



Amador Fire Safe Council

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March 20th, 2024

3:00-5:00

Virtual & In-Person Meeting

Attend In-Person	Attend Virtually
Amador County Ag. Building 12200 B Airport Road, Jackson Large Conference Room CHANGE OF LOCATION	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2674846542?pwd=VjlrL25rMGkwY2paMmxhckhKbnJSZz09 Meeting ID: 267 484 6542 Call-In Number: 1(669)900-6833 Code: 2674846542# Passcode: 1055

AGENDA

1. Approve/Modify Agenda*
2. Approve February Minutes*
3. Introductions
4. Treasurers Report (John)*
5. Coordinator Report (Amanda)
6. FireWise Community Program Update (Megan)
7. Partner Updates
 - a. Cal Fire
 - b. Amador Fire Protection District
 - c. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
8. Public Comment
9. Other items/adjourn

*Action items
Meeting will be recorded.



AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

February 21, 2024 3:00pm



February 21, 2024 - 3:00 pm

1. Approve/Modify Agenda - *SP motioned for approval, FL seconded*

2. Approval of January Minutes - *SP motioned for approval, JH seconded*

3. Introductions: Frank Leschinsky (FL), John Heisenbuttel (JH), Susan Peters (SP), Patrick Minyard (PM), Dana Simpson, Jeff Brown (JB), Kayla Dale (KD), Jeff Hogue (JH), Patrick McDaniel (PM), Bob Deacon, Ralph Meier, Tom Ellison, Mary Sue Bizarri, Megan Watts, Lynn Morgan, Julie Harris, other members of the public (not audible)

Absent: Chris Dow (CD), Richard Yarnell (RY), Connie Gonsalves (CG)

4. Treasurer Report:

As of 1/31 - \$931691.23; 3 – I/E Projects; 2 – Community Projects (money will be spent down)

5. Coordinator Report:

- See attached Coordinator Report

- Working on collecting ROE's from Quartz Mtn, Andrews, and Nina Rd. projects. Hoping to get these projects out in large bid package in March, starting before fire season, finish before Fall.

- County Coordinator Grant- closing the 2-years of funding – paying for some work from Kayla and Megan for Firewise; Amanda general coordination and project development. CFSC is offering an additional year once this grant closes. Allowing us to do more capacity building/outreach and support.

- Community Fuel Break – Went out to bid for Upper Rancheria Fuel Break (direct award from CF with completion date of 3/25). 15 bids submitted; 2 separate contractors selected. We are under budget, will add acres to one of the contracts to get as much work as done.

- Several grants ending in 2025 (March); trying to push forward to get projects going (Upper Ranch FB, Pine Acres FB). Grant ending this year in March- CWPP. Had to pivot trajectory towards fire resiliency and fuels management in county, 82 acres of PA FB will be billed to this and street signage update for Firewise Communities on private roads.

- County Roads: 3 contractors working on 19 segments of County Roads (listed in Board Packet). Status: Progress is quick moving, County staff is following behind the crews, applying herbicide, which extends the work outcome.

- Pine Acres: Contracted with Tyler Krisman, work in progress, will finish by deadline. (see map in Board Packet)

- PG&E has invited us to apply for another project grant. One suggestion was for the Ohio Hills Fuel Break, Fuel Break near/around trailer park, Kennedy Mine location work, upgrading the old Cedar Plant in Pioneer to use a 'shelter in place' location. PM suggested proceeding with the Ohio Hills project, save Shelter in Place idea for the future (please see Board Packet for map of last PG&E grant project).

- Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program Round 3 Resolution (Capacity Building, etc.- see summary in Board Packet). Dana will send to JH to sign electronically.

6. Firewise Program Update: 4 communities in process of certification. Street Signs- 16 FW communities participated, over 150 new signs. Restructuring the Steering Committee. March 5th is Regional Firewise Coordinators meeting.

JB – Commission on Aging wants to inform AFSC that they've ordered 260 signs, as well, for around the county.

7. Partner Update:

CAL FIRE: Jeff Hogue - FHSZ Maps have been adopted by the Office of Administrative Law and will be effective April 1st this year. Current Defensible Space Inspection Areas:

- River Pines
- New York Ranch Rd
- Gopher Flat/Shake Ridge
- Liberty Rd
- Toyon Rd
- Pine Drive
- Amador Pines
- Ponderosa Way
- Clinton
- Red Corral

Qualified Entities Defensible Space Assessor's Program (CF) – Chief Potkey identified possible interest from AFSC in standing up the program. CF would come out and train AFSC to provide Defensible Space Assessments. A reporting system provided as well. El Dorado Training opportunity in April. CF is putting together classes for insurance assessors to understand Defensible Space, Home Hardening, etc.

Patrick McDaniel – Forest Health grants have gone through review process, just received Wildfire Prevention grants- 7 Forest Health applications and 16 Wildfire Prevention applications in AEU (Amador El Dorado Unit, Cal Fire).

AFPD: Met with FW communities regarding mock Evacuation Drills for Quartz Mountain and Surrey Junction. Smaller scale mock Evacuation Drills are also in the planning stages for PGMHE and Sunset Heights FW communities. Amador Fire has done multiple Risk Assessment Evaluations for new FW communities in the initial certification process. Extreme increase in requests for home visits for letters to insurance.

BLM: None

AW – Outreach Plan/Strategy (see Board Packet) – hoping to provide more updates and transparency in regard to seamless updating and project statuses.

FL – Any update on drone contractor? **AW** - yes, a couple have been identified, further details to follow.

SP – U.S. Representative Kevin Kiley is initiating the "Safe Home Act - Supporting Affordable Fire Emerg Hard through Optimized Mitigation Efforts"- To create 25% refundable tax credit for wildfire mitigation, capped at 25k a year. Suggest AFSC/Firewise Forums read into and watch for.

8. Public Comment:

None

9. Adjourn: 4:05pm

AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

	2024 Budget		As of Feb 29, 2024
Expenses			
Grants Expenses			
305 AFSC Coordinator	80,000.00	1	14,907.31
306 Coordinator Assistant	6,000.00	2	1,509.60
307 Outreach Coordinator	40,000.00	3	10,263.44
308 Technical Assistance	8,000.00	4	878.68
309 Project Management	70,000.00	5	11,728.41
310 RPF Professional Forester	125,000.00		23,312.50
315 Environmental Documentation	10,000.00		0.00
320 Groundwork Contracted Labor	2,332,750.00		255,161.61
350 Outreach/Materials/Supplies	10,000.00		350.19
Total Grant Expenses	2,681,750.00		318,111.74
Operating Expenses			
311 Bookkeeper	10,000.00	4	1,761.20
321 State Filing Fees	350.00		0.00
330 Insurance, D&O	2,000.00		0.00
343 Bank Charges	50.00		0.00
345 Office Supplies	4,000.00		0.00
346 Postage	400.00		0.00
350 General Outreach	10,000.00	6	0.00
365 Professional Fees	600.00	7	0.00
365 Telephone	375.00		0.00
370 Mileage	4,000.00		0.00
Other	0.00		0.00
Total Operating Expenses	31,775.00		1,761.20
Unrestricted Reserves	100,000.00		0.00
Total Expenses	2,813,525.00		319,872.94

Revenue

Grants

PG&E CEMA Program	30,000.00	8	0.00
SNC Tiger Creek Implementation	29,750.00	9	1,051.07
SNC Tiger Creek Enhancement	43,675.00	9	2,032.78

CAL FIRE Ingress/Egress 1	599,600.00	9	172,992.03
CAL FIRE Ingress/Egress 2	428,508.00	10	0.00
SNC County Steward Implementation	283,600.00	11	998.24
Community Fuel Break	294,175.00	12	7,945.26
CAL FIRE Pine Acres Maintenance	333,233.00	9	1,150.35
CAFSC County Coordinator	90,000.00	9	8,671.75
CalFire Evacuation Improvement	183,000.00	9	70,283.08
CAL FIRE Upper Rancheria	587,750.00	10	10,007.84
Misc Grant Income			
Contributions	500.00		
Indirect/Admin Revenue	290,329.00		28,939.94
Interest Income	200.00		68.92
Total Revenue	3,194,320.00		304,141.26

1. Assumes 100 hours/month
2. Assumes 10 hours/month
3. Assumes 80 hours/month
4. Assumes 16 hours/month
5. Assumes 100 hours/month
6. Outreach that is not directly billable to a specific grant
7. Tax preparation.
8. Assumes we receive grant.
9. Assumes we complete 100% of the grant this year.
10. Assumes we complete 80% this year.
11. Assumes we complete 40% this year.
12. Assumes we complete 75% this year.

Amador Fire Safe Council Fund Balances

	As of Dec 31, 2023	As of Feb 29, 2024
3000 General Fund	106,797.38	82,122.61
Savings/Reserve Account	100,016.99	100,033.39
4255 PG&E/CWPP	94,180.01	185.80
4412 Tiger Creek Enhance	32,804.55	32,807.24
4420 CFSC Coordinator	4,754.63	4,755.02
4222 Tiger Creek Implementation	2,808.66	2,458.69
4651 Ingress/Egress	43,451.81	782.65
4834 AmCo Stewardship	312,525.74	312,551.35
4842 Community Fuel Break	73,302.29	73,308.29
4842 Pine Acres Fuel Break	106,901.35	106,910.12
Total	\$ 877,543.41	715,915.16

Amador Fire Safe Council Grant Snapshot
as of Feb 29, 2024

	AFSC	<u>Grant Period</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>	<u>Grant Funds Spent to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Advance</u>	<u>Invoiced</u>	<u>Amount remaining</u>
1	Coordinator (CAFSC) - COMPLETE	11/15/2021 - 3/31/2024	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	Amador County Evac Improvement - CWPP (CalFire) 5GG21101	6/14/2022 - 3/15/2024	\$ 379,982.40	\$ 163,130.44		\$ 72,130.40	\$ 216,851.96
3	Tiger Creek Implementation 1200 (SNC)	7/28/2020 - 1/1/2025	\$ 834,126.00	\$ 798,033.84	\$ -	\$ 47,804.54	\$ 35,537.97
4	Tiger Creek Enhancement 1330 (SNC)	9/13/2021 - 1/1/2025	\$ 220,200.00	\$ 172,863.69	\$ 25,316.30		\$ 47,336.31
5	Ingress/Egress (CalFire) 5GG19102	5/13/2020 - 3/1/2025	\$ 1,044,296.00	\$ 699,346.18	\$ -	\$ 144,940.16	\$ 344,949.82
6	Pine Acres (CalFire) 5GG20101	approval - 3/15/2025	\$ 515,405.00	\$ 25,346.50	\$ 103,592.51		\$ 490,058.50
7	Ingress/Egress Phase 2 5GA21119	6/2/2022 - 03/15/2025	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 21,403.31			\$ 578,596.69
8	Upper Rancheria Community Fuel Break 5GA21149	- 5/31/2025	\$ 950,010.00	\$ 24,195.60		\$ 13,635.63	\$ 925,814.40
9	RFFCP - SNC	2 years Expected not Executed	\$ 213,290.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 213,290.00
10	Amador Community Fuel Break Develop Proj (CalFire) 5GG21201	8/4/2022 - 3/15/2026	\$ 726,000.00	\$ 300,205.11	\$ 63,092.64	\$ -	\$ 425,794.89
11	AmCo Implementation 1370 (SNC)	8/23/2022 - 1/1/2028	\$ 1,288,444.00	\$ 462,217.45	\$310,848.94		\$ 826,226.55
			\$ 6,946,753.40	\$ 2,841,742.12	\$ 502,850.39	\$ 278,510.73	\$ 4,104,457.09

*matches Unearned Revenue *Matches Accounts Receivable

**Amador Fire Safe Council
Coordinator Monthly Report**

Mar-24

Date Range: February 20th 2024-March 20th 2024

Project	Update	Future Planned Actions
AmCo Stewardship - Mokelumne Community Forest	160.47 acres/413 acres of mastication has been completed.	Continue to research stewardship agreement and Timber Sale options.
Amador County Collaborative Ingress, Egress and Education Plan	The Evacuation Route (5GG21101) grant term ends March 2024, the AFSC treated 61.6 acres of roadway. Both of our CalFire I/E grants need to be completed by March 2025. Under the Phase 1 grant (5GG19102), the AFSC has completed 263.5 acres of roadside treatment. Under the second award (5GA21119), AFSC has completed 33.8 acres and has an additional 109.6 contracted to be completed in the next 2 months.	Release RFP for Andrews Lane Quartz Mountain Road Fiddletown Park Nina Road
	We anticipate being able to treat an additional 214 acres of roadside. 45.4 of these acres are already in the planning process and are estimated to be complete by June 2024. AFSC believes that this is a feasible goal to spend the remaining grant funds by March	
County Coordinator - CAFSC	FireWise Forum will be held on April 24th.	Close out Coordinator grant Round 1, due March 31st. Establish the County Mapping Committee.
	Held the Annual Fire Collaborators meeting on March 8th. AFSC is going to focus on developing a County Mapping Committee to identify gaps and opportunities. Decided to host the Collaborators meeting twice a year, in spring and late fall.	
	Submitted second round of coordinator funding grant application for \$175k	
Community Fuel Break Project	AW received approval from SNC to utilize Tiger Creek Fuel Break funding to treat the Crestview parcel. Work will need to be finished by 2025.	Butte FireWise Community meeting - April 20th
	Ed and G.Long attended River Pines Town Hall and discussed the project.	Staff is working to plan out project development and anticipate starting this in late February with the bulk of planning to happen in the summer months.
	Krisman has completed work on River Pines, there have been several issues that have been addressed the landowners' satisfaction. We are anticipating doing some additional handwork in areas not treated by mastication.	
Upper Rancheria Fuel Break	Krisman and Bordges have both started work on Upper Rancheria. We're on scheduled to be completed before fire season 2024. Project team is reviewing adding additional acreage to complete UR 1 spur.	Project team is reviewing adding additional acreage to complete UR 1 spur.
CalFire Evacuation Planning Grant	The grant ended on March 15th, staff utilized all grant funds and is working on completing the final report.	Final reporting will be completed by April 15th 2024, scheduling closeout site visit with CaFSC and CalFire for late April.

Pine Acres Fuel Break Maintenance	Krisman has completed 56.86 acres along the Pine Acres Fuel Break with funding under the 5GG21101 grant. There is an estimated 98 acres of treatment remaining that needs to be completed by March 2025.	G.Long is working to develop the next phase of fuel break to be completed by March 2025.
Funding	<p>Grant Writing in Progress: G.Long is working on an application for the continuing work along the Ohio Hill Fuel break. will likely be able to treat 10-15 acres along the mobile home park. \$75K</p> <p>Grants Submitted:</p> <p><u>Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFCP) Round 3:</u> Mapping/Organization Capacity - \$213,290</p> <p><u>County Coordinator Funding:</u> continuing the funding of county coordination until December 2024 - \$175k</p> <p>Awaiting funding announcement</p> <p>CalFire CCI Wildfire Prevention solicitation: <u>County-wide CWPP Update</u> \$167k</p> <p><u>Ohio Hill Community Fuel Break</u>, 240 acres, \$917k</p> <p><u>Volcano Hills Community Fuel Break</u>, 270 acres, \$1.019mil</p> <p>BLM Fuels NOFO: <u>Rancheria Ridge/CWPP Update:</u> \$691,460</p>	<p>Submit PG&E Grant. Closeout Coordinator Grant Closeout Evacuation Planning Grant</p>

County Roads Ingress/Egress Update 3/19/2024

Segment #	Road Name	Sections	Mileage	Contractor	Status
1	Sutter Creek Volcano Rd.	0.00- P.M.- 11.75	11.75	Mtn Enterprise	In-Progress
2	Steiner Rd.	P.M.- 1.40- P.M.- 2.04	0.64		Completed
3	Ostrum Rd.	P.M.- 0.00- P.M.-2.35	2.35		Completed
4	Lawrence Rd.	P.M.- 0.00- P.M.- 2.18	2.18		Complete
5	Upton Rd.	P.M.- 0.00 - P.M.- 1.30	1.3		Completed
6	Ridge Rd.	P.M.- 3.15 - P.M.- 5.25	2.1		
7	Clinton Rd.	18709 to End	2.91	Nates Tree Service	In-progress
8	Butte Mtn. Rd.	0.00- P.M.- 4.28	4.28		In-progress
9	Spagnoli Mine Rd.	0.00- P.M.- 1.59	1.59		Completed
10	East Clinton Rd.	P.M.- 0.00- P.M.- 1.49	1.49		Completed
11	West Clinton Rd.	P.M.- 0.00- P.M.- 1.93	1.93		Completed
12	Irishtown Rd.	P.M.- 0.00- P.M.- 1.94	1.94		Completed
13	Irish Hill Rd.	P.M. 1.00 - P.M. - 2.00	1		
14	Coal Mine Rd.(Harrah's Casino to Buena Vista Rd.)	P.M.- 1.60 - P.M. - 2.41	0.81		
15	Fiddletown Rd	12850 to End	13.57	Smith Grinding	Completed
16	Shakeridge Rd.	P.M. 1.69 - P.M. 1.69 - P.M-. 3.31	1.62		Completed
17	Hale Rd.	P.M.- P.M. 0.00- P.M. - 6.28	6.28		Completed
Added Sections					
18	Pine Gulch Road	0.0 - 0.5	0.5	Smith Grinding	Completed
19	Tyler Road	0.0 - 5.2	5.2		Completed

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as of Feb 29, 2024

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			\$ 6,946,753.40	\$ 652,804.40	\$ 610,550.42	\$ 5,524,078.58	\$ 157,920.00	\$ 2,841,742.12	\$ 4,104,457.09	\$ 377,210.58	\$ 302,651.74	\$ 3,274,818.93	\$ 148,375.84

Expires March 2025 \$ 103,604.97