



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

September 21, 2011

Amador County Agriculture Department Conference Room

12200 6 B Airport Road, Martell

Attendance: Ingrid Barnes, AFSC; John Hofmann, Amador County Consultant; Amy Rocha, Secretary, NRCS; Jim McCart, President, AFSC; Jim Simmons, consultant; Lola Blevins, Vice President; Elena Knox, AFSC; Chad Hedge, SJCC; Sherry Curtis, Citizen; Maureen Murray AFSC Bookkeeper; Debbie Dunn, Pine Grove Upcountry Resident; Rich Farrington; Ted Novelli, Amador County Board of Supervisors; Joan McNamara, USFS; Cathy Koos Breazeal, Executive Director, AFSC.

1. Call to Order – 3:03 pm by Jim McCart
2. Approval of Agenda – Motion Elena, second Ingrid. Motion Passed
3. Introductions
4. August Minutes – Amend minutes to add Kristina to attendance. Motion to approve with amendment, Steve; second Ingrid. Passed voice vote. 2 abstentions.
5. Treasurer’s report – See Attached. Uneventful month no checks in. Motion to approve, Elena. Second, Steve. Motion Passed
6. Executive Director Report – See attached
 - a. Lookout tower, GSA state need to change lease = \$5,000 wouldn’t be able to

- b. Very successful bump and run, good feedback from chiefs
- c. 10 new projects funded by Cal Fire - \$95,000 Sherwood Forest
- d. Tiger Creek project cancelled
- e. Request for proposals for FS burn area's possibilities – View 88 & other
- f. BOS – this coming Tuesday.
- g. Tuesday –Calaveras BOS Title III support for FSC – Elena moved for Cathy to write letter of support for Calaveras FSC to receive Title III money. Second by Steve. Passed voice vote.
- h. SNC – CEQA/NEPA for future projects.
- i. Burney Hat Creek October – 9-10 – tour and collaboration,
- j. Tomato greenhouse. Pellet plant. Trying to figure out how much continual source. Now heating with large slash going to pellets for heating.
- k. Liability insurance went down
- l. WUI webinars – sustainable management in UI sponsored by UC Davis cooperative extension.
- m. Met many people at Fiddle Jam – Indian Diggings outside of Omo Ranch 200 families want to start FSC

7. FSC Invoice Approval – See attached list – 1643, 1644 Motion to approve, Elena; second, Steve. Motion passed.

8. Announcements –

a. Joan McNamara, Forest Service – Call for proposals, pass through funds for fuel reduction projects directly adjacent to planned burn areas – Project proposal due September 30, 2011, to include amount of acres and costs. If in critical habitat 2 year study required. Arch and biologist may be required, as well as hydrologist, soils. If interested work directly with Robin. Will forward email and no cap on funding. Three managed fires from lightning north side 88, Shot Rock area – Placerville. Lake springs lookout possible prescribed fires. Cathy Hardy new Forest Supervisor.

b. Amy Rocha, NRCS - EQIP deadline – November 18th

9. Committee/Grant Reviews

a. Covered in ED report

10. Old Business

- a. Treasurers position – Amy moved to elect Kristina Augustin to position of Treasurer to replace Tony Migliaccio. Elena second, Motion passed unanimously.

11. New Business –

- a. Posting of minutes on web – discussion. Steve B moved, Kristina seconded to post only approved minutes on Web. Passed voice vote.

- b. Chad Hedge Regional CCC – Similar to California Conservation Corps but just regional. Only 13 in state, this one only one associated with office of education. Just started in June. Fee for service. Up to crew of 10 + supervisor. County agency. Would spike camp. At risk youth but not on probation, work a week in school then work a week. Can work on any land, private, county, state, etc. Landscaping jobs, chainsaw, chipper.

c. Gravity Supply Line

- i. Sherry Curtis - provide us with more complete info. Public safety issue, water behind fire hydrant. GSL not political, just asking for support for reliable water.

- ii. Rich Farrington – Ask to support Fire Chief’s letter – reread this letter – Rich couldn’t be at last meeting preferred to be here when voted on support of letter of Fire Chiefs Association. Asking for vote of support for fire fighters and reliable water.

- iii. Asked to agendize GSL for next meeting, possible action – Support of fire chiefs letter.

- iv. Jim McCart’s prior presented letter of support for fire chief’s letter re-read.

- v. Debbie Dunn – Questioning “tabled indefinitely” – Debbie Dunn asked for bylaws. She said didn’t misstate anything in her letter. Chiefs going against negative declaration. Public water would be provided to an additional 7000 houses in the Upcountry.

- d. CWPP – Jim Simmons Appendix I & II out for review for High Country CWPP. Met with Calfire and SPI and digitized all fuel management. Sections 3 & 4 ready in a few weeks and out for review by end of January.

- e. Pioneer/Volcano – BOS hearing for signing off on it on Tuesday.

- f. Pine Grove CWPP – Awaiting advance from Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

13. Next Meeting – October 19, 2011