



Amador Fire Safe Council

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November 14, 2018
Amador County Ag. Building, Large Conference Room
12200 Airport Rd # B, Jackson, CA 95642
3:00-5:00

Minutes

In Attendance:

Directors: Pat Minyard, Connie Gonsalves, Jan Bray, Connie Gonsalves, Frank Leschinsky
Agency: Robert Deakin/Landowner, Ralph Meier/Landowner, Debbie Mackey/Jackson Fire, Ryan Hamre/AFP, Dick Stamm/Landowner-Firewise, Mark Weidner/CAL FIRE BC, Batt 3

Meeting called to order by 1503 hours.

- I. Approve/Modify Agenda – agenda approved unanimously.
- II. Approved October 2018 Minutes – unanimous approval.
- III. Introductions
- IV. Fire Cameras – Frank spoke and worked with Dr. Graham Kent at UNR and gave him ownership data for the fire towers on which the cameras need to be installed. Much discussion ensued. Question about ownership of cameras – is it AFSC or PG&E? Installation is anticipated in Winter 2018/2019. We will ask Richard Yarnell about cameras ownership. Perhaps we can donate it to a local fire agency? In the future, let's do a presentation to the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting.
- V. Treasurers Report - John states there is \$38,109 in the grants account, and \$460 from the Network for Good website donation.
- VI. Coordinator Report – per Pat (Amanda is in San Diego at a CARCD Convention)
 - a. Celebrate Pine Grove event – similar to Fair setup, in the park.
 - b. Grant Updates:
PG&E: Extended to end of November: Sandar Road and Kennedy Mine are completed; a draft Fuelbreak project sign will be made by Merzlak and posted on Kennedy Mine site. John will prepare an article to Ledger Dispatch for publication.
 - c. Mitchell Mine FB: Amanda working on RFP; we need a Grants Committee meeting to finalize RFP. Public outreach/ mailing planned for December 2018.

- d. Website: Amanda has 2 contractors she's working with; project on hold until she received more information. Amanda displayed ideas for the new website; timeline to have a new website completed is February 2019. Title III – remaining funds (\$4668.04) will be spent on website/outreach.
- e. Grant Opportunities:
 - i. SNC - Antelope and Tiger Creek projects submitted to SNC.
 - ii. CCI – Antelope (Jan) and Tiger Creek (John) projects will be submitted to CCI/CAL FIRE for implementation. Connie and Pat will be co-leads for a CCI Fire Prevention grant in Education/Outreach.
 - iii. CCI – Education/Outreach – collaborate with CCRCD; potentially work in a VIP-type program to do Defensible Space inspections and get buy-in from neighborhoods.
- f. Grant Resolutions (3) to submit the projects noted above under item e. to be applied to CCI/CAL FIRE.

VII. Public Comment:

- a. Robert appreciates seeing the Potential Projects table and hopes to have his project move forward.
- b. Dick said they are now a Firewise-Certified community for 3 years. Dick said he'd be happy to volunteer to help get more communities certified. Regarding using herbicide for project maintenance, we need to add Pest Control Advisors to the website as a link.
- c. Dick asked about the status of the Grant Projects Potential Projects – Pat stated the Grants Committee needs to meet and develop criteria. Jan suggested the Grants Committee meet to develop criteria and run it by the Fuels Reduction Collaborative for review as a landscape-style strategy.
- d. Debbie requested we develop an Evacuation Plan (or refresh an existing plan). She will check with John Silva/OES on this issue. We need to update our existing Evacuation Plans (on the AFSC Website).

VIII. December Meeting_____NONE!

IX. Next meeting is January 16, 2019.

X. Meeting adjourned at 1629 hours.