



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 – January 17, 2018

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

Attendance:

Directors: Pat Minyard (PM), Jan Bray (JB), John Heissenbuttel (JH), Connie Gonsalves (CG), Frank Leschinsky (FL).

Proxies: Paul Maben to JB.

Coordinator: Amanda Watson (AW) not present but provided report - she is attending the CARCD Annual Convention.

Public Member: Aaron Watkins/AFP, Dick & Therese Stamm, John Labuda, Tom Tinsley/CAL FIRE, Rick Hopson and Paul Luesch/USFS.

TO DO Items noted in **green**.

Agenda and Minutes: Approved unanimously without corrections or additions.

Introductions

Treasurers Report: Presented by JH:

- a. Treasurers Report was reviewed and approved unanimously. Balance is \$65,203 with funds moving out soon. We're on track with spending money on projects. We have remainder of Title III funds allocated/released from AmCo BOS. John wants to spend out remaining funds (around \$6500) so that we're clear to apply for other Title III funds. Treasurers report approved unanimously. **Budget committee for 2018 is JH, FL and JF.** Donation of \$60 received from Katherine Webb/Network for Good; JH will send her a thank you note.

USFS Update – Rick Hopson, USFS District Ranger

- a. Power Fire EA approved and Panther fuels reduction projects are underway.
- b. Power Fire fuels maintenance underway – Rx burning, grazing, etc.
- c. Scottiago project – roadside hazard tree removal.
 - **Rick welcomes comments on their projects from AFSC**
- d. NFWF Grant – Power fire settlement funds. NFWF holds funds and entities like AFSC can apply for funding for restoration in the fire effect footprint (Power Fire Nexus area). February 1, 2018 opens the Request For Proposal. AFSC could apply for fire and fuels dollars. RFPs are due March 22, 2018. Match required. There will be 2 years of funding (2018 and 2019). A public meeting on this subject will be held February 14, 2018 (1-3 pm) at ENF Supervisors Office.

Coordinator Report: AW

- a. PG&E CEMA 2017 –completely finished and approved. Dana (PG&E Rep) said they will try to get RFPs out sooner so we can start earlier.

- b. WSWUI-2015: Met with CAL FIRE – they believe they can finish Pine Acres FB work as Camp is at full crew staffing. Last 2 quarters the crews completed 58 acres. At least 142 acres have been completed. New Grant Specialist (Dan Lang) posed questions and AW, JH and JB will meet with him on January 19 as we've requested an extension. Grazing study is questionable due to CEQA approval. **AW will get herbivory shepherdess contact info from Tom Tinsley.** Better outreach through handwritten message and/or personal delivery.
- c. General: FB page updated. More video of local response is on the AFD FB page – **AW needs to link to AFD FB page for local info and AFD will link to our FB page.**
- d. Title III: Will work with Grant Committee to determine how to spend \$6500. A new proposed deliverable is a website upgrade and education/outreach.
- e. AW is prepping a **strategic planning session** for AFSC Board. Board voted to schedule it for **February 2, 2018 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at GSA Building, small conference room.**
- f. New round of CAL FIRE grants (CCI) – Workshop is January 22 in Sacramento Resources Building; JH and AW will attend.

Other Business:

- a. ACTC requested Letters of Support from AFSC for 3 projects. **AW will get more information and disseminate to Board and we can vote via email.**
- b. Amador Interagency Cooperators meeting (the Burners Group) will be held in February at Sutter Hill FS training room. Exact date TBD.
- c. Outreach strategy – shirts and Big Map to be addressed. AmCo BOS want full briefing of Big Map.

Public Comments:

- a. John Labuda – wants more fuels reduction – possibly WSWUI grant funding via private contractors. If we get the extension of WSWUI and John Labuda gets ROE forms, we will fund the ¼ acre brush clearance on Sutter Highlands.
- b. Stamm's – 2018 certification approved for FireWise community. ACRA/Mollie Joyce property is quickly re-brushing, especially with madrone. Has additional area for brushing.

Meeting Adjourned at 1640.

The next full Board meeting is scheduled for:
Wednesday, February 21, 2018.