



Amador Fire Safe Council

PO Box 1055, Pine Grove, CA 95665

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November 17th, 2021

3:00-5:00

19888 Church Street, Pine Grove (Behind to the Pine Grove Park)

Volcano Communications Tech Center

Gates for both parking lots will be available

AGENDA

1. Approve/Modify Agenda*
2. Approve/Modify October Minutes*
3. Introductions
4. Treasurers Report (John)*
5. Coordinator Report
 - a. Project Updates
6. Grants Committee Update (John)
 - a. Potential Grant Opportunity- CAFSC 2021 County Evacuation Route Grant Opportunity
7. Fire Safe Ordinance Committee (Connie)
8. AlertWildfire Cameras Project Update (Frank)
9. FireWise Community Groups Update (Dick)
10. Public Comment
11. Other items/adjourn



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MINUTES

Present: Frank Leschinsky, Dick Stamm, Susan Peters, Pat Minyard, John Heissenbittel & Jay Francis
Staff:

Public: Cindy Engels, Tom Ellison, Patrick Chew, Jackie Vaughn, Aaron Vogel, Ralph Meyer, Robert Deakin & Mike DeLaseaux

1. Approve/Modify Agenda – Pat called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The proposed Agenda was approved unanimously.
2. Approve/Modify August Minutes – The September 2021 minutes as distributed were approved unanimously.
3. Introductions – Board members and the public in attendance introduced themselves.
4. Treasurers Report – The Budget shows that as of **9/30/21** we had an account balance of **\$269,248** in the bank. We will resume fuelbreak work after the rains end the fire season so expenditures will increase soon. We also received a \$500 donation from Co-Bank thanks to a designation from Paul Bergson
5. Coordinator Report – see attached Coordinator Report for specifics. In Amanda's absence, John gave updates on various projects.
 - a. Project Updates
 - i. Mitchell Mine Fuel Break – Additional \$300,000 from CAL-FIRE for maintenance has been approved.
 - ii. Tiger Creek Fuel Break –
 - iii. Amador County Stewardship – The environmental work has been completed. This will now make us eligible for an implementation grant. Covers 9 BLM parcels between Highway 88 – Shake Ridge Road.
 - iv. Amador County Collaborative Ingress, Egress, and Education Project – Work on County Roads should begin with the end of the fire season. An additional \$600,000 - \$1,100,000 may be available from CAL-FIRE thru the RCD
6. Grants Committee Update – Cindy Engels stated that if the AFSC was serious about acquiring a drone, the County may want to partner with us. She also talked about the Evacuation Route Grant. John is planning to watch the informational webinar for this one and will coordinate with Cindy. Cindy asked if we could provide a Letter of Support for a Caltrans Strategic Planning Route Grant that was due by Oct. 27.
7. Fire Safe Ordinance Committee – No updates to report.
8. AlertWildfire Cameras Project Update – Frank reported that they are still working on the two new cameras

at Kirkwood and Schneider Cow Camp. PG&E is also trying to get a Remote Access Weather Station at the Leek Springs Lookout.

9. Firewise Communities Groups – Dick reported on a meeting with Fiddletown Park committee. He is currently working with eight potential FireWise Community groups – three of them are very active and five others are still in the organizational phases. The projected start-up budget for River Pines FireWise is \$1,826.
10. Lockwood Radio Group Update - Jackie & Aaron gave a presentation on a new organization they have started. The Lockwood Neighborhood Radio Watch seeks to provide an alternative means of communication when the power is out, cell phones don't work and emergency communication is necessary. They are looking to raise awareness, get a letter of support for their efforts from AFSC and desire help in potential grant opportunities. They are hoping to raise \$10,000 to get started.
11. Public Comment –
12. Other items/adjourn – None

Meeting Adjourned at 4:47 pm

Amador Fire Safe Council Coordinator Monthly Report

Nov-21

Date Range: October 20th 2021- November 15th 2021

Project	Update	Future Planned Actions
Mitchell Mine	RFP has been released for the final phase of the project. Handwork on 10 acres.	Review bids and make contractor selection
Tiger Creek Fuel Break	Final reporting completed for the planning grant and grant officially closed.	Review bids and make contractor selection
	Contract executed for the Tiger Creek South Project (Calaveras County). Implementation in the next few weeks.	
	RFP has been released for the second phase of the project. ~80 acres of mastication work. Pre-bid site visit held; 4 contractors attended.	
AmCo Stewardship - Mokelumne Community Forest	EA/DR/FONSI signed. Concept proposal for implementation has been written, will submit to SNC when funding available.	Complete budget change letter and grant progress report. Close out grant.
		Submit implementation grant
Amador County Collaborative Ingress, Egress and Education Plan	RFP has been released for 20 miles of County priority roads.	Draft letters to individuals along county roads/ start collecting ROES.
		Review bids and make contractor selection.
County Coordinator - CAFSC	AFSC was awarded funding from the CAFSC to implement a county coordinator project. \$175,000 was awarded. This funding will support coordination and grant development for organization in the county that work on fuels management projects.	Compile/upload all necessary documents. Execute the grant agreement.
Grant Opportunities	AFSC Awarded Calfire grant for Pine Acres Grant	Execute final grant agreements.
	Tiger Creek Expansion grant application approved for funding	
	CAFSC County Coordinator Grant John developed grant and AW is reviewing and will submit - awarded.	
	Communications Grant for \$5000 submitted to cover technology (hardware/software) for communication/outreach. - Awaiting notification.	

AW: I will be on the East cost until November 26th, I will be working on and off and still available by email and phone.