



Amador Fire Safe Council
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October 16th, 2024
 3:00-5:00
 Virtual & In-Person Meeting

Attend In-Person	Attend Virtually
19888 Church Street, Pine Grove (Behind Pine Grove Park) Volcano Communications Tech Center	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 September Minutes*
3. Introductions
4. Treasurers Report (John)*
5. Coordinator Report (Amanda)
 - a. Squad Locker Order Due 10/31
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
September 18, 2024 3:00pm



1. Approve/Modify Agenda – SP motioned for approval, CG seconded

2. Approval of April Minutes – JH motioned for approval, SP seconded

3. Introductions: Frank Leschinsky (FL), John Heisenbuttel (JH), Patrick Minyard (PM), Amanda Watson (AW), Dana Simpson (DS), Megan Watts (MW), Connie Gonsalves (CG), Richard Yarnell (RY), Susan Peters (SP)

Absent: Chris Dow (CD)

4. Treasurer Report:

General - \$523,944.69; Reserve - approx. \$5k. Expecting reimbursements from Cal Fire. We are 'on budget' regarding spending. Going to spend funding on contract work in the field. Will receive 1.2 million from Cal Fire for the Volcano Hills Project and CWPP. The Rancheria Thompson Ridge project is approved, not *pending*.

5. Coordinators Report:

- See Board Packet

6. Firewise Update:

34 Neighborhoods in Good Standing – 3 Pending (in application process) – 2 in the wings. Participated in the quarterly Regional Coordinators meeting this month, will be sharing updates received from the meeting. Mostly it was regarding the recertification process, but it also highlighted the issues people have been dealing with regarding insurance discounts for being a FW community. It was stressed, heavily, that Firewise was never intended, nor created, for this purpose. It's to create a coordinated effort throughout your immediate community to educate and be proactive in preparation for potential wildfire and mitigating the threat of wildfire. Will be having a virtual Firewise Forum on Friday, October 4th. Notices have been posted and sent as of today. We have had 6 FW neighborhoods coordinate chipping events.

7. Partner Update:

CAL FIRE: Still fire season. D-Space have been in Amador Pines for inspections. Real Estate inspections are about a month out. Subdivision Review project is underway. Here to help with CWPP. Conflicting messages given regarding insurance discounts....

AFPD: Full steam ahead with community engagement. Hosting mock-evac drill w/Amador Pines.

BLM: none

8. Public Comment:

None

Adjourn: 4:08pm

AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

2024 Budget

As of Sep 30, 2024

Expenses

Grants Expenses

305 AFSC Coordinator	80,000.00	1	59,982.37
306 Coordinator Assistant	6,000.00	2	12,189.61
307 Outreach Coordinator	40,000.00	3	42,704.90
308 Technical Assistance	8,000.00	4	2,552.77
309 Project Management	70,000.00	5	45,003.80
310 RPF Professional Forester	125,000.00		74,975.00
315 Environmental Documentation	10,000.00		0.00
320 Groundwork Contracted Labor	2,332,750.00		1,584,685.28
350 Outreach/Materials/Supplies	10,000.00		39,002.13
Total Grant Expenses	2,681,750.00		1,861,095.86

Operating Expenses

311 Bookkeeper	10,000.00	4	8,347.86
321 State Filing Fees	350.00		100.00
330 Insurance, D&O	2,000.00		2,498.28
343 Bank Charges	50.00		30.00
345 Office Supplies	4,000.00		1,086.50
346 Postage	400.00		81.85
350 General Outreach	10,000.00	6	2,904.00
365 Professional Fees	600.00	7	0.00
365 Telephone	375.00		325.00
370 Mileage	4,000.00		1,400.16
Other	0.00		1,729.95
Total Operating Expenses	31,775.00		18,503.60

Unrestricted Reserves

100,000.00		0.00
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Total Expenses

2,813,525.00		1,879,599.46
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Revenue

Grants

PG&E CEMA Program	30,000.00	8	0.00
SNC Tiger Creek Implementation	29,750.00	9	1,631.79
SNC Tiger Creek Enhancement	43,675.00	9	43,432.01

CAL FIRE Ingress/Egress 1	599,600.00	9	264,875.08
CAL FIRE Ingress/Egress 2	428,508.00	10	451,039.80
SNC County Steward Implementation	283,600.00	11	13,472.71
Community Fuel Break	294,175.00	12	130,577.64
CAL FIRE Pine Acres Maintenance	333,233.00	9	48,407.05
CAFSC County Coordinator	8,700.00	9	8,673.53
CAFSC County Coordinator – Round 2	81,300.00	9	68,812.84
CalFire Evacuation Improvement	183,000.00	9	261,042.91
CAL FIRE Upper Rancheria	587,750.00	10	568,746.27
Misc Income			1,159.27
Contributions	500.00		97.76
Indirect/Admin Revenue	290,329.00		191,356.31
Interest Income	200.00		38.01
Total Revenue	3,194,320.00		2,053,362.98

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 Sep 30, 2024
5591 General Fund	106,797.38	388,214.60
Savings/Reserve Account	100,016.99	5,043.11
4255 PG&E/CWPP	94,180.01	18,837.06
4412 Tiger Creek Enhance	32,804.55	100.18
4420 CFSC Coordinator	4,754.63	100.13
4222 Tiger Creek Implementation	2,808.66	100.03
4651 Ingress/Egress	43,451.81	632.86
4834 AmCo Stewardship	312,525.74	299,275.89
4842 Community Fuel Break	73,302.29	199.25
4842 Pine Acres Fuel Break	106,901.35	60,838.50
Total	\$ 877,543.41	773,341.61

Amador Fire Safe Council Grant Snapshot
as of September 30, 2024

	AFSC	<u>Grant Period</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>	<u>Direct Cost</u>	<u>Indirect Cost</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	\$ 157,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	Amador County Evac Improvement - CWPP (CalFire) 5GG21101 - COMPLETE	6/14/2022 - 3/15/2024	\$ 379,982.40	\$ 339,270.00	\$ 40,712.40	\$ 379,982.40		\$ -	\$ -
	PGE - Jackson Gate	ends 11/30/2024	\$ 37,300.45	\$ 33,909.50	\$ 3,390.95	\$ 93.44	\$ 18,650.23	\$ -	\$ 37,207.01
3	Coordinator (CAFSC) - Round 2	4/15/2024 - 12/31/2024	\$ 173,217.00	\$ 157,470.00	\$ 15,747.00	\$ 75,694.14	\$ 10,913.87	\$ 86,608.00	\$ 97,522.86
4	Tiger Creek Implementation 1200 (SNC)	7/28/2020 - 1/1/2025	\$ 834,126.00	\$ 744,756.00	\$ 89,370.00	\$ 799,238.48	\$ -	\$ 48,454.95	\$ 34,887.52
5	Tiger Creek Enhancement 1330 (SNC)	9/13/2021 - 1/1/2025	\$ 220,200.00	\$ 200,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 218,330.34	\$ -	\$ 20,222.86	\$ 1,869.66
6	Ingress/Egress (CalFire) 5GG19102	5/13/2020 - 3/1/2025	\$ 1,044,296.00	\$ 949,360.00	\$ 94,936.00	\$ 800,898.08	\$ -	\$ 101,197.40	\$ 243,397.92
7	Ingress/Egress Phase 2 (CalFire) 5GA21119	6/2/2022 - 03/15/2025	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 545,455.00	\$ 54,545.00	\$ 496,143.78	\$ -	\$ 5,615.35	\$ 103,856.22
8	Pine Acres (CalFire) 5GG20101	approval - 3/15/2025	\$ 515,405.00	\$ 468,550.00	\$ 46,855.00	\$ 77,249.24	\$ 51,610.12		\$ 438,155.76
9	Upper Rancheria Community Fuel Break 5GA21149	10/17/2023 - 5/31/2025	\$ 950,010.00	\$ 863,645.00	\$ 86,365.00	\$ 638,853.57	\$ -	\$ 9,514.22	\$ 311,156.43
10	Amador Community Fuel Break Develop Proj (CalFire) 5GG21201	8/4/2022 - 3/15/2026	\$ 726,000.00	\$ 660,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 435,100.70	\$ -	\$ 10,229.02	\$ 290,899.30
11	RFFCP 1705 (SNC)	6/17/2024 - 5/31/2027	\$ 213,290.00	\$ 193,900.00	\$ 19,390.00	\$ 3,525.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 209,764.33
12	AmCo Implementation 1370 (SNC)	8/23/2022 - 1/1/2028	\$ 1,288,444.00	\$ 1,171,313.00	\$ 117,131.00	\$ 476,116.72	\$ 297,110.89	\$ -	\$ 812,327.28
13	Rancheria Thompson Ridge - BLM	9/1/24 - 8/31/28	\$ 778,280.00	\$ 753,320.00	\$ 24,960.00	\$ 232.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 778,047.81
14	County Wide CWPP	Pending	\$ 167,860.00	\$ 152,600.00	\$ 15,260.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 167,860.00
15	Volcano Hills Community Fuel Break	Pending	\$ 1,019,387.00	\$ 926,715.00	\$ 92,672.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,019,387.00
			\$ 9,122,797.85	\$ 8,317,963.50	\$ 804,834.35	\$ 4,576,458.75	\$ 378,285.11	\$ 281,841.80	\$ 4,546,339.10

*matches Unearned Revenue

*Matches Accounts Receivable

**Amador Fire Safe Council
Coordinator Monthly Report**

Oct-24

Date Range: September 18th 2024 - October 11th 2024

Project	Update	Future Planned Actions
New Hire	Amador RCD hired a new Forestry Project Manager Todd Bertwell. He will be working on AFSC and ARCD projects. Currently, he is assigned to assist with Community Fuel Break Planning and the I/E project.	
Amador County Collaborative Ingress, Egress and Education Plan	New Forestry Project Manager, Todd Bertwell, is working on developing the RFP for the next phase of Road Projects Stone Jug, Bonnefoy Road, Shakeridge.	RFP was delayed last month and is now scheduled to go out in late October.
	Work on the last phase of I/E project has been completed.	
	Staff is working on grant reporting.	Project reporting due Oct. 31st
Community Fuel Break Project	Todd is getting introduced to these projects and will be taking the lead on project planning with AFSC RFP. Butte Mtn - Aubry Lane, Mt.Crossman, Rendic FB Future Planning: Central Pine Grove, Silver Lake Basin Met with Butte Mtn Fire Wise Community to discuss community fuel break decisions. Will be providing feedback by Oct. 31st.	Familiarize new hire with projects and planning activities. Begin planning on approved projects. Reporting due Oct. 31st
Central Pine Grove FB/Crestview	Krisman started work on Crestview parcel. AFSC requested an extension on the Tiger Creek #1200 and #1330 grants to potentially due maintenance/follow-up treatment on this property in Spring.	Install Project signage. Execute extension. Plan for Spring treatment.
River Pines	There is a small remaining section of handwork remaining, getting per acre cost approved by CalFire	Complete handwork. Future planning will begin after March 2025. Reporting Due Oct. 31st
Upper Rancheria Fuel Break	The staff has been working to develop a grant amendment to utilize planning funds to take planning through to CEQA. This could provide for potentially 4 Community Projects to be fully CEQA'd by June 30th 2025.	Work will continue in the fall 2024 on the remaining area of the fuel break. Reporting due Oct. 31st
Capacity Building/Coordination Funding	Hosted the initial CWPP Steering Committee and developed a draft scope of work. Current CWPP Steering Committee Members: AFSC- Susan Peters, Calfire - Jeff Hoag/Mike Blankenhiem, Amador County Fire Chiefs- Rob Withrow, Amador County/Sheriffs Office- Matthew Girton.	Finalize Draft Scope of Work. Schedule CWPP listening session for late October.
	Working on capacity building and organizational development such as internal mapping systems, and Microsoft transition. Contracted for Microsoft transition will take place late October early November. Staff is working on internal GIS database and mapping systems Scope of Work	Release RFP for GIS specialist assistance. Conduct Microsoft transition.
Pine Acres Fuel Break - Maintenance	The plan is to have our contractor and CalFire CYA camps start work in Oct/Nov (weather-dependent).	Plan for fall operations
AmCo Stewardship - Mokelumne Community Forest	AFSC is working with BLM to plan for a forest health thinning on the Buckhorn Unit. AW and project forester, Jan Bray, are working to develop a RFP to contract for the thinning and decking logs. BLM will be the lead on the removal of the logs from site.	Release RFP for Forest Health Thinning on Buckhorn Unit. Anticipated for late Oct/early Nov.