



Amador Fire Safe Council

PO Box 1055, Pine Grove, CA 95665

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March 18th, 2020

Amador County Ag. Building, Large Conference Room

12200 Airport Rd # B, Jackson, CA 95642

3:00-5:00

AGENDA

- I. Approve/Modify Agenda*
- II. Approve/Modify February Minutes*
- III. Introductions
- IV. Treasurers Report (John)*
- V. Coordinator Report (Amanda)
 - a. Outreach Opportunities
 - i. Earth Day Amador – April 25th
 - ii. Amador County Fair – July 23rd-July 26th
 - b. Project Updates
 - i. Mitchell Mine Fuel Break
 - ii. Tiger Creek Fuel Break
 - iii. Amador County Stewardship – Mokelumne Community Forest
 - iv. Amador County Collaborative Ingress, Egress, and Education Project
- VI. Discussion of FY2020/2021 budget development
- VII. Community Fire Safe Councils Discussion (Amanda)
- VIII. Fire Safe Ordinance Committee (Connie)
- IX. Evacuation Route Committee Update (Amanda)
- X. Election/Re-election of Board Members*
- XI. Central Sierra Emergency Preparedness Group Update (Frank)
- XII. AlertWildfire Cameras Project Update (Frank)
- XIII. Public Comment
- XIV. Other items/adjourn



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MINUTES

Present: Connie Gonsalves, Jay Francis, John Heissenbuttel, Gary Thomas, Pat Minyard @ 4:19

Staff: Amanda Watson, Ed Struffenegger

Public: See sign-in sheet

- I. Connie Gonsalves called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm
- II. Approve/Modify Agenda: JH moved as amended, GT seconded, unanimous
- III. Introductions
- IV. Approve/Modify January Minutes: JH noted an error in the reported bank balance. The correct balance for the end of December should be \$17,180. GT moved to approve the Minutes as amended, JH seconded, unanimous
- V. Treasurers Report
 - Treasurer's report is attached.
 - Cash flow continues to be an issue as we try to spend ALL of the grant advance before requesting additional funds.
 - GT moved to approve the TR, JF seconded, unanimous
- VI. Coordinator Report
 - Amanda reviewed the coordinator report
 - Coordinator Report attached
 - Amanda gave an update on Mitchell Mill fuelbreak project. 4.6 miles planned for next phase.
 - Still working on additional ROEs. Project area may shift slightly to areas where we do have ROE.
 - A neighbor submitted some drone video footage of the completed project for our use.
 - Amanda gave an update on Tiger Creek fuelbreak project. CEQA completed, waiting to hear on SNC grant
 - Planning continues on AmCo Stewardship project (9 projects, all on BLM lands)
 - John announced we were awarded this grant by SNC today
 - There will be an additional round of CALFIRE town hall meetings
 - Several grant opportunities are becoming available

- VII. Discussion of Community Fire Safe Councils and AFSC's role
- Amanda submitted a draft Development document, discussion ensued.
 - General agreement to move forward to investigate allowing Fiddletown to come under the umbrella of the larger AFSC.
 - Dick offered to invite Chief Carmel Mitchell to give a presentation on FireWise at the April meeting
- VIII. Fire Safe Ordinance Committee (Connie)
- Still no meeting – difficulty getting County Counsel to attend
 - Connie reported on AB2167
- IX. Evacuation Route Committee Update (Amanda)
- Amanda reports that Cindy is continuing to work on this. Hoping to have a hand-out for the upcoming CALFIRE town-hall meetings.
- X. Central Sierra Disaster Preparedness Network Update (Frank)
- No update
- XI. AlertWildfire Cameras Project Update (Frank)
- No update
- XII. Public Comment
- Lynn extended an invitation to the Earth Day celebration at Detert Park
- XIII. Other items/adjourn

Meeting Adjourned 4:29pm and moved to closed session

AFSC FY 2019/2020 Budget and Year to Date

**FY 2019/2020 AFSC Budget
April 1, 2019-Mar 31, 2020**

**Income & Expenses
YTD FY 2019/2020
April 1 2019 – February 29, 2020**

Assets/Income

Bank Balance	\$ 30,280.	\$ 29,534.89
PG&E CEMA Program	100,000. ⁱ	75,000.00
Title III	6,400. ⁱⁱ	
SNC Tiger Creek	100,000. ⁱⁱⁱ	
Fire Prevention – Mitchell Mine	300,000. ^{iv}	66,600.00
Contributions	250.	218.51
A/I TOTAL	\$536,930.	\$141,818.51

Expenses

Operating:

302 Depreciation	450.	0.00
305 Service Charges	0	0.00
321 State Filing Fees	80.	85.00
324 Software Licensing	140.	100.00
330 Insurance, D&O	1,400.	1500.11
335 Internet Service	0.	0.00
343 Bank Charges	0.	75.00
345 Office Supplies	250.	128.73
346 Postage	400. ^v	147.90
350 Outreach	8,400.	5,927.41
356 Professional Fees	550.	555.00
365 Telephone	900. ^{vi}	281.67
370 Travel & Entertainment	2000. ^{vii}	1,334.55
Total	\$14,570.	\$10,135.37

Contractual:

305 AFSC Coordinator	28,900.	\$ 25,299.94
310 RPF Professional Forester	25,000.	45,500.00
320 Groundwork Contracted Labor	440,295. ^{viii}	93,099.08
311 Bookkeeper	4,000.	1289.05
Total	\$498,195.	\$165,188.07

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$512,765.	\$175,323.44
CASH FLOW YTD		

April 1, 2020 Bank Account Balance \$24,165.00

Feb 29, 2020 Bank Account Balance \$29,534.89

ⁱ Assumes AFSC receives grant from PG&E

ⁱⁱ Closes out remaining in account with County

ⁱⁱⁱ Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant for environmental work

^{iv} Fire Prevention Grant from Cal Fire \$1,017,239 thru 3/15/2022. For 2019 assume @ \$25K for professional forester, \$15 K for oversight, \$15K Coordinator, \$3K Bookkeeper, \$110K Groundwork.

^v Doubled because increased grants requires increased ROE mailings.

^{vi} Assume Board agrees we need new phone service

^{vii} Double what is forecasted for FYI 2018 due to increase in grants

^{viii} Only to be spent if all funds are available (PG&E?)

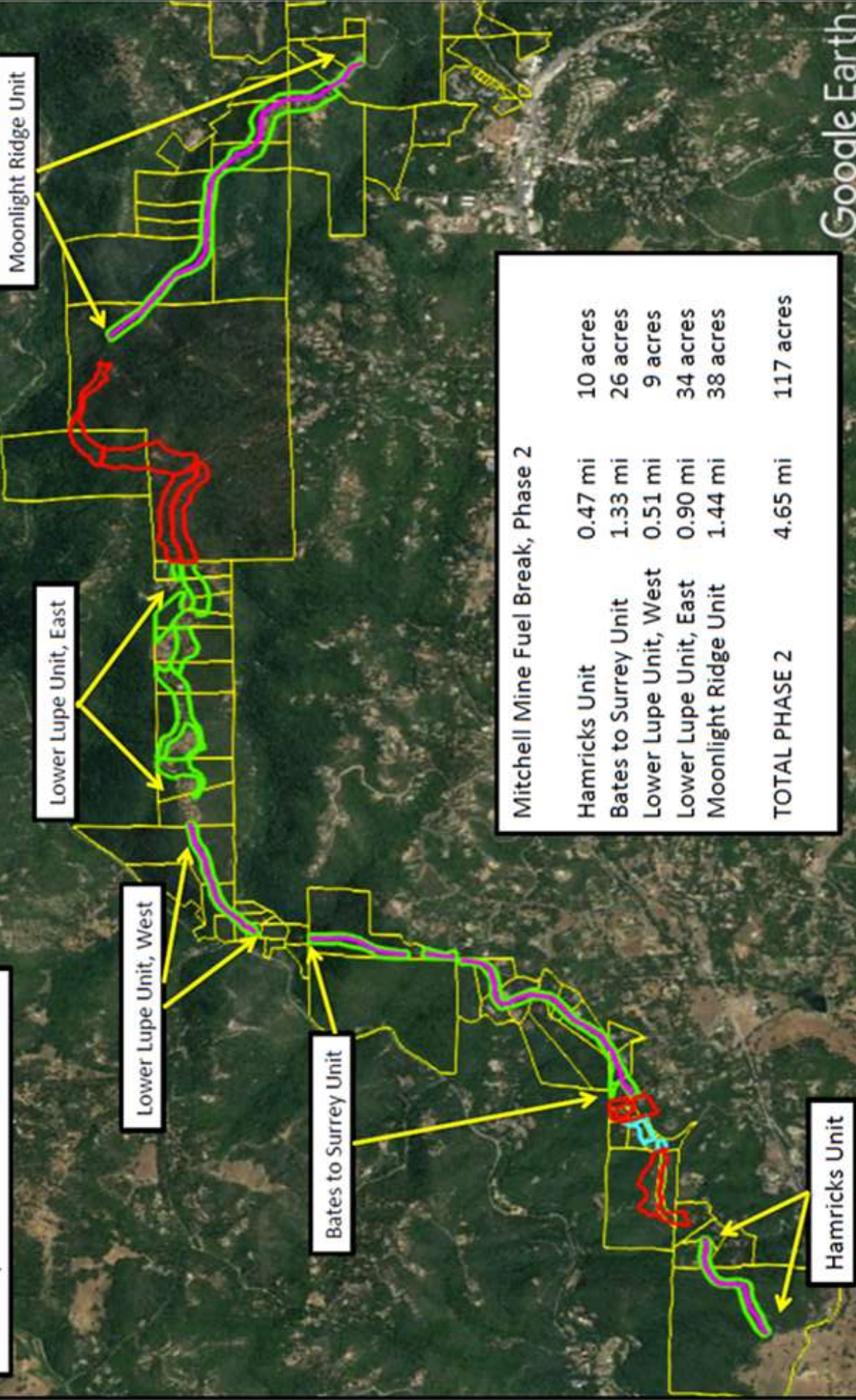
Amador Fire Safe Council		
Coordinator Monthly Report		
Mar-20		
Date Range:	February 19 2020- March 17th 2020	
Project	Update	Future Planned Actions
Mitchell Mine	Request for Proposal for released for Phase 2 (117 acres). Pre-Bid tour held 3/17. Proposals are due March 23rd. Goal for completion June 15th 2020. (See project map attached)	Continue to amend project map for fuel break expansion throughout the project
	Held second site visit with CalFire of the Lupe Road and Westview sites, approved of the work.	Send whole project letter with updated project map - Early April
	Working with CalFire crews to schedule work that can be completed by the crews.	Make contractor selection and execute contracts Schedule CalFire Camp crew work locations
Tiger Creek Fuel Break	Full proposal for implementation funds submitted; this project will most likely be funded but has not been officially approved. Implementation grant, \$822,150 to complete 150 acres of fuels reduction, 1 mile of fuelbreak construction and 4 miles of ingress/egress. Submitted to SNC Forest Health Grant Program	Follow up on CEQA approval.
	Beginning project execution planning, arch site identification/flagging and bird surveys to be conducted. We decide to continue to work off of planning funding and not close out the project yet.	Complete progress report/invoicing
	CEQA documentation completed and submitted to SNC (Lead Agency).	Meet with ED and BLM for project planning
AmCo Stewardship - Mokelumne Community Forest	Awarded: Planning grant awarded: \$93,504. 431 acres. A total of 9 project areas on BLM property. Funding source: SNC Forest Health Grant Program.	Planning meeting with Jan Bray and Grants Committee scheduled for 3/18
Amador County Collaborative Ingress, Egress and Education Plan	Awarded: Implementation Grant funding awarded; \$1,044,296 to treat 60 miles of road. Contract will likely be signed in September 2020.	Start project planning
General AFSC Outreach	Calfire Town Hall Dates: Cancelled due to COVID 19	Update Facebook page Update AFSC website
	All public meetings currently postponed.	Develop Outreach: Annual Report/Evacuation Maps
Grant Opportunities	CalFire announced the draft RFP for the Wildfire Resilience & Forestry Assistance grants . The application period starts March 31st. CAL FIRE expects to award at least \$2,200,000 of Proposition 68 funding for Forestry Assistance in the fiscal year 2019/2020 with a minimum grant amount of \$750,000. Projects may include forest restoration activities for forestland already impacted by natural disturbance such as fire, insect, and disease, and forest management practices that promote forest resilience to severe wildfire, climate change, and other disturbances.	Schedule Project Review Meeting of the Grants Committee
Title 3	Board should consider asking for additional Title 3 funding	
Administration	AW will look into video conferencing and email newsletter development	
	AW working with Amador Resource Conservation District (ARCD) to become ARCD staff. Contract for AW time will need to be negotiated with the ARCD.	

As of 3/15/2020

Grant Budget					
5GG17109 Mitchell Mine Watershed Protection - Phase 2					
Original Budget				Expended to	
Budget Category	Grant	AFSC Match	Partner Match	Date	Remaining Funds
Contractual	\$ 918,239.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 168,912.00	\$ 171,513.88	\$ 746,725.12
Handwork - CYA Camp	\$ 15,239.00		\$ 168,912.00	\$ -	\$ 15,239.00
Handwork - Contract	\$ 125,000.00			\$ -	\$ 125,000.00
Mechanical Mastication	\$ 667,500.00			\$ 109,225.00	\$ 558,275.00
Registered Professional Forester	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		\$ 39,125.00	\$ 8,875.00
Project Oversight	\$ 62,500.00			\$ 23,163.88	\$ 39,336.12
Other Cost		\$ 16,344.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
AFSC Board Admin		\$ 1,344.00			\$ -
BLM EIS			\$ 30,000.00		\$ -
State Park CEQA			\$ 30,000.00		\$ -
Private Land CEQA		\$ 15,000.00			\$ -
Indirect (10.7815%)	\$ 99,000.00			\$ 18,491.77	\$ 80,508.23
Total	\$ 1,017,239.00	\$ 46,344.00	\$ 228,912.00	\$ 190,005.65	\$ 827,233.35

Grant Budget				
SNC 1096 Tiger Creek Planning Project				
July 2019 - December 2020			Expended to	
Budget Category	Grant		Date	Remaining Funds
Project Management	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 1,847.67	\$ 652.33
Archaeological Survey	\$ 27,800.00		\$ -	\$ 27,800.00
Resource Surveys	\$ 41,100.00		\$ 20,842.42	\$ 20,257.58
CEQA/NEPA Development	\$ 21,100.00		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 16,600.00
Administration	\$ 7,500.00		\$ -	\$ 7,500.00
Total	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 27,190.09	\$ 72,809.91

Mitchell Mine Fuel Break, Phase 2
Completed area = 
February 2020



Google Earth

Imagery Date: 6/25/2018 lat 38.420254° lon -120.699178° elev 2415 ft eye alt 27451 ft

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