



Amador Fire Safe Council

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June 19th, 2024

3:00-5:00

Virtual Meeting Only

Attend In-Person	Attend Virtually
<p align="center">NO IN-PERSON OPTION THIS MONTH</p>	<p align="center">Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2674846542?pwd=VjlrL25rMGkwY2paMmxhckhKbnJSZz09 Meeting ID: 267 484 6542 Call-In Number: 1(669)900-6833 Code: 2674846542# Passcode: 1055</p>

AGENDA

1. Approve/Modify Agenda*
2. Approve May Minutes*
3. Introductions
4. Treasurers Report (John)*
5. Coordinator Report (Amanda)
6. FireWise Community Program Update (Megan)
7. Partner Updates
 - a. Cal Fire
 - b. Amador Fire Protection District
 - c. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
8. Public Comment
9. Other items/adjourn

*Action items
Meeting will be recorded.



AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BOARD MEETING
May 15, 2024 3:00pm



1. Approve/Modify Agenda – JH motioned for approval, CG seconded

2. Approval of April Minutes (with date correction) – JH motioned for approval, FL seconded

3. Introductions: Frank Leschinsky (FL), John Heisenbuttel (JH), Chris Dowd (CD), Patrick Minyard (PM), Amanda Watson (AW), Dana Simpson (DS), Megan Watts (MW), Connie Gonsalves (CG), Jeff Brown, Jessica Roland, Chief Gaines, Pat McDaniel, Lynn Morgan, Sandy Creach, Sue Dee Shenk, Karen Gibbon/Richard, Bob Deacon, Ralph Meier

Absent: Susan Peters (SP)

4. Treasurer Report:

\$578,885.63 (mostly in different grant accounts) Reserve/General accounts are slightly weak as anticipated, since we've been spending money: Reserve fund \$5k; General \$83k. We are expecting \$225k in reimbursements as well.

5. Discussion for Revision to AFSC/ARCD Partnership Agreement – Staff Rate Changes (Dana)*:

- See Board Packet (ARCD Job Positions)

CD voiced reservations regarding sustainability of California's economic issues, FL shared same concerns

Motion to approve revision: JH Seconded: CD All in favor: Aye (5) Nay (0) Absent (1)

6. Mitchell Mine Fuel Break Maintenance Demonstration Presentation (Brian Allen, CA University Cooperative Extension)

- See presentation document on website

7. Coordinators Report:

- See Board Packet

8. Firewise Update:

Preparing for the Amador County Fair and the booth staffing (kudos to the Firewise Community Leads for signing up for shifts so quickly!). Still working on a few neighborhoods and getting them certified. Plugging along per usual. Sue Dee Shenk from the East Silver Lake Improvement Association introduced herself and spoke to the efforts being made to make Silver Lake Firewise.

9. Partner Update:

CAL FIRE: Wildfire prevention grants should be releasing info in late Summer/early Fall. Also met with FS and SPI regarding the Doaks VMP. Big picture should be 200' Fuel Break down in the Mokelumne.

AFPD: None

BLM: 14-acre parcel to be treated – Crestview Property in Pine Grove. Could potentially be the kickoff for the Pine Grove Central Fuel Break. BLM has been (AW)

10. Public Comment:

Supervisor Brown said the 73 miles of County Roads treated by the AFSC was much appreciated and acknowledged at the most recent Board of Supervisors meeting.

Adjourn: 4:43pm

AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

	2024 Budget		As of May 31, 2024
Expenses			
Grants Expenses			
305 AFSC Coordinator	80,000.00	1	35,873.59
306 Coordinator Assistant	6,000.00	2	4,428.16
307 Outreach Coordinator	40,000.00	3	25,038.75
308 Technical Assistance	8,000.00	4	1,577.63
309 Project Management	70,000.00	5	27,618.95
310 RPF Professional Forester	125,000.00		49,562.50
315 Environmental Documentation	10,000.00		0.00
320 Groundwork Contracted Labor	2,332,750.00		1,169,675.78
350 Outreach/Materials/Supplies	10,000.00		1,935.24
Total Grant Expenses	2,681,750.00		1,315,710.60
Operating Expenses			
311 Bookkeeper	10,000.00	4	4,767.82
321 State Filing Fees	350.00		100.00
330 Insurance, D&O	2,000.00		0.00
343 Bank Charges	50.00		0.00
345 Office Supplies	4,000.00		0.00
346 Postage	400.00		9.85
350 General Outreach	10,000.00	6	1,125.00
365 Professional Fees	600.00	7	0.00
365 Telephone	375.00		0.00
370 Mileage	4,000.00		561.46
Other	0.00		1,729.95
Total Operating Expenses	31,775.00		8,294.08
Unrestricted Reserves	100,000.00		0.00
Total Expenses	2,813,525.00		1,324,004.68
Revenue			
Grants			
PG&E CEMA Program	30,000.00	8	0.00
SNC Tiger Creek Implementation	29,750.00	9	1,051.07
SNC Tiger Creek Enhancement	43,675.00	9	10,156.10

CAL FIRE Ingress/Egress 1	599,600.00	9	179,498.77
CAL FIRE Ingress/Egress 2	428,508.00	10	378,657.13
SNC County Steward Implementation	283,600.00	11	998.24
Community Fuel Break	294,175.00	12	122,366.41
CAL FIRE Pine Acres Maintenance	333,233.00	9	14,343.47
CAFSC County Coordinator	8,700.00	9	8,673.53
CAFSC County Coordinator – Round 2	81,300.00	9	17,026.47
CalFire Evacuation Improvement	183,000.00	9	261,156.18
CAL FIRE Upper Rancheria	587,750.00	10	345,886.33
Misc Grant Income			
Contributions	500.00		68.39
Indirect/Admin Revenue	290,329.00		139,241.00
Interest Income	200.00		124.78
Total Revenue	3,194,320.00		1,479,247.87

1. Assumes 100 hours/month
2. Assumes 10 hours/month
3. Assumes 80 hours/month
4. Assumes 16 hours/month
5. Assumes 100 hours/month
6. Outreach that is not directly billable to a specific grant
7. Tax preparation.
8. Assumes we receive grant.
9. Assumes we complete 100% of the grant this year.
10. Assumes we complete 80% this year.
11. Assumes we complete 40% this year.
12. Assumes we complete 75% this year.

Amador Fire Safe Council Fund Balances

	As of Dec 31, 2023	As of May 31, 2024
3000 General Fund	106,797.38	110,347.96
Upper Rancheria Advance	0.00	0.00
Savings/Reserve Account	100,016.99	5,041.43
4255 PG&E/CWPP	94,180.01	185.80
4412 Tiger Creek Enhance	32,804.55	32,811.36
4420 CFSC Coordinator	4,754.63	100.13
4222 Tiger Creek Implementation	2,808.66	2,458.99
4651 Ingress/Egress	43,451.81	782.74
4834 AmCo Stewardship	312,525.74	311,075.18
4842 Community Fuel Break	73,302.29	199.25
4842 Pine Acres Fuel Break	106,901.35	103,579.25
Total	\$ 877,543.41	566,582.09

Amador Fire Safe Council Grant Snapshot
as of May 31, 2024

	AFSC	<u>Grant Period</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>	<u>Direct Cost</u>	<u>Indirect Cost</u>	<u>Grant Funds Spent to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Advance</u>	<u>Invoiced</u>	<u>Amount remaining</u>
1	Coordinator (CAFSC) - COMPLETE	11/15/2021 - 3/31/2024	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 157,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	Amador County Evac Improvement - CWPP (CalFire) 5GG21101 - COMPLETE	6/14/2022 - 3/15/2024	\$ 379,982.40	\$ 335,000.00	\$ 40,712.40	\$ 379,982.40		\$ 285,908.32	\$ -
3	Coordinator (CAFSC) - Round 2	4/15/2024 - 12/31/2024	\$ 173,217.00	\$ 157,470.00	\$ 15,747.00	\$ 18,729.12	\$ 67,878.88	\$ 86,608.00	\$ 154,487.88
4	Tiger Creek Implementation 1200 (SNC)	7/28/2020 - 1/1/2025	\$ 834,126.00	\$ 744,756.00	\$ 89,370.00	\$ 798,588.03	\$ -	\$ 47,804.54	\$ 35,537.97
5	Tiger Creek Enhancement 1330 (SNC)	9/13/2021 - 1/1/2025	\$ 220,200.00	\$ 200,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 181,836.13	\$ 16,380.67		\$ 38,363.87
6	Ingress/Egress (CalFire) 5GG19102	5/13/2020 - 3/1/2025	\$ 1,044,296.00	\$ 949,360.00	\$ 94,936.00	\$ 706,984.13	\$ -	\$ 7,283.45	\$ 337,311.87
7	Pine Acres (CalFire) 5GG20101	approval - 3/15/2025	\$ 515,405.00	\$ 468,550.00	\$ 46,855.00	\$ 39,771.16	\$ 89,080.08		\$ 475,633.84
8	Ingress/Egress Phase 2 5GA21119	6/2/2022 - 03/15/2025	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 545,455.00	\$ 54,545.00	\$ 416,522.84	\$ 1,525.80	\$ 396,645.34	\$ 183,477.16
9	Upper Rancheria Community Fuel Break 5GA21149	- 5/31/2025	\$ 950,010.00	\$ 863,645.00	\$ 86,365.00	\$ 393,707.64	\$ -	\$ 143,019.66	\$ 556,302.36
10	RFFCP - SNC	2 years Expected not Executed	\$ 213,290.00		\$ 19,390.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 213,290.00
11	Amador Community Fuel Break Develop Proj (CalFire) 5GG21201	8/4/2022 - 3/15/2026	\$ 726,000.00	\$ 660,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 426,386.23	\$ -	\$ 1,196.67	\$ 299,613.77
12	AmCo Implementation 1370 (SNC)	8/23/2022 - 1/1/2028	\$ 1,288,444.00	\$1,171,313.00	\$ 117,131.00	\$ 462,326.02	\$310,848.94		\$ 826,117.98
			\$ 7,119,970.40	\$5,603,279.00	\$ 668,551.40	\$ 3,999,833.70	\$ 485,714.37	\$ 968,465.98	\$ 3,120,136.70

*matches Unearned Revenue *Matches Accounts Receivable

**Amador Fire Safe Council
Coordinator Monthly Report**

Jun-24

Date Range: May 12 2024 - June 17th 2024

Project	Update	Future Planned Actions
Amador County Collaborative Ingress, Egress and Education Plan	Tamryn and Gordon have driven the new potential private road project areas: Mace Meadows, Stone Jug, and Manzanita/Meadowlark.	Review of county and private roads will be presented at the July AFSC Project Committee Meeting. There will be funding for one more round of treatment.
	Work has started on private roads Nate Unit 1: Andrews Lane- & Quartz Mtn/Meath/Twin Pines- Contractor: Nate's Tree Service Unit 2: Nina & Hampton Roads & Fiddletown Park Contractor: Davidson's	Manage private road projects
Community Fuel Break Project	Crestview Parcel project is under way. The contract has been executed with Watson Industries and a fire variance has been approved to conduct work.	Complete work before July 1
	Current potential Projects Include: Butte Mtn, Bonnefoy FWC, Mt. Crossman, Central Pine Grove (Mobile Home Estates), Silver Lake Basin. New Projects will be initially reviewed at July AFSC Project Committee Meeting: Rendic FB, Manzanita/Meadow Lark Road, New York Ranch Road	Plan community fuel break projects over summer 2024
	AFSC Staff met to discuss Community Fuel Break Project Planning. Tentative Schedule: <u>July 1</u> : Planning Schedule and Project Summary template presented to AFSC Project Committee. <u>Second week in July</u> : all Community Leads contacted. <u>August 1</u> : All desk reviews and initial site visits completed. <u>September 1</u> : All Project Summaries completed and presented to AFSC Project Committee. Mid-September: Project Summaries sent to Community Leads.	
Upper Rancheria Fuel Break	Ed reports that Bordges could be done with their contract by the end of this week, no later than the week of June 24-28, 2024. Trying hard to finish prior to the deadline we set of June 30, 2024. So far Bordges has invoiced for 104 acres. Good chance they won't get all 164 acres that is their contract, but suspect it will be in the 140-150 acre range. They have worked their whole time to the west. They have had great cooperation from area landowners. Two landowners have given Bordges access to their roads that reach to the ridge, which allows Bordges to save time and fuel in refueling and maintenance of equipment.	Work will continue in the Fall on the remaining area of the fuel break.

<p>County Coordinator - CAFSC</p>	<p>CWPP and County Mapping meetings will be scheduled for July. AW has been working with ESRI to identify training and contractor options and identify committee members.</p>	<p>Would any board members like to serve on the CWPP or County Mapping Committees?</p>
<p>Pine Acres Fuel Break - Maintenance</p>	<p>Nate's Tree Service has been working on the southern section of their Project Area since late May. AFSC wants 30 acres done by June 30, approx an acre a day. Due to weather conditions and short repairs needed, Nate's should be close to getting their 30 acres done by our soft deadline of June 30 for stopping due to fire threats. Treatment zones are very steep with tall dead grass and rocks. RPF and Project Manager are reviewing the weather closely to evaluate how long, where, and when work will take place.</p>	<p>Continue to monitor work onsite.</p>
<p>ARCD/AFSC Partnership</p>	<p>Representatives from both Boards met for a strategic planning session. Staff was directed to facilitate bi-annual strategic planning meetings that correspond to the ending of each organization's fiscal year (June and December). Both organizations' representatives expressed that the partnership is serving the organizations and the community. Currently all AFSC Staff are working out of the ARCD/NRCS office and there is limited office space.</p>	<p>Is the AFSC okay with branding the office space to include AFSC? Do we want to keep the cubicle in the Court Street Building?</p>
<p>Funding</p>	<p>Grants Funded: County Coordinator Funding: continuing the funding of county coordination until December 2024 - \$175k Ohio Hill Fuel Break- partial: PG&E \$37,300 12 acres treatment. Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFCP) Round 3: Mapping/Organization Capacity - \$213,290 Awaiting funding announcement CalFire CCI Wildfire Prevention solicitation: <u>County-wide CWPP Update</u> \$167k <u>Ohio Hill Community Fuel Break</u>, 240 acres, \$917k <u>Volcano Hills Community Fuel Break</u>, 270 acres, \$1.019mil BLM Fuels NOFO: <u>Rancheria Ridge/CWPP Update</u>: \$691,460</p>	