant locations
- Ingress/egress routes
- Location of fire district and capabilities
- Street signs and address numbers
- Water supply for fire response

We recommend reaching out to your local fire department for assistance in determining what other safety issues should be addressed.