



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

March 19, 2014

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

Attendance: Cathy Koos Breazeal, Executive Director, Amy Rocha, Secretary, NRCS; Steve Bonner; Jan Bray, Elena Knox; Tony Migliaccio, Rebecca Brown, Connie Gonsalves, John Hoffman, John Heissenbuttel. Proxy from Helen Page to Elena Knox .

1. Call to Order – 3:01 pm by President Steve B.
2. Approval of Agenda –Rebecca Moved. Tony 2nd. Motion passed.
3. Introductions -
4. Minutes – Elena moved to accept minutes. Rebecca 2nd, Connie Abstained. Motion Passed.
5. Treasurer’s report – As Attached. NFF grant \$24,000. Used \$8,648.47 so far. Some two line entries on report, positive cancels out negative plus waiting for a Title III reimbursement for Firewise and CWPP. Cathy, Elena & bookkeeper getting together to discuss things. Motion to accept treasurer’s report Tony, 2nd Steve Motion passed.
6. Executive Director’s report – See Attached
 - A. Lots of time spent with ACCG
 - B. On Title II RAC Craig O went out for site visit and said length and width completed was what was originally committed to.
 - C. CA FSC \$110,000 for Firewise, Curbside chipper and low income defensive space. Funding workshop not at McClellan. Many requests for assistance, no list until funding and reimbursement information known. There are age & income and/or disability & income guidelines used from a federal guideline.
 - D. Sherwood Forest 1500 piles all will be done by 31st. Currently 3 crews per day. Mike Kirkley will GPS final area.
 - E. Sherwood 1st to be Firewise in County. City of Sutter Creek interested in Firewise
 - F. Did a UCC presentation about what to do and what to pack for an evacuation. Giving same presentation in Volcano on 31st.
 - G. HCCWPP – first Stakeholders meeting coming up. Steering Committee meeting same day as AFSC board meeting.
 - H. Rebecca went to Disaster council meeting, notes attached. Main topic of meeting efforts for agencies to coordinate drought disaster response. Also to make sure that Governor has accurate

information. Possibility of water stations, 20% conservation effort and to current knowledge no more wells than usual have went dry.

- I. Wildfire Awareness Week 1st week of May – NFPA & NASF websites for resources for week.
- J. Tues April 22nd BOS meeting update – Local government proclamation for Wildfire Awareness week?
- K. Showed draft of HC Risk Map
- L. Showed Sherwood Forest newsletter.

7. FSC Invoice Confirmation – As attached Pre – approved

8. Announcements

9. Committee/Grant Review –

A. Employee handbook

- i. Looking for non red line copy. Should get a couple copies printed to have on hand when totally finished and approved. Cathy will send out complete copy of employee handbook again for board review and then comment at next meeting.

B. Public Events Committee – Waiting for Firewise money, Talked about education suggestions, Connie G. helping public events com.

10. Old Business

11. New Business –

12. Public Comments

A. At ACCG meeting Tim Tate emphasized as a lesson learned from Rim Fire that large open Fuel Breaks are vital.

B. John Heissenbuttel – Obama talked about \$150 million in climate change and drought with a possibility of some education money in there. Looked at our website suggested have agenda's, board minutes and list of board members on it. Governor giving more \$ for fire fighting. Obama restructured budget for FS so fire fighting doesn't steal from general budget. Budget separately for fire. State and feds have fire funds set aside but never adequate.

13. Next Meeting – April 16, 2014

14. Adjourn 4:15 pm.