



Amador Fire Safe Council

PO Box 1055, Pine Grove, CA 95665

www.AmadorFireSafe.org



May 18th, 2022

3:00-5:00

Virtual & In-Person Meeting

Attend In-Person	Attend Virtually
19888 Church Street, Pine Grove (Behind to the Pine Grove Park) Volcano Communications Tech Center	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2674846542 Meeting ID: 267 484 6542 Call-In Number: 1(669)900-6833 Code: 2674846542#

AGENDA

1. Approve/Modify Agenda*
2. Introductions
3. Treasurers Report (John)*
4. Coordinator Report (Amanda)
 - a. Project Updates
 - b. UCCE Forest Stewardship Workshop
 - c. Smokechasers Event Wrap-Up (Kayla Dale)
5. Joint AFSC/ARCD Board of Supervisors presentation on June 28th (John)
6. AFSC Email Addresses*
7. Grants/Project Committee Update (Amanda)
8. Sirens Alert System Discussion (Connie)
9. FireWise Community Groups Update (Dick/Amanda)
10. AlertWildfire Cameras Project Update (Frank)
11. Public Comment
12. Other items/adjourn

*Action items
Meeting will be recorded.

AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

2022 Budget

As of May 31, 2022

Expenses

Grants Expenses

305 AFSC Coordinator	56,000.00	1	23,722.75
306 Coordinator Assistant	16,800.00	2	0.00
310 RPF Professional Forester	125,000.00		26,000.00
315 Environmental Documentation	60,000.00		0.00
320 Groundwork Contracted Labor	900,000.00	3	280,205.34
Total Grant Expenses	1,157,800.00		329,928.09

Operating Expenses

302 Depreciation	450.00		0.00
311 Bookkeeper (2021 actual is through 11/21)	4,000.00		1,065.75
321 State Filing Fees	85.00		0.00
330 Insurance, D&O	1,800.00		0.00
343 Bank Charges	200.00		50.00
345 Office Supplies	1,500.00		299.01
346 Postage	400.00		0.00
350 Outreach	20,000.00	4	6,889.96
365 Professional Fees	600.00	5	0.00
365 Telephone	375.00		0.00
370 Mileage	4,000.00		0.00
Other	0.00		75.00
Total Operating Expenses	33,410.00		8,379.72

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Revenue

Grants

PG&E CEMA Program	50,000.00	6	
SNC Tiger Creek Planning	0.00		5,977.13
SNC Tiger Creek Implementation	270,000.00	7	
SNC Tiger Creek Enhancement	50,000.00	8	
CAL FIRE Mitchell Mine	170,000.00	9	16 (89,632.24)
CAL FIRE Ingress/Egress	425,000.00	10	35,595.93

SNC County Steward Planning	0.00	35,882.00
SNC County Steward Implementation	125,000.00 ¹¹	
Defensible Space	0.00	
CAL FIRE Pine Acres Maintenance	50,000.00 ¹²	
CAFSC County Coordinator	115,000.00 ¹³	
Volcano Communications Grant	5,000.00 ¹⁴	5,000.00
Contributions	35,000.00 ¹⁵	35,108.18
Indirect/Admin Revenue		5,788.39
Total Revenue	1,295,000.00	33,719.39

1. Assumes 80 hours/month, includes back pay for approved raise.
2. Assumes 40 hours/month @ \$35/hour.
3. \$100K available outside of grant obligations for public requests.
4. Reflects outreach in Ingress/Egress grant which includes support of organizing Firewise Communities.
5. Tax preparation.
6. Assumes we receive grant.
7. 80 acres of mastication currently under contract. 13 acres of handwork on south side of reservoir currently under contract. Bird surveys as required after 3/1/22. Signage. Use funds currently in account.
8. 10 acres of handwork late fall 2022.
9. 11 acres of handwork. Use funds currently in account.
10. Assumes 30 miles of road clearance, AFSC conducting 8 town halls and RPF filing exemption.
11. Assumes we secure implementation grant and begin by masticating 50 acres in fall of 2022.
12. Environmental documentation.
13. Staff time and outreach, \$175K grant runs from 12/21 to 3/23.
14. To be used to upgrade AFSC communications technology.
15. \$35K pledged by Break Even Beermakers.
16. An Advance payment of \$180,573.96 was received and recognized as income for Mitchell Mine in 2021, we did not spend the entire advance and had to refund \$89,632.24 in 2022.

Amador Fire Safe Council Fund Balances	As of Dec 31, 2021	As of May 31, 2022
3000 Unrestricted	20,951.06	86,447.47
4206 Mitchel Mine	169,517.60	106,102.95
4222 Tiger Creek Implementation	268,166.25	29,325.81
4230 SNC County Steward Planning	17,430.70	5,650.81
4255 PG&E	288.23	288.23
4420 CFSC Coordinator		26,767.22
4412 Tiger Creek Enhance		66,042.66
4651 Ingress/Egress		222,230.97
Total	\$ 476,353.84	\$ 542,856.12

**Amador Fire Safe Council
Coordinator Monthly Report**

Jun-22

Date Range: May 16th 2022 - June 13th 2022

Project	Update	Future Planned Actions
Tiger Creek Fuel Break	Tiger Creek Phase 2 winter 2022 work completed, 2 units will be finished in Fall 2022	Continue work on Phase 2 Implementation, begin planning for
AmCo Stewardship - Mokelumne Community Forest	SNC grant was awarded, likely work will start by the end of June. ~\$1.3 million awarded	Work will begin fall 2022
		Contract with project forester in June 2022
Amador County Collaborative Ingress, Egress and Education Plan	Work started in on County Roads in the lone area. 50% complete with the first 5 road segments.	RPF will start to flag non-county roads Phase 1.
	Ed is continuing to work wot get CEQA completed.	Expected that CEQA document Initial Study MND will be turned in by end of week and go into public review process asap.
	Held Grants/Project Committee Meeting, currently reviewing 5 I/E projects	
County Coordinator - CAFSC	Attending monthly meetings and training.	Amador County Fair Planning July 28st - 31st
	Working through outreach plan. Working to develop FireWise Forum, first meeting to be held early July. Created a Resource Guide for Amador County.	Develop Annual Report template and new Community project form
	Smokechasers event went well, 2000 participants	Continue work on Outreach Plan (BOS mtg/annual report/newsletter/website updates)
	Started planning with Tori on AFSC website updates	
Communications Grant	Researching software and hardware. Some research on renting a drone and contracting for services instead of purchasing a drone.	Continue to research and purchase equipment, i.e. video editing software and drone.
Partnership Updates	AFSC/ARCD CEQA lead policy being considered by ARCD board this week.	
Grant Opportunities	PG&E grant submitted \$100,000 for Ohio Hill Fuel Break. Awaiting to hear about funding.	
	Community Fuel Break Project - CalFire, \$760k. Funded, anticipating using ARCD as CEQA lead agency and starting work in fall on the River Pine Community Fuelbreak.	
	AmCo Stewardship Project - SNC \$1.3 million. Funded. Field workon BLM properites in Fall 2022. \$1.3 million	
	Amador County received CaFSC funding to implemented Evacuation Route Planning. The county will conrtract with AFSC to implement and administer this projects. \$380,000	
	CA Fire Foundation Grant opportunity (\$15,000 available) Could be a great source for FWC support	
	Megan is working on research community assistance grants/program. AW is working with ARCD and neighboring RCDs to develop Landowner TA/Home hardening assistance grant with the goal of helping landowners understand requirements and potential rebate assistance. Jan Bray is working on a fuelbreak mainatenace grant.	



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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.”

PRESS RELEASE

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June 7, 2022

Amador Fire Safe Council Receives Two Grants to Improve Protection from Wildfires

Amador County. The Amador Fire Safe Council (AFSC) was informed last week that they will receive grants from both CAL FIRE and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) to undertake measures to improve the protection of local communities from catastrophic wildfire totaling more than \$2 million.

The CAL FIRE grant, named the Community Fuel Break Grant, will provide more than \$700 thousand in funding to establish a fuel break that surrounds River Pines, plan similar fuel breaks for at least three other communities in the county and promote the establishment of additional Fire Wise Communities throughout the county.

The SNC grant, named the Amador Stewardship Grant, will provide more than \$1.3 million, to reduce fuel loading on nine Bureau of Land Management (BLM) parcels scattered from Buckhorn Ridge, up Rams Horn Grade and down Shake Ridge Road. These parcels will provide “anchor points” for eventually expanding fuel breaks onto adjacent private land.

“These grants will allow AFSC to continue to expand our work on fuel reduction and other fire prevention activities” says Pat Minyard, Chair of the AFSC, “perhaps more importantly, these grants provide the funds for strategically planning, improving and expanding efforts to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire throughout the county.” Minyard added, “River Pines did a fantastic job in bringing their community together to plan and secure the right to enter from adjacent private landowners to create a community fuel break, the AFSC looks forward to working with other Registered Fire Wise Communities to plan future community fuel breaks.”

The Amador Fire Safe Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2002 dedicated to protecting residents of the county from catastrophic wildfire by reducing the risk of wildfire and improving evacuation routes. The Pine Acres Fuel Break, created through a grant secured by AFSC, is credited with stopping the spread of the 2015 Butte Fire into Amador County. Through grant funds the AFSC is currently in the process of constructing new and maintaining existing fuel breaks and improving escape routes throughout the county. The AFSC also works with local groups to form Fire Wise Communities which help individual citizens understand what they can do to protect their own properties and communities from wildfire. For more information about AFSC see www.amadorfiresafe.org