



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 – Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes – April 18, 2018

Amador County General Services Administration Conference Room, 12200B Airport Road, Martell CA

Attendance:

Directors: Pat Minyard (PM), Jan Bray (JB), John Heissenbittel (JH), Jay Francis (JF), Connie Gonsalves (CG) and Frank Leschinsky.

Proxies: Paul Maben (PMa) to JB or JH

Coordinator: Amanda Watson (AW)

Public Member: Dick & Therese Stamm, Tom Lowry/RPF, John Labuda

TO DO Items noted in **green**

Agenda and Minutes: Meeting called to order at 1507. Approved unanimously without corrections or additions.

Introductions

Treasurers Report: Presented by JH:

- a. John is keeping records for future bookkeeper. JH is picking up/opening/summarizing mail from the AFSC Post Office correspondence. JH retrieved electronic files from Nancy's home computer.
- b. Outlook – we are in deficit position because we have not received the cash advance from CaFSC for WUI grant bills – still pending; serious cash flow issue (we currently have only about \$12,000 in general funds). **PM will send a letter directly to Amber Gardner/CaFSC to request movement/status of advance payment request.**
- c. Title III closeout – still pending – **JH to submit final invoices to AmCo/Chuck Iley (\$17,000+ to be invoiced) ASAP.**
- d. **PG&E grant 2018 – received \$137,740 from PG&E for fuels reduction efforts county-wide. JH, AW and JB will conduct field investigations and take before photos of potential areas to be treated.**

Coordinator Report: AW

- a. PG&E CEMA 2018 – concept proposal submitted – see item Treasurers Report item e above.
- b. WSWUI-2015: Deadline extended to May 31, 2018. We have 3 contractors (Bella Forestry, CHIPS and Bordges) in addition to CDCR Inmate crews from Pine Grove. We have 13 out of 14 landowners signed on. Mitchell Mine FB CEQA is progressing; RPF Tom Lowry is on schedule (pending archeological input) to finish CEQA project by May 31.
- c. General: Fair Booth meeting will be held April 23 (initial meeting from 1500-1600 hours). 2018 Agendas and Minutes are on website, **AW will put 2017 Agendas and Minutes on soon.**
- d. Grant opportunities are open; Grant committee decided to apply for a CCI grant for the Antelope WUI area. Mitchell Mine FB will be applied for under CCI/Fuels Reduction and CaFSC.
- e. **Bookkeeper applications have been received and will be reviewed by AW/JF/JH.**

- f. Title III: AW will work with Grant Committee to determine how to spend remaining \$6500. A new proposed deliverable is a website upgrade and education/outreach. Additional Title III monies are available to Amador County for the next 2 years.
- g. Strategic planning session held on 2018.4.17 – in attendance were CG, PM, JH, JF, JB, FL and AW. Much progress was made and AW sent the draft Strategic Planning documents on 2018.4.17. AW asks the Board to review the documents and send her edits in “Track Changes” NLT 2018.4.27. John would like to have it on the agenda for the May meeting to receive input from public and stakeholders.

Other Business:

- a. Outreach strategy – shirts (CG to handle) and vehicle magnets (AW to handle) will be purchased.
- b. Interagency Cooperators Collaborative followup – we will present at AmCo and CaCo BOS meetings. Minutes of the meeting will be attached for review along with these Minutes.

Public Comments:

- a. John Labuda and Stamm’s thanked AFSC for all the fuels reduction work.

Public Meeting Adjourned at 1558.

Closed Meeting called to session at 1600 re: Coordinator compensation. Adjourned at 1612 hours.

The next full Board meeting is scheduled for:
Wednesday, May 16, 2018.