



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

February 19, 2014

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

Attendance: Cathy Koos Breazeal, Executive Director; Amy Rocha, Secretary, NRCS; Jim Simmons; Steve Bonner; Jan Bray; Elena Knox; Helen Page; Tony Migliaccio; John Hofmann; Tom Tinsley, CalFire; Robyn Woods, USFS; Dick Yost, contractor. Proxy from Rebecca Brown to Steve Bonner.

1. Call to Order – 3:04 pm by President Steve B.
2. Approval of Agenda – Add Jim under new Business. Elena Moved. Helen 2nd. Motion passed.
3. Introductions -
4. Minutes – Steve should be referred to as President. – Elena moved to accept minutes. Steve 2nd, Motion Passed.
5. Treasurer’s report – Received bank statement plus transaction detail by class for Dec. and January. Received deposit from Forest Service for Tiger Creek RAC for \$11,456.50. Pre-award for CaFSC in March. Motion to accept treasurer’s report Jan, 2nd Steve Motion passed.
6. Executive Director’s report – See Attached
 - A. Facilitated a biomass discussion with ACCG reps to determine what all can agree on for biomass source fuel. The big issue is biomass coming from clear cuts.
 - B. Attended Forest Water Forum – Hosted by Calaveras Water District – Seemed to be to get forest and water entities working together.
 - C. Title II RAC – Tiger Creek – More money available, There was some distance left. Contract expiration date not known prior and had to pull out crews due to expiration. 3 year grant – money only obligated recently, started in October. Little money left but due to contract expiration would need to be extended and to extend would need to go through Ranger, Supervisor then to regional office. Need to find out how much completed and how much was left to do. Most money went to crews invoice for Guy’s Saw Shop - \$8,207.99, Admin \$1,600, Craig O donated RPF services for this project.
 - D. High Country CWPP Meeting 3/13 9 am for core work group.
 - E. ACART T-shirts changed design left AFSC holding onto t-shirts, can’t sell, donate or use. 9 shirts = \$112.50
7. FSC Invoice Confirmation – As attached Pre – approved
8. Announcements

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- A. EQIP drought sign-up deadline March 3, 2014
 - B. Economic Hub question
9. Committee/Grant Review –
- A. Employee handbook
 - i. Still need sick leave and appendixes – Job description. Will send out anything that needs to be reviewed.
 - B. CAG – March 31 – All ground work needs to be completed including burn piles.
 - C. Public Events Committee – Waiting for Firewise money
 - D. NFF – 6 month report will be due soon
10. Old Business
- A. Succession planning – 2 people having access to things. Cathy made a document outlining passwords, and equipment. Intuit is automatically coming from AFSC account. Bookkeeping update – looking at classes used. Plotter not ours, equipment at Cathy’s & Jim’s, splitter with CalFire. Jim & Cathy both AAA insurance will check if \$13 / year for homeowners rider.
 - i. Steve moved for Jim & Cathy to go forward and get an insurance rider on their homeowners policy for AFSC equipment. Elena 2nd. Motion passed.
11. New Business –
- A. Maps – Jim Simmons – working on project with SPI to map SPI fuel projects in El Dorado to Tuolumne county, then scaled down to the Wetzel – Oviatt properties. Jim asked to use AFSC software to do this mapping. There would be a direct benefit to AFSC and can use this possibly as an in-kind match. Elena moved that Jim Simmons has the council’s permission to use the software to do fuel load project mapping for SPI. Tony 2nd. Motion Passed.
12. Public Comments
- A. Defensible space meeting February 25th, plus meet and greet with new unit chief.
 - B. Tom Tinsley – New unit chief in December, hired 6 new techs, 4 on in April, 2 in May to do inspections, 2 out of 6 in basin, hired through SRA fee’s. Increased SRA fees, may fund shovel ready unit fuels projects. Cap & Trade prevention 4 should come back to counties. John Hofmann – Free 5 reams of paper at Staples with coupon comes out to \$1.68 per case coupon ends soon.
13. Next Meeting – March 19, 2014
14. Adjourn 4:20 pm.