



# Amador Fire Safe Council

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June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

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 <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2674846542?pwd=VjlrL25rMGkwY2paMmxhckhKbnJSZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2674846542?pwd=VjlrL25rMGkwY2paMmxhckhKbnJSZz09</a> Meeting ID: 267 484 6542 Call-In Number: 1(669)900-6833 Code: 2674846542# Passcode: 1055

## AGENDA

1. Approve/Modify Agenda\*
2. Approve May Minutes\*
3. Introductions
4. Treasurers Report (John)\*
5. Coordinator Report (Amanda)
6. Fair Booth Discussion (Megan)
7. Mitchell Mine Maintenance & Demonstration Project Update (Scott Oneto, UCCE)
8. Board Recruitment Discussion (Susan)
9. Sirens Alert System Committee Update (Connie)
10. FireWise Community Program Update (Megan)
11. AlertWildfire Cameras Project Update (Frank)
12. Public Comment
13. Other items/adjourn

### Upcoming Meetings:

**FireWise Resource Meeting** 6/29 6pm-7:30 Board of Supervisors Chambers

**Amador County Fair** July 27th-30th, 2023, Amador County Fair Grounds

\*Action items  
Meeting will be recorded.



**AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BOARD MEETING**  
May 17, 2023 3:00pm



**May 17, 2023 - 3:03 pm**

**1. Attendees:** Pat Minyard, John Heisenbutel, Susan Peters, Frank Leschinsky, Dana Simpson, Amanda Watson, Megan Watts, Kerry Williams, Lee Helgesen, Steve DeBenedet, Liz Lucas, Jason Schroeder, Bob Deacon, Ralph Meier, Julie Harris, Dale Ferguson, and Barbara McPhail.

**2. Approval of March Minutes** - *JH motioned FL seconded - All in favor (4) Absent (2)*

**3. Treasurer Report:**

\$834,316.45 all accounts (before approx. 350k in contractor bills for may)

JH recommends separating the reserve account from quick books; suggests getting enough money in reserve to cover cash flow issues- 100k; Unrestricted account is now below 100k, when it builds back up to well over 100k, we transfer 100k to reserve fund in its own account.

**4. Coordinator's Report:**

SNC - application - very beginning. Wait for resolution for next month. Part of MM FB, small chunk of BLM that wasn't treated- grant application to SNC in the next round of funding (NEPA should be already covered, implementation grant is all that is needed)

See monthly report for updates on ROE's.

Project Review committee is moving forward on the 6 projects submitted - working on next steps and figuring out funding.

4 projects are moving forward as well (Gold Creek, Oak Hills, Sandra Rd and old Giannini)- waiting on Nate's Tree Service for confirmation on work start for next week.

We need to start spending funds and need more projects submitted- big push for Smokechasers and Fair, also via Firewise communities, news article, radio advertisements, etc. for more engagement.

Filming with Cal Fire and River Pines took place recently- 3 min video that shares the Fuel Break project in River Pines.

Smokechaser's this weekend- please sign up to volunteer for booth staffing!!!

Scott Oneto is working on Lupe Rd. for project demonstration - will present next month on this.

River Pines is moving along 70/100 acres completed.

AmCo is treating BLM portions.

Tiger Creek is almost done (BLM property) - 19-acre unit with rough access, waiting on ground to dry out.

Community FB - previously reviewed Butte Mtn Fuel Break, working with leads of Butte Mtn FW neighborhoods regarding mapping, etc. Still a lot of development to happen, see slide.

Wildfire Preparedness Week Event- JH went, said turnout was large and all the speakers gave big kudos to AFSC- credited the stopping of Butte and Electra fires to the Pine Acres FB.

## **5. ARCD/AFSC Partnership Agreement Update:**

Amanda is presenting appendix 7: Forest Health and Fire Mitigation related- need a Project Management Assistance position. Requests to hire a Forestry Project Manager. See job description/funding analysis. Motion to add appendix 7, contingent upon RCD.

*SP motioned JH seconded - All in favor (4) Absent (2)*

## **6. Sirens Alert Systems Update:**

Frank- Frank and Connie met with Sgt. Bellotti, went over audible alert option in Amador County. Sgt. said they are interested in reviewing the project. F and C reviewed the product from Federal Systems company ("Giant Voice") - company is coming up next week to present to Sheriff's dept. and provide quotes, sheriff's dept will decide whether there is merit or not.

## **7. Firewise:**

Strategic Planning meeting in April- Strategic Planning document for Firewise Program in Amador County. (See document) AFSC wants to support FW communities through the process of becoming certified and maintaining that certification. Board is approving the strategic plan document and will also want updates on this every 6 month or so.

## **8. Alert Wildfire Camera Project Update:**

Frank - current network is being reorganized. University of CA San Diego is taking over all networking locations in California (to be called California Alert) - 'Alert Wildfire' will support new networks out of state.

## **9. Public Comment:**

Kerry Williams- Rolling Oaks Firewise lead. 85% of community is very supportive, still working on their I/E collection of ROE's.

SP requests Board of Supps recognize Dick Stamm and his efforts on the council.

Amanda is requesting assistance with Board recruitment- who are stakeholders- need a brainstorming meeting (SP) JH will look for bylaws from 2016ish regarding Board membership.

JH introduced Craig Ostergard as a possible consultant.

FW Signage has been updated: fee is waived.

**Adjourn: 4:30 pm**

**Amador Fire Safe Council Grant Snapshot**  
as of May 31, 2023

	<b>AFSC</b>	<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 or Advance Requested</u>	<u>Invoiced</u>	<u>Amount remaining</u>
1	Tiger Creek Implementation 1200 (SNC)	7/28/2020 - 1/1/2025	\$ 834,126.00	\$ 744,756.00	\$ 89,370.00	\$ 794,869.46	\$ -	\$ 44,085.94	\$ 39,256.54
2	Tiger Creek Enhancement 1330 (SNC)	9/13/2021 - 1/1/2025	\$ 220,200.00	\$ 200,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 170,061.00		\$ 37,941.00	\$ 50,139.00
3	Coordinator (CAFSC)	11/15/2021 - 12/31/2023	\$ 174,999.00	\$ 159,090.00	\$ 15,909.00	\$ 91,312.75	\$ -	\$ 28,581.47	\$ 83,686.25
4	Ingress/Egress (CalFire) 5GG19102	5/13/2020 - 3/1/2024	\$ 1,044,296.00	\$ 949,360.00	\$ 94,936.00	\$ 370,951.61	\$ 183,454.42	\$ -	\$ 673,344.39
5	Pine Acres (CalFire) 5GG20101	approval - 3/15/2025	\$ 515,405.00	\$ 468,550.00	\$ 46,855.00	\$ 8,306.78	\$ 120,544.47		\$ 507,098.22
6	Ingress/Egress Phase 2 5GA21119	6/2/2022 - 03/15/2025	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 545,455.00	\$ 54,545.00	\$ -			\$ 600,000.00
7	AmCo Implementation 1370 (SNC)	8/23/2022 - 1/1/2028	\$ 1,288,444.00	\$ 1,171,313.00	\$ 117,131.00	\$ 432,391.40	\$ 0.00	\$ 45,858.20	\$ 856,052.60
8	Amador County Evac Improvement (CalFire) 5GG21101	6/14/2022 - 3/15/2024	\$ 379,982.40	\$ 335,000.00	\$ 44,982.40	\$ -			\$ 379,982.40
9	Amador Community Fuel Break Develop Proj (CalFire) 5GG21201	8/4/2022 - 3/15/2026	\$ 726,000.00	\$ 660,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 231,927.55	\$ 131,229.40	\$ -	\$ 494,072.45
10	Upper Rancheria Community Fuel Break 5GA21149	- 5/31/2025	\$ 950,010.00	\$ 863,645.00	\$ 86,365.00	\$ 477.58			\$ 949,532.42
			\$ 6,733,462.40	\$ 6,097,369.00	\$ 636,093.40	\$ 2,100,298.13	\$ 435,228.24	\$ 156,466.61	\$ 4,633,164.27

\*matches Unearned Revenue

\*Matches Accounts Receivable

## AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

**2023 Budget**

**As of May 31, 2023**

### Expenses

#### Grants Expenses

305 AFSC Coordinator	62,000.00	1	22,731.55
306 Coordinator Assistant	13,000.00	2	1,647.46
307 Outreach Coordinator	14,400.00	3	11,214.00
308 Technical Assistance	14,400.00	3	2,025.21
310 RPF Professional Forester	125,000.00		70,822.55
315 Environmental Documentation	10,000.00		1,686.42
320 Groundwork Contracted Labor	2,024,000.00		871,325.31
350 Outreach/Materials/Supplies	10,000.00		1,474.42
Total Grant Expenses	<b>2,272,800.00</b>		<b>982,926.92</b>

#### Operating Expenses

302 Depreciation	450.00		0.00
311 Bookkeeper	4,000.00		1,859.27
321 State Filing Fees	85.00		0.00
330 Insurance, D&O	2,000.00		0.00
343 Bank Charges	50.00		33.00
345 Office Supplies	4,000.00		28.94
346 Postage	400.00		76.74
350 General Outreach	10,000.00	4	224.34
365 Professional Fees	600.00	5	0.00
365 Telephone	375.00		150.00
370 Mileage	4,000.00		226.16
Other	0.00		0.00
Total Operating Expenses	<b>25,960.00</b>		<b>2,598.45</b>

#### Unrestricted Reserves

	<b>100,000.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,398,760.00</b>		<b>985,525.37</b>
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### Revenue

#### Grants

PG&E CEMA Program	22,500.00	6	
SNC Tiger Creek Implementation	226,000.00	7	191,605.61
SNC Tiger Creek Enhancement	40,000.00	8	105,654.10

CAL FIRE Ingress/Egress	674,000.00	<sup>9</sup>	62,083.77
SNC County Steward Implementation	658,000.00	<sup>10</sup>	390,269.95
Community Fuel Break	397,000.00	<sup>11</sup>	185,847.16
CAL FIRE Pine Acres Maintenance	90,000.00	<sup>12</sup>	7,551.63
CAFSC County Coordinator	78,000.00	<sup>13</sup>	28,204.30
CalFire Evacuation Improvement	60,000.00	<sup>14</sup>	
Misc Grant Income			2,500.00
Contributions	500.00		86.86
Indirect/Admin Revenue	228,950.00		101,111.36
Interest Income	200.00		146.33
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,475,150.00</b>		<b>1,075,061.07</b>

1. Assumes 80 hours/month
2. Assumes 23 hours/month
3. Assumes 40 hours/month
4. Outreach that is not directly billable to a specific grant
5. Tax preparation.
6. Assumes we receive grant.
7. Assumes 26 Acres of handwork and three miles of road clearance.
8. Assumes 20 acres of mastication.
9. Assumes 40 miles of road work.
10. Assumes 254 acres of mastication.
11. Assumes 171 acres of mastication (River Pines)
12. Environmental documentation.
13. Staff time and outreach, \$175K grant runs from 12/21 to 3/23.
14. Update Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan

## Amador Fire Safe Council Fund Balances

	As of Dec 31, 2022	As of May 31, 2023
3000 General Fund	153,610.19	77,013.46
4255 PG&E	288.75	288.80
4412 Tiger Creek Enhance	66,056.22	22,172.91
4420 CFSC Coordinator	6,006.35	6,007.61
4222 Tiger Creek Implementation	170,798.19	2,807.82
4651 Ingress/Egress	3,111.92	199,227.35
4834 AmCo Stewardship	386,546.97	9,346.48
4842 Community Fuel Break	100.00	11,456.39
4842 Pine Acres Fuel Break	100.00	125,736.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 786,618.59</b>	<b>\$ 454,056.97</b>

Amador Fire Safe Council: Coordinator Monthly Report - Project Summary

6/21/2023

Grant	Grant Period	Amount Awarded	Amount remaining	Treatments/Status	Notes
<b>TIGER CREEK Fuel Break</b>		AFSC partnering with BLM will implemented fuels reduction work on BLM managed parcels near Tiger Creek Road, PG&E and SPI properties.			
Tiger Creek Implementation 1200 (SNC)	7/28/2020 - 1/1/2025	\$834,126.72	\$39,256.54	263.5/267 acres	
Tiger Creek Enhancement 1330 (SNC)	9/13/2021 - 1/1/2025	\$220,200.00	\$50,139.00	33/41 acres	
<b>Ingress/Egress Projects</b>		AFSC works with community groups and the county to identify roads that are evacuation routes and need vegetation clearing 20 ft from the drivable surface.			
Ingress/Egress (CalFire) 5GG19102	5/13/2020 - 3/1/2024	\$1,044,296.00	\$673,344.39	21.13/60 miles	
Ingress/Egress Phase 2 5GA21119 (Direct Award)	6/2/2022 - 03/15/2025	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00	0/30 miles	Can't be extended
Amador County Evac Improv (CalFire) 5GG21101	6/14/2022 - 3/15/2024	\$379,982.40	\$379,982.40	5.5 (in progress)/11.25 miles 0/1 County-wide CWPP (Awaiting amendment approval)	Request extension
<b>Pine Acres Fuel Break</b>		AFSC is working to maintain and enhance the Pine Acres FB.			
Pine Acres (CalFire) 5GG20101	approval - 3/15/2025	\$515,405.00	\$507,098.22	0/180 acres	Finish Surveys/NOE
<b>AmCo Stewardship Project</b>		AFSC partnering with BLM will implemented fuels reduction work on 9 BLM managed parcels.			
AmCo Implementation 1370 (SNC)	8/23/2022 - 1/1/2028	\$1,288,444.00	\$856,052.60	160.5/413 acres	
<b>Community Fuel Breaks</b>		AFSC is working with FWC and other community groups to develop fuel breaks. AFSC is providing assistance to FWCs.			
Amador Community Fuel Break Develop Proj (CalFire) 5GG21201	8/4/2022 - 3/15/2026	\$726,000.00	\$494,072.45	River Pines FB 70/200 acres 3/3 Comm. FB Planned	Ohio Hill/Upper Rancheria/Volcano Hills
Upper Rancheria Community Fuel Break 5GA21149	thru 5/31/2025	\$950,010.00	\$949,532.42	Upper Rancheria FB 0/300 acres 0.5/2 Comm FB Planned	
PGE - Butte Mountain	thru 11/30/2023	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	0/10 acres	Can't be extended
Amador Community Fuel Break Develop Proj ROUND 2 (CalFire)	Awaiting funding announcement		N/A	Volcano Hills FB 0/270 acres Ohio Hill FB 0/80 acres 0/3 Planned Comm. FBs	

## Recent Ingress/Egress Projects

Project	Status	Next Steps	Estimated Miles
22_PR1_Running Gold	PROJECT COMPLETED		0.85
22_PR2_Surrey Junction	PROJECT COMPLETED		5.2
22_PR3_Rolling Oaks	24/29 ROE's submitted		3.1
22_PR4_Gold Creek Trail	PROJECT COMPLETED		1.4
22_PR5_Oak Hill Lane	PROJECT COMPLETED		0.4
22_PR6_Sandra Lane	Project scheduled for 6/15		2.2
22_PR7_SugarPineDrive	10/23 ROE's submitted	July Bid Package	0.7
22_PR8_SokeSprings	8/10 ROE's submitted	July Bid Package	0.9
22_PR9_10MileMarker	3/4 ROE's submitted	July Bid Package	0.9
22_PR10_Cottonwood Lane	5/6 ROE's submitted	July Bid Package	0.2
22_PR11_Fiddletown Park	Project being mapped	Send out ROEs	5
22_PR12_Clute Road	5/5 ROE's submitted	July Bid Package	0.6
22_PR13_Old Giannini Ranch Road	Ground work in progress		1.5
			22.95

## Pending Projects

Project	Status	Next Steps
China Gulch I/E	Under Review/Planning	Map/Site Visit
Kennedy Mine FB	Under Review/Planning	Map/Site Visit
Quartz Mountain I/E	Under Review/Planning	Site Visit
Amador Central Railroad FB	Under Review/Planning	Site Visit
Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates FB	Under Review/Planning	Site Visit
Mt. Crossman/Silver Pointe Dr. FB	Under Review/Planning	Site Visit