



Amador Fire Safe Council

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“The Mission of the Amador County Fire Safe Council is to protect the people of Amador County and their property from the effects of catastrophic wildfire through education, cooperation, innovation and action. “

Amador Fire Safe Council Executive Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

December 17, 2014

Amador County Agriculture Department Conference Room
12200 – B Airport Road, Martell

Attendance: Cathy Koos Breazeal, Executive Director, Amy Rocha, Secretary, NRCS; Steve Bonner; Elena Knox; Connie Gonsalves, Paul Maben, Tony M., John Hoffman, Helen Page, Thomas Tinsley, Proxy from Rebecca to Steve and from Jan to Paul.

1. Call to Order – 3:00 pm by President Steve B.
2. Agenda – Move bids to closed session – Elena moved to approve as amended. Helen 2nd. Passed voice vote
3. Introductions -
4. Minutes – November 19th, 2014 Elena Moved. Tony 2nd. Motion Passed.
5. Treasurer’s Report
 - A. Drop Tiger Creek RAC from report. Report doesn’t include Title III, treasurer’s report still work in progress.
 - B. MOTION – Contact Nancy the bookkeeper to attend February 18th Firesafe Council Meeting, bring summary of books and have correct balances. Connie Motion. Steve 2nd. Motion Passed voice vote.
 - C. Discussion continues about disparities on report.
 - D. MOTION Amended – Contact Nancy the bookkeeper to attend February 18th Firesafe Council meeting. Review report & codes with Cathy in January and have summary of accurate accounts & codes 1 week prior to FSC meeting.
 - i. Elena will email Nancy with Steve doing possible followup. Connie motion. Steve 2nd
 - E. We need more of a definition for code 950.
 - F. Vehicle for payment to get administration money
 - G. Loaded rate & procedure to derive loaded rate.
 - H. Discussed treasurer’s report.
6. Executive Director’s report – See Attached
 - A. New reporting procedure for CAFSC grants.
 - B. 3 neighborhoods that had work completed with PGE grant had no problems from wind storm, no power outages.
 - C. New homeowners guide – Offer copies to Real Estate agents, Insurance agents, Homeowners associations.

D. High Country CWPP – Assets at Risk 35 pages

- i. Recreation, water, timber, transSierra Highway, Water & Power infrastructure
- ii. Narrative

- A. Unaccompanied minors in camps with limited emergency evacuation plans, Many FS campgrounds and dispersed camping locations.
- B. Showed youtube video of inexperienced bigfoot tracker/camper in our area.
- C. Used Jim S. template with some text reused.
- D. Reviewed a lot of Chapter 4 Assets at Risk
- E. Appointment with ranchers about grazing scheduled.
- F. Lots of recreation in area.
- G. Map of unit shows WUI & assets at risks & gravity supply line, also shows ownership.
- H. Steve recommended putting maps on web page as read only.
- I. Stakeholders meetings one in Jackson & one in Buckhorn.
- J. ID main escape roads make main routes as safe as possible, turnouts along 1 lane roads.

7. FSC Invoice Confirmation - as attached

8. Announcements – EQIP applications being accepted now.

9. Committee/Grant Reviews – see above

10. Old Business

- A. Title III – Packets handed out given to John H and awaiting his comments. Mentioned that Pine Grove may not be eligible for reimbursement – Pine Grove not done with cooperation with FS. No FS on steering committee.
- B. Employee vs. contractor discussion tabled to January

11. New business – Moved to closed session

12. Public Comments

- A. Tom T – 330 applications for GHG \$120 million in request and \$20 million to spend. Should get a letter by end of year to invite for full proposal. Deadline for full proposals, SRA Jan 27 and GHG February 27. 20 applications on this unit from GHG. 3 application in basin. Should obligate by the end of June.

13. Next Meeting – January 21, 2015

14. Closed Session 4:40 pm

- A. Ground Work Bids – CHIPS \$752 / day crew of 3 plus chipper – Heisunbuttals – Average between 1/3 Defensible space, 1/3 Roadside & 1/3 edge \$1725/day. Only two applicants, Rubini's too busy. Suggested to send out more specific bid packets if possible. Recipients prequalified through Cathy then Cathy sends out crew, tries to cluster areas together.
 - i. MOTION – Accepts CHIPS bid & authorize ED to go forward with contracting. Helen. 2nd by Steve.
- B. Website – Member Info.
- C. Table housekeeping to March
- D. Adjourn closed session 5:15 pm.