



**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. “*

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Executive Board of Directors Meeting

**MINUTES**

October 19, 2011

Amador County Agriculture Department Conference Room

12200 ó B Airport Road, Martell

Attendance; Amy Rocha, Secretary, NRCS; Jim McCart, President, AFSC; Jim Simmons, consultant; Lola Blevins, Vice President; Elena Knox, AFSC; Sherry Curtis, Citizen; Maureen Murray AFSC Bookkeeper; Rich Farrington; Robyn Adams, USFS; Steve Bonner, AFSC; Tony Migliaccio, AFSC; Dick Hess, AFSC; Paul Maben, AFSC; Kristina Agustin, AFSC; John Romena, AFSC, BVBP; Debbie Dunn, Ken Berry; Mike Kirkley; Caryl Calls; Cathy Koos Breazeal, Executive Director, AFSC. Ingrid Barnes Proxy to Kristina

1. Call to Order ó 3:04 pm by Jim McCart
2. Approval of Agenda ó Motion Steve, second Elena. Motion Passed
3. Introductions
4. Minutes ó Moved Steve, second Tony. Passed voice vote.
5. Treasurer's report ó See Attached. Motion Elena. Second Paul. Motion Passed
6. Executive Director Report ó See attached
  - a. River Pine last few piles to be burned.
  - b. In need of help with firewood bank, contacted churches, request for help out on Facebook.
  - c. Sherwood Forest ready for Firewise designation.
  - d. Meeting today with Regional forester
  - e. ACCG ó going in for a grant with Burney Hat Creek Group
  - f. Vacation for two weeks ó To Pennsylvania to take care of parents.
7. FSC Invoice Approval ó See attached list ó 1651, 1657 Motion Lola, <sup>2nd</sup> Tony. Motion passed.
8. Announcements ó
  - a. EQIP deadline ó November 18<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Robyn ó FS ó Burning at Prospect Rock 940 acres, Sun-Wed if weather cooperates. Logging Lost Horse almost complete.

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9. Committee/Grant Reviews

- a. Covered in ED report
- b. Lookout Tower ó Keith will go up to tower and check cameras ó 2 cameras down and 2 stuck on August.
- c. Fuel reduction committee maybe thing of past ó CalFire system to log projects
- d. Active Grants ó Advance for PG CWPP ó Need to finish, short turn around time Jim will put together draft of committees and work group.
- e. No Hazard Fuels and No Maintenance committee meetings.

10. Old Business

- a. Support of Fire Chiefs Association GSL Letter
  - i. Rich Farrington ó Asked to take up or down vote for letter of support of letter Jim M. wrote, gave copy of notes to support fire chiefs letter.
  - ii. Debbie Dunn ó Bylaws ó Robert Rules of Order ó Tabled then brought up again, should have followed rules of reconsideration. This is political. Non-profits can't get involved in political issue, would create an assessment district which will lead to ballot measure. Why endorse letter endorsing project. Should endorse project if anything.
  - iii. Sherry Curtis ó Public safety issue. Reliable water source. GSL includes new hydrants for fire safety and a more reliable system.
  - iv. Ken Berry ó No evidence to help fire safety. Provide water to hydrants, location specific. Small amount of benefit in specific area. No need for GSL. EIR does not include fire protection. Would 2 more hydrants benefit wildfires ? would it help forest fires ? Inadequately sized mains limiting factor.
  - v. Rich Farrington ó If concerned losing nonprofit status John Plasse suggested him to come to AFSC and get support
  - vi. Mike Kirkley ó Stay out of political issue, may alienate prospective program participants. Never made comments on projects before - precedent.
  - vii. Paul Maben ó How many of the 40 times pumps went down due to PGE ? 35 per year due to power interruptions ?
  - viii. Lola Blevins ó Heard both sides, talked with number of people all agree Political & may jeopardize IRS non profit status. Should not be involved.
    1. Motion ó AFSC takes no position either in opposition to or in support of, the Fire Chiefs Assn letter dated 8/9/2010 regarding the proposed GLS Project.
    2. Elena Seconded. Voice Vote Passed unanimously.

11. New Business ó

- a. CalFire Resolution regarding Sherwood Forest Shaded Fuel Break CAG
  - i. Lola Moved to approve resolution in matter of Sherwood Forest. Paul Seconded. 10 Ayes. 0 no. 1 abstain.
  - ii. Resolution attached.

12. Public Comments ó none

13. Next Meeting ó November 16, 2011

14. Adjournment ó 4:05 pm