

**Wildfire Programs Advisory Council – Meeting**

Friday July 12, 2024

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|  | **Welcome** | Chair Hunnicutt |
| Chair Hunnicutt welcomed the council and reviewed the meeting agenda. The chair then reviewed meeting etiquette and asked for roll to be taken. The summary of the council’s April 12, 2024, meeting was approved. | | |
|  | **Director’s Report** | Doug Grafe |
| Director Grafe began his report to the council by reviewing the council position terms that were expiring this year and determining which council members were interested in continuing with the council. The director reviewed ongoing legislative directives. Director Grafe gave the council an overview of the current fire situation in Oregon. The discussion included a review of the current fire map and discussion of public availability of fire data, staffing challenges faced by fire agencies and use of mutual aid. | | |
|  | **Annual Council Report** | All |
| Director Grafe and Susan Millhauser gave the council an overview of the development timeline for the council’s annual report to the legislature. Then the chair of each workgroup gave an update on the work of that group. Chair Hunnicutt talked about the work of the landscape resiliency workgroup including meeting with state agency staff and federal partners and reviewing the implementation of the 20-year strategy. Vice Chair Mary Kyle McCurdy gave an update on the community risk reduction group’s progress. Member Mark Bennett gave an update on the wildfire funding groups efforts. | | |
|  | **Oregon Wildfire Hazard Map, Update** | ODF, Derrick Wheeler |
| Derrick Wheeler from the Department of Forestry briefed the council on the series of open houses around the state focusing on the release of the wildfire hazard map. He reviewed the agenda and structure of the meetings as well as some of the common take aways. He reviewed timeline and next steps on the adoption of the final map. | | |
|  | **Public Comment** | All |
| Bob Hart provided comment to the council. He attended the wildfire hazard map open house meetings and was concerned that the rulemaking process is structured in a way that will make public comment less effective. He expressed some additional concerns about statewide policy being set by staff in Salem and negative impacts on homeowners of regulation following the adoption of the hazard map.  Carolyn Mayers asked about whether some building materials helped with both energy efficiency goals and fire mitigation. She also asked about whether there were any education efforts on the wildfire dangers caused by fireworks. | | |
|  | **Wrap Up** | Chair Hunnicutt |
| Chair Hunnicutt wrapped up the meeting stating that the next scheduled meeting would be on October 11, 2024 but that there was likely to be at least one additional meeting before then. | | |