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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

July 16, 2014

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

Attendance: Steve Bonner, President; Rebecca Brown, Vice President; Elena Knox, Treasurer; Directors Jan Bray, Connie Gonsalves, Paul Maben; Guests CAL FIRE Division Chief Tom Tinsley; USFS Fuels Officer Robyn Woods; John Heissenbuttel, Heissenbuttel Natural Resources Consulting; John Hofmann, Consultant to Amador County Board of Supervisors; Cathy Koos Breazeal, Executive Director.

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Bonner at 3:02 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda. Added agenda item: PG&E Grant. Motion, R Brown, 2nd Paul Maben, Motion Passed Unanimously (MPU).
3. Introductions.
4. Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2014. Motion R Brown; 2nd, E Knox, MPU
5. Treasurer’s Report. Presented by E Knox. Reviewed Title III invoice; Sherwood in lieu issue; requested bookkeeper add closeout date to grant lines; directed to call a meeting with J Hofmann, L Blevins, E Knox, N Fort, C Koos Breazeal to discuss Title III. Motion R Brown, 2nd J Bray, MPU.
6. Executive Director’s Report. Projects status and activities reviewed.
7. Invoices for approval. All expenses for the month were pre-approved (payroll, taxes, bookkeeping, in lieu payments for completion of Sherwood project).
8. Announcements. J Heissenbuttel announced an ACCG field trip to review the Power Fire.
9. Committee/Grant Reviews. Covered under Executive Director’s Report.
10. Old business.
 - Employee Handbook. R Brown needs headings/categories feedback.
11. New business.

- PG&E CEMA Grant. Funds are due to drought declaration by CPUC; intent to work with fire safe councils around the state for shovel-ready projects; programmatic EIRs possible; ACRT has target list.

12. Public Comments.

- J Hofmann discussed Title III invoice; \$17000 allocated for High Country CWPP, spent \$1500; \$20,000 for Firewise Activities (Contracted \$15,000); \$12,000 allocated for homeowners guide with landscaping component; Fiddletown Plan – you have \$23,000 to spend, \$3800 reimbursement okay; Bump and Run – if Sierra Highlands is not Firewise within 1 year, not allowed. Discussion of “contracted,” “Allocated,” and use of recorded BOS minutes as the contracting instrument; operating in good faith; BOS hearing/presentation August 12 for list of projects to fund; focus on a project.

R Woods – offered to contact USFS Region 5 for Title III direction. John Hofmann has heartburn over the Fiddletown Plan; plan is not on FS land and within private fireshed. Stevens Fund very liberal. Hofmann: we gave them \$23,000 for Fiddletown. CWPP is BOS priority; \$11,950 homeowners guide with landscape component.

13. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

14. Next meeting, July 16, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

15. Closed session.