



Amador Fire Safe Council

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February 21st, 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 January Minutes*
3. Introductions
4. Treasurers Report (John)*
5. Coordinator Report (Amanda)
 - a. 2024 Outreach Plan
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
January 17, 2024 3:00pm



January 17, 2024 - 3:00 pm

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

2. Approval of September Minutes - FL motioned for approval, JH seconded

3. Introductions: Frank Leschinsky (FL), John Heisenbuttel (JH), Susan Peters (SP), Patrick Minyard (PM), Amanda Watson (AW), Dana Simpson, Jeff Brown (JB), Kayla Dale (KD), Megan Scheeline (MS), Patrick McDaniel, Bob Deacon, Ralph Meier, Tom Ellison, Serena Hangs, Mary Sue Bizarri, Ron Martinez, Mike Morrione, Carol Giovannoni, Jeff White, Kelly Ward, Megan Watts, other members of the public (not audible)

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

4. Treasurer Report:

\$2.475mil budget, spent \$1.533mil, underspent approximately \$900k. This was due to normal winter weather, washed out a few operations and one of the contractors underperformed. Good news, many dollars spent this year will go towards Ingress/Egress, not so many weather-dependent projects.

Gen Fund: \$106k; Bottom line in all accounts \$877, 543.41.

5. 2024 Budget (JH):

See attached documents

Motion to approve (SP), second (FL) All in (4) / Absent (3)

6. Coordinator Report:

- See attached documents

- 3 CalFire grants were submitted (CWPP update, Ohio Hills Fuel Break, Volcano Hills Fuel Break)

- See Ingress/Egress Presentation

(SP) Hopefully mapping needs (GIS assistance) will be filled since we no longer work with Cindy Engel - i.e. county employees? (KD) In the meantime, AFD have staff who can be utilized; Recommends communication with the Sheriff's Office in regard to evacuation mapping. (PM) Conversation should take place between Board of Supervisors, etc., as to how to handle this situation. (JB) Jail project is a huge current project, utilizing much funding that may need to be utilized for mapping staff....

7. Grant Resolution (AW):

Resolution # AFSC 2024-1-17-1: Approval for Application to Bureau of Land Management IJJA/IRA Bureau of Land Management California Plant Conservation and Restoration Grant Opportunity.

Motion to approve (JH), second (SP) All in (4) / Absent (3)

8. Firewise Program Update: Not much to update, recertification has been done. 3 new communities in the wings. CA is the top state in total Firewise sites, as well as new Firewise sites.

9. Partner Update:

CAL FIRE: Winter project mode- lots of burning going on. Working on Fire Plan update.

AFPD: Partnering with Red Cross, targeting various communities with needs for smoke alarms; gearing up for spring meetings with other communities, i.e. evacuation drills, evacuation preparedness, etc.; Risk Assessments are taking place for new, potential Firewise communities.

BLM: None

10. Public Comment:

None

Adjourn: 4:37pm

CAL FIRE Ingress/Egress 1	599,600.00	9	5645.11
CAL FIRE Ingress/Egress 2	428,508.00	10	0.00
SNC County Steward Implementation	283,600.00	11	698.17
Community Fuel Break	294,175.00	12	4,292.03
CAL FIRE Pine Acres Maintenance	333,233.00	9	1,150.35
CAFSC County Coordinator	90,000.00	9	5,376.03
CalFire Evacuation Improvement	183,000.00	9	7,980.20
CAL FIRE Upper Rancheria	587,750.00	10	4,706.35
Misc Grant Income			
Contributions	500.00		
Indirect/Admin Revenue	290,329.00		3,294.80
Interest Income	200.00		36.74
Total Revenue	3,194,320.00		34,152.03

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 Jan 31, 2024
3000 General Fund	106,797.38	161,258.65
Savings/Reserve Account	100,016.99	100,025.46
4255 PG&E/CWPP	94,180.01	94,183.87
4412 Tiger Creek Enhance	32,804.55	32,805.94
4420 CFSC Coordinator	4,754.63	4,754.83
4222 Tiger Creek Implementation	2,808.66	2,458.59
4651 Ingress/Egress	43,451.81	43,453.65
4834 AmCo Stewardship	312,525.74	312,538.97
4842 Community Fuel Break	73,302.29	73,305.39
4842 Pine Acres Fuel Break	106,901.35	106,905.88
Total	\$ 877,543.41	931,691.23

Amador Fire Safe Council Grant Snapshot

as of Jan 31, 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 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	\$ 798,426.06	\$ -	\$ 47,642.56	\$ 35,699.94
2	Tiger Creek Enhancement 1330 (SNC)	9/13/2021 - 1/1/2025	\$ 220,200.00	\$ 200,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 171,085.22	\$ 27,094.78		\$ 49,114.78
3	Coordinator (CAFSC)	11/15/2021 - 3/31/2024	\$ 174,999.00	\$ 159,090.00	\$ 15,909.00	\$ 171,372.02	\$ 3,627.20	\$ -	\$ 3,626.98
4	Ingress/Egress (CalFire) 5GG19102	5/13/2020 - 3/1/2025	\$ 1,044,296.00	\$ 949,360.00	\$ 94,936.00	\$ 515,264.57	\$ 39,141.46	\$ -	\$ 529,031.43
5	Pine Acres (CalFire) 5GG20101	approval - 3/15/2025	\$ 515,405.00	\$ 468,550.00	\$ 46,855.00	\$ 25,258.73	\$ 103,592.51		\$ 490,146.27
6	Ingress/Egress Phase 2 5GA21119	6/2/2022 - 03/15/2025	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 545,455.00	\$ 54,545.00	\$ 862.53			\$ 599,137.47
7	AmCo Implementation 1370 (SNC)	8/23/2022 - 1/1/2028	\$ 1,288,444.00	\$ 1,171,313.00	\$ 117,131.00	\$ 461,887.38	\$311,266.40		\$ 826,556.62
8	Amador County Evac Improvement - CWPP (CalFire) 5GG21101	6/14/2022 - 3/15/2024	\$ 379,982.40	\$ 335,000.00	\$ 44,982.40	\$ 96,431.19		\$ 2,351.17	\$ 283,551.21
9	Amador Community Fuel Break Develop Proj (CalFire) 5GG21201	8/4/2022 - 3/15/2026	\$ 726,000.00	\$ 660,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 296,186.55	\$ 66,970.40	\$ -	\$ 429,813.45
10	Upper Rancheria Community Fuel Break 5GA21149	- 5/31/2025	\$ 950,010.00	\$ 863,645.00	\$ 86,365.00	\$ 18,363.95		\$ 7,803.99	\$ 931,646.05
11	PGE Butte Mountain	- 11/30/2023	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 29,141.78		\$ 12,234.77	\$ -
			\$ 6,768,462.40	\$ 6,129,369.00	\$ 639,093.40	\$ 2,584,279.98	\$ 551,692.70	\$ 70,032.49	\$ 4,178,324.20

complete

*matches Unearned Revenue

*Matches Accounts Receivable

**Amador Fire Safe Council
Coordinator Monthly Report**

Feb-24

Date Range: January 17th 2024-February 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	Smith Grinding completed the originally contracted amount and added Tyler and Pine Gulch Road which are in-progress. Mtn Enterprises and Nates Tree Service are working through their segments, see the attached County Roads update.	Continue to collect private road ROEs Anticipating that the RFP will be released in March.
	Planned Private Road RFP grouping, currently collecting ROEs: Fiddletown Park (This area has an easement along roads and does not need ROEs), Quartz Mtn (56%), and Andrews Road (92% - complete). ROEs are just now going out for Nina Road.	
County Coordinator - CAFSC	FireWise Forum will be held on February 7th. Gordon will be presented on how to develop and submit a project.	Developing Newsletter, Annual Report template/2023 report, quarterly website update.
	Set a date for the Annual Fire Mitigation Collaborators Meeting - March 8th	Host upcoming Amador Fire Mitigation Collaborators Meeting
	ARCD/AFSC staff brainstormed 2024 outreach plan, see attached.	The second round of funding will be awarded when the current round is completed. Estimated grant close out mid-March.
Community Fuel Break Project	Grants submitted to BLM to develop Rancheria Ridge FB and creation of A CWPP. AW is working with SNC to utilize Tiger Creek Fuel Break funding to treat the Crestview parcel.	Upcoming needs: schedule townhalls for all community projects, will be covered in the annual outreach plan.
	Krisman Enterprise has moved equipment onto River Pines FB and has started work, acreage west of Shenandoah Road has been completed.	
	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.	
Upper Rancheria Fuel Break	AFSC went out to bid on the Upper Rancheria Fuel Break, and AFSC received 15 bids. The Project Committee selected two contractors, Krisman Enterprises (72.5 acres) and Bordges Timber (164 acres). There are remaining funds in the grant budget the AFSC is researching additional acres of the original project to add potentially to one of these existing contracts.	Work will begin on the Upper Rancheria Fuel Break shortly. Staff and RPF are researching additional acreage to add.

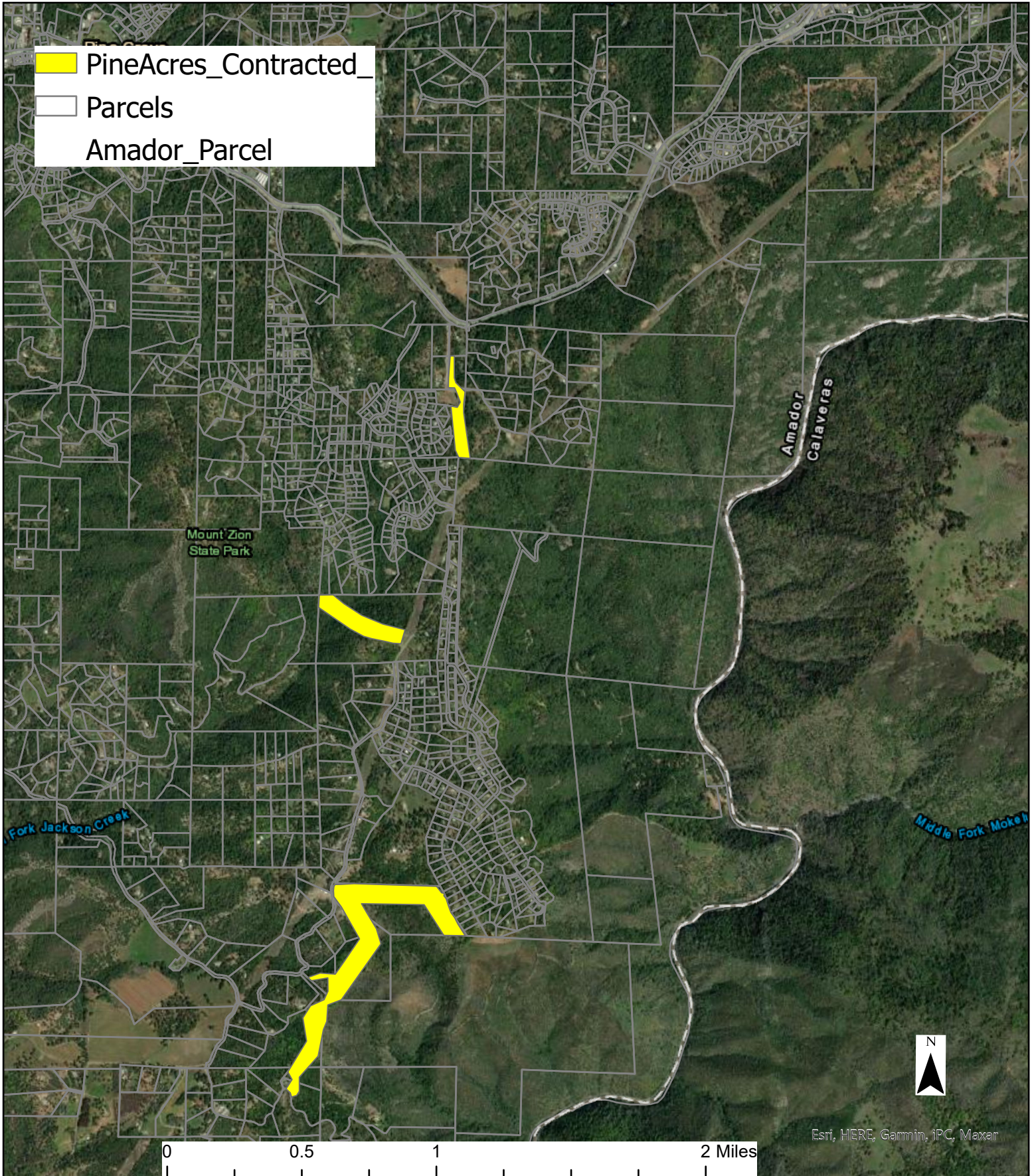
<p>CalFire Evacuation Planning Grant</p>	<p>This grant ends on March 15th, 2024, staff will be working on closing out this project and final reporting. Due to several issues, the grant deliverables had to be adjusted. The AFSC will be treating/maintaining an estimated 82 acres of the Pine Acres Fuel Break with these funds. 19 acres of road have been treated. Signage will be provided to 16 FireWise Communities. Standardized road name signs for private roads will be provided to FWC which completed the survey/order form. These road name signs will be installed by the community, all materials will be provided. The lack of highly visible road name signs on private roads was a top concern for emergency responders.</p>	<p>Final reporting will be completed and signage will be distributed. Grant close out as of March 31st 2024.</p>
<p>Pine Acres Fuel Break Maintenance</p>	<p>As mentioned above, work started on the Pine Acres fuel break via funding from the Evacuation Planning Grant. AFSC contracted with Krisman Enterprises to complete XX acres by the end of February. Work is being completed by Krisman Enterprises.</p>	<p>Plan Town Hall Mtg. Continue initial site visits. Work anticipated to start in Fall 2023.</p>
<p>Potential Funding</p>	<p>PG&E Grant Upcoming: Grant Application due mid-March, The Project Committee discussed the continuation of Ohio Hill Fuel Break (see attached map) or clearing for a shelter-in-place location up-county.</p> <p>Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFCP) Round 3: SNC invited AFSC to submit a final proposal which will include \$198,990, see attached draft budget/workplan. AW wrote and submitted a grant application to the BLM for CWPP/Rancheria Ridge Fuel Break Development. Awaiting funding announcement for three CalFire CCI Wildfire Prevention solicitation:</p> <p>County-wide CCWPP Update \$167k Ohio Hill Community Fuel Break, 240 acres, \$917k Volcano Hills Community Fuel Break, 270 acres, \$1.019 million</p>	<p>Submit PG&E Grant. Submit final Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFCP) Round 3 final proposal. Closeout Coordinator Grant and submit the next round of funding workplan</p>

County Roads Ingress/Egress Update 2/20/2024

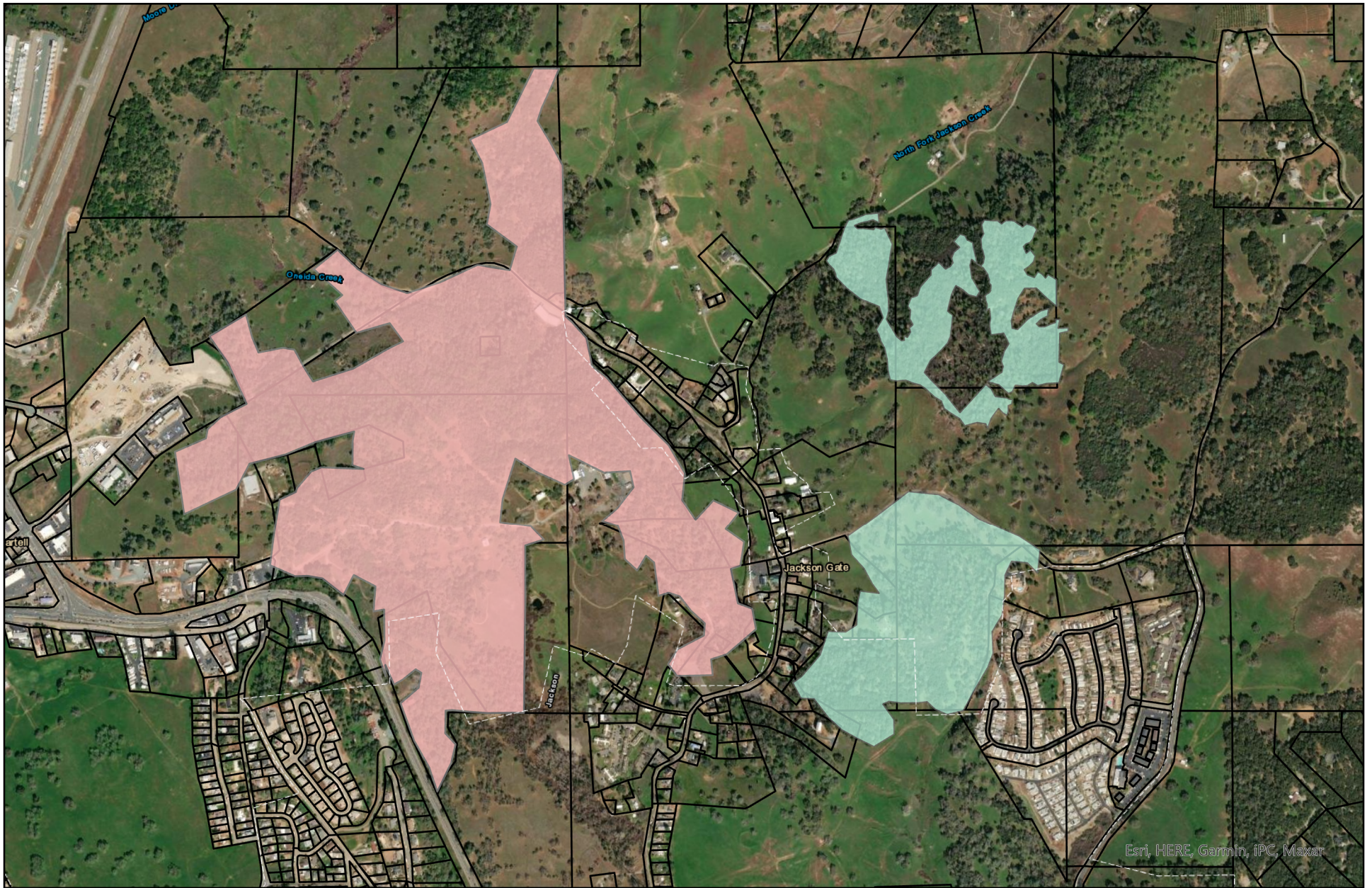
Segment #	Road Name	Sections	Mileage	Contractor	Status
1	Sutter Creek Volcano Rd.	0.00- P.M.- 11.75	11.75	Mtn Enterprise	
2	Steiner Rd.	P.M.- 1.40- P.M.- 2.04	0.64		Completed
3	Ostrum Rd.	P.M.- 0.00- P.M.-2.35	2.35		Completed
4	Lawrence Rd.	P.M.- 0.00- P.M.- 2.18	2.18		In-progress
5	Upton Rd.	P.M.- 0.00 - P.M.- 1.30	1.3		
6	Ridge Rd.	P.M.- 3.15 - P.M.- 5.25	2.1		
7	Clinton Rd.	18709 to End	2.91	Nates Tree Service	
8	Butte Mtn. Rd.	0.00- P.M.- 4.28	4.28		
9	Spagnoli Mine Rd.	0.00- P.M.- 1.59	1.59		In-progress
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		In-progress
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 - not invoiced
19	Tyler Road	0.0 - 5.2	5.2		In-progress

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Pine Acres Maintenance Fuelbreak
Up to 82 Acres of fuelbreak treatment

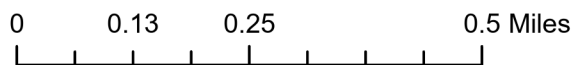


Ohio Hill Fuel Break



- Ohio Hill
- Kennedy Mine
- Parcels

Treatment Area:
284.1 ac



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Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFCP) Round 3 funding

Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) invited AFSC to the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFCP) Round 3 funding in the areas of capacity building and/or project development. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) received RFFCP funding as a block grant from the Department of Conservation. The specific **goals** the SNC is trying to achieve with the funding are to:

- Advance capacity throughout the SNC Region to scale up forest and fire project planning and implementation to maximize the real impact on healthy forests and community resilience.
- Establish robust project pipelines in each Planning Area to support the stability of the
- implementing organizations/agencies and further the pace of restoration and protection work.

The AFSC conducted an internal needs assessment and met with SNC to develop a work plan and budget, budget is the result of these efforts. AFSC will complete the final proposal and will submit it before February 26th.

Approved Activities and Funding

You have been approved for the following activities and funding which were in your pre-proposal. Suggested deliverables have been added.

AFSC RFFCP Estimated Deliverables:

Activities	Funding	Budget Category	Deliverables
Development, data collection, and maintenance of internal Project Tracking Mapping	\$17,200	Personnel Salary/Benefits	- Report on mapping needs analysis in quarterly reports - Report of AFSC/ARCD projects from the project database
	\$700	Travel	
	\$6,500	Subcontractors	
	\$8,800	Materials/Supplies	
Organizational and Staff Development	\$20,000	Personnel Salary/Benefits	- Report on trainings attended in quarterly reports
	\$8,000	Subcontractors	
Streamlined systems for partner collaboration and project prioritization	\$46,000	Personnel Salary/Benefits	- Standardized Project Input Form (and documentation of process) - Documentation of dates/attendance at county-wide and individual partner meetings - Project Prioritization List (documentation of process/rationale)
	\$700	Travel	
Long Term Monitoring and Maintenance Planning	\$56,000	Personnel Salary/Benefits	-Develop monitoring and maintenance protocols for each project type -Develop a maintenance interval review system
	\$17,000	Subcontractors	
<i>Public Outreach</i>			<i>SNC did not fund this aspect of the proposal.</i>
Total approved proposed activities	\$180,900		

Estimated AFSC RFFCP Budget			
Cost Category	Capacity Building	Project Development	Total
Personnel Salary/Benefits	\$139,200		\$139,200
Materials/Supplies	\$8,800		\$8,800
Subcontracts	\$31,500		\$31,500
Travel	\$1,400		\$1,400
Subtotal: Direct Costs			\$180,900
Admin Overhead (Indirect) @10%			\$18,090
Total Costs*			\$198,990

2024 Amador FSC Outreach Plan

Goals

Meaningful and transparent communication with constituents, partners, and stakeholders
Education to the general public on fire mitigation and land stewardship
Timely and consistent professional communication
Achieve all grant deliverables
Cross promotion/outreach between projects/programs when possible

Promotional Tools to be Created

General AFSC PPT
Program PPTs/slides
Project One-Pagers
Project Mapping System
Annual Report
Amador Ag. Program Database
ACT Natural Resource Program Database
Videos/Drone Footage/Workshop Recordings
Photo Database

Equipment /Supplies

Staff/Board Logo Gear
Magnetic Name Tags
Car Magnets
Ipads

Regular Processes

Quarterly Newsletter: First staff meeting of each mid-quarter month (February, May, August, November) staff will discuss Newsletter topics, copy is assigned. Newsletter released at the end of the month.

Quarterly Website Review/Update: mid-quarter (February, May, August, November) each staff member reviews owned projects and provides updates to Megan. All updates to be made prior to Newsletter release.

Monthly Outreach Check-In at Staff Meeting

Monthly Radio Interviews

Monthly Press Release

**Timeline
Quarter 1**

AFSC Q1		
January	February	March
	Newsletter	Fire District Mtg.
	Website Update	Pine Acres Townhall
	FW Forum - 2/7	URFB Townhall
		Amador Fire Mitigation Collaborators
		Annual Report
		BOS Presentation
TBD		
AFPD Townhalls		

Quarter 2

AFSC - Q2		
April	May	June
FW Forum	Newsletter	
River Pines Townhall	Website Update	
Tiger Creek Tailgate		
Butte Mtn FWC Mtg - 4/20		
Date TBD		
Smokechasers/Safety Fair		

Quarter 3

AFSC - Q3		
July	August	September
FW Forum	Newsletter	BOS Presentation
	Website Update	
	County Fair	

Date TBD		

Quarter 4

AFSC - Q4		
October	November	December
FW Forum	Newsletter	
	Website Update	
Date TBD		