

Reedley College Wildland Fire Sub-Committee meeting
Fall December 2, 2021 10:00 am

Minutes

Advisory members present:

Drey Castro VROP; Jordan Flores; Ron Garcia (ROP); Robert Bettencourt – engine captain sierra nat'l forest; Case Boss; Leif Matheson Deputy Fire management office sequoia Nat'l park; Kayla Rodriguez; Tim Garrison, Rodney Roberts VROP; Joaquin Marquez District Fire Management officer; Peter Cocosa Fire Academy Director, Fresno City college. David Clark

- Industry Introduction and updates – see written notes
- RC program overview and meeting objectives –
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- Program Updates
 - Adam provided an update of what recommendations have been addressed and completed.
 - One year temporary faculty – ranked #4 for permanent op.
 - Tim Garrison moved to have advisory committee write a letter to Dr. Buckley regarding need for full-time faculty as well as facility need
 - Ron Garcia – saw shop is a high priority have two groups working on saws every day. All classes have element of saw training, there is overlap. Can we build basic work benches for out by CONEX boxes.
 - ADAM – we can have temporary fixes but we need college to make an investment.
 - Adam has set up a standalone fire center to serve college course needs and have a training MOU with Sierra to put on standalone classes held at the college.
 - Rodney – need entry level people – they are lowering the requirements to try to get people hired. They have two people applying for four positions. Lack or people applying. Need to promote programs to get enrollment. Need to double classes to get people in those programs. Huge job need.
 - Reedley college- administratively determined training crew. Set up crew and sponsor through sierra (Students got jobs on crews so did not need). Need dispatch center to sponsor.
 - Joaquin - AD programs sponsored by the forest. ON Standby pick up under severity code and presuppression codes. As far as being approved... unknown. MOU possibly needed. Goss question. Regional resource, sent out everywhere. Can be kept for local needs. Forest assigns. AD used to supplement when they lose hotshot crews. Could be a training crew.
 - Develop crew leadership structure
 - Develop process for implementing shared resources
 - Develop process to utilize RC transport lead truck and crew haulers
 - Develop funding source

- As degree document reviewed.
- Students – 75% job placement – those not placed are because they went through the program and did not want to continue the career.
- Recruitment event – All day even or in afternoon – invite high schools?
- Overview of program module changes –
 - Students can go into next phase because of additional instructor sam – can go into phase 2 Fuels management RX Fire
 - Spring start phase three. Fundamentals academy
 - Second half of spring is falling units
 - College credit for work experience
 - Small Leadership unit – S -131; S-2990; s-219; L-280 IAT-A-110; IAT-A-219
 - If there is no second teacher then we can't have full program happening continuously.
 - ROP student challenge would go into the phase three but all of the RC students from first fall are already going into the phase 3.
- **ACTION ITEMS**
 - Leif Matheson moved to have a letter written on behalf of the Advisory committee supporting the permanent full-time secondary instructor, and that the letter be sent to President Buckley by the next week. Seconded by Tim Garrison
 - Motion passed, voice vote
 - Joaquin Marquez moved to have the RC fire program consider further developing the Prescribed Fire Applications coursework capacity.
 - Motion passed, voice vote
 - Robert Bettencourt moved to support the program by moving forward with requests for the addition of other necessary positions including fire director and faculty/coordinator. Seconded by Jordan Flores.
 - Motion passed, voice vote.