November 19th 2020, 10:00 AM

Minutes Kept by: Nancy Gutierrez

**AGENDA**

* Industry Introductions and Updates
  + Valley ROP – Dual enrollment program students from 8-9 HS. Meeting hybrid – have 44 students running about 20 at a time. As much outdoor as can, hands on using Computer room occasionally.
  + Mark Bontrager CALFIRE – working on creek fire getting cleaned up. Hoping to get good candidates out of RC program for the work needed. Working for more fuels reduction crews. Busy fire season but in fuels reduction phase right now.
  + Dr. Buckley – hoping to get a return to normal teaching conditions between summer and fall of 2021.
  + Tim Murphy – Dealing with Creek Fire. Transition phase of having forest take it back. Talks happening. What is left, what can and cant be done. Main focus is fire hire. Dealing with a lot of holes. Trouble with Backfills. Hoping Adams program can fill in the holes. Started a Permanent seasonal employee that is seasonal but has health insurance. Academies and training have gone virtual. Looking forward to utilizing the RC program.
  + Rodney Roberts – Valley ROP changing based on how the pathway is progressing. Meeting in person at college saving us to be at college. Purchased a lot of new equipment.
  + Ron? Phone number – Excellent program at RC. Looking to carry on with more training.
  + Derick Davis – PGE wildland operations so valley BAko to Yosemite. Help building a new program in PGE to deal with Wildland fire. Anything to assist we are willing to help.
  + Wade – looking at timber sales, salvage and looking at increasing production and capacity in fuels management.
  + Joaquin Marquez – Supt. Kings River hot shots, Final day of the crew. Busy day. Working on hiring. Looking at crew app. The college is putting out good folks.
  + Jose Suarez – Supt. Hotshots – UAS – Busy season hope to tap into RC. IN regards to park. Dealing with Castle fire. Saw the need for UAS like to introduce to a lot of other aspects.
  + Sam Escutia – Adjunct instructor at RC. Worked with CA Natl guard to respond to fire and do fuels. Towards end hit a few fires. Back at creek fire.
  + Louie Long – Wildlife instructor at Reedley college.
  + John Solano – Local Conservation corp, Students going through program for fuels management. End goal is employment with federal industry.
* RC Program Overview and meeting Objectives
  + Program changes and updates
* Website landing page: Introduction and Information
  + Use to navigate through courses and coursework for program.
* Fire Program Phases and New Courses –
  + Credit for Prior Learning available for phase 1 through 1 season on a wildland fire module
  + Questions: What degree or cert or pathway do they apply for?
* Scenario -Based Training - Video
* CalFire Grant Update: $891,000 Cooperative Training Program Cal Fire Grant
* New Curriculum to support the Students and Geographic agencies
  + Dustin – possibly add operator 1A and 1B equivalent to NWCG engine academy.
  + Tim – contact Brian Lampier – a lot of courses can be elective that can be used towards advancement. Allowing us to pick up more apprentices than PSE.. flexibility for apprenticeship program. Classes can help advancement. Folks getting through in year and a half or two years.
  + Forest Service is talking with DOL and possibly breaking away from the apprenticeship… natl coordinator is looking to create their own program and break away from DOL agreement.
  + MOU with Agencies to teach courses
  + CAP on classes RC can teach – focused on lower lever but want to pursue down the road.
* Additional Adjuncts and Contract Educators.
  + Need more space.
* Works in Progress/Needs/Ideas
* Motions to Move Forward
  + See Action items sheet