



Amador Fire Safe Council

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January 16, 2019
Amador County Ag. Building, Large Conference Room
12200 Airport Rd # B, Jackson, CA 95642
3:00-5:00 PM

Minutes

In Attendance:

Directors: Pat Minyard, John Heissenbuttel, Jan Bray, Jay Francis, Frank Leschinsky and Richard Yarnell. Proxy of Connie Gonsalves to John, and proxy of Paul Maben to Jan.

Coordinator: Amanda Watson.

Agency: Justin Yelinek and Walt White/AFP, Tom Tinsley/CAL FIRE, Debbie Mackey/City of Jackson.

Public: See sign-up sheet. Best attempt from audible introduction: Robert Deacon, Larry Fausen, Mike Chanowski/Happy Trails Road Fund; Mel Welsh/Red Hill Mine Road, Steve Christensen, Helen Bierce, Dick & Therese Stamm/SC&Pioneer, Paul Merkle/Mitchell Mine Road.

Meeting called to order by Chair Pat Minyard at 1503 hours. Action items are noted in yellow.

- I. Approve/Modify Agenda – agenda approved unanimously.
- II. Approved December 2018 Minutes – unanimous approval.
- III. Introductions (many public members – hurrah!).
- IV. Treasurers Report - John states there is \$27,816.26 in the grants account. Anonymous contributions in 2018 was \$460. John will modify form to recognize contributions.
- V. Coordinator Report –Amanda
 - a. Reviewed Coordinator Report from 12 November to 15 January.
 - b. Upcoming Meetings/Conferences – Amanda requests Director attendance with her and will query us for availability.
 - c. Grant Updates:
 - 2018 PG&E: Completed successfully (appx \$137,000 for 30+ acres).
 - Mitchell Mine FB: A few more Rights of Entry came in – bringing total to 57%. We need more outreach via neighbors; Paul Merkle requested Amanda send him some ROEs forms and a parcel map with associated landowner names depicting needed ROEs – Paul will help us get more signed ROE's from currently non-participants.

- d. Website Development via Title III County funds. About \$6300 to spend on website, and/or outreach materials. Jan and Jay and Frank volunteered to help Amanda to finalize the project; Amanda will contact us.
- e. Recent Grant Submittals:
 - i. SNC - Antelope and Tiger Creek projects submitted to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for planning (CEQA and NEPA, respectively).
 - ii. CCI – Antelope (Jan) and Tiger Creek (John) projects were submitted to CAL FIRE’s Fire Prevention grant program for implementation.
 - iii. CCI – Education/Outreach (Amanda) grant submitted to CCI CAL FIRE under the Fire Prevention grant program.

- VI. AFSC Policies & Procedures Manual (Jan) – postponed to the February meeting. Directors are requested to read and provide input based on the online version previously emailed to all in preparation of the February meeting discussion.

- VII. Grant Committee Update – Project Prioritization (Jan) – we will have a Grant Committee meeting to finalize project prioritization and criteria. Amanda will send a doodle poll to members to schedule this meeting.

- VIII. Fuels Reduction Collaborative 2019 meeting – is being planned by Amanda, Jan and John. Likely date is in late March 2019.

- IX. CalEd meeting (Frank) – conferred needs of landowners for affordable fire insurance.

- X. Fire Cameras (Frank) – working with UNR on various sites. Installation to begin in February. Cameras will be operational 24/7/365. High definition, military grade. The program is entirely financed by PG&E and UNR. Frank will find out if the software has an audible alert for sensing smoke. Locations of cameras in AmCo: Leek Springs/USFS lookout, Red Corral tower, and in CaCo: West Point. Potential is Kennedy Mine headshaft, Mt. Zion, Blue Mt/SPI (CaCo), and Preston Castle tower. Website for public access is: AlertWildfire.org.

- XI. Isolated Senior Fire Safety Initiative (Pat) – Pat is working with Meals-on-Wheels program and Senior Center to get seniors/disabled persons out of harms way during a wildfire evacuation. Pre-planning for this is of utmost importance.

- XII. Outreach Opportunities (Amanda/Pat/John) –
 - a. Mother Lode Newcomers & Friends Luncheon
 - b. CAL FIRE Red Corral Town Hall Meeting 2019.02.07 @ 1200 hours
 - c. Newspaper Articles
 - d. Home Hardening Workshops

- XIII. Public Comment: Most members spoke on a variety of issues.....most discussions were driven by the items under XII. Very provocative and enjoyed by all; AFSC truly appreciates the increasing input and involvement of Amador County residents.

XIV. February Meeting: February 20, 2019 at 1500 hours (3:00 P.M.).

XV. Meeting adjourned at 1654 hours.