

Amador Fire Safe Council Strategic Plan 2022-2025



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The Amador Fire Safe Council Board of Directors



Amador FSC History

Formed in 2002, the Amador Fire Safe Council is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a volunteer board composed of local residents and stakeholders. We are active in the community and invest thousands of hours every year to benefit our neighbors.

Mission

The Amador Fire Safe Council Mission is to...

Improve the protection of Amador County residents and their properties from the catastrophic effects of wildfire through action, partnerships, education and outreach.

Amador FSC Priorities

The AFSC has identified several priorities that it must address in order to complete its mission now and into the future . . .

1. Reduce potential for catastrophic wildfire
2. Ensure the community is prepared in the event of catastrophic wildfire
3. Operate in a financially-responsible manner through good stewardship of limited funds

Timeframe: The timeframe to achieve the goals outlined in this plan and meet these needs is seven (7) years.

Reduce the potential for catastrophic wildfire

Goal: Enhance & maintain forest and watershed health

Strategies to help achieve the above goal:

1. Implement Best Management Practices and CA Forest Practice Rules & Regulations
2. Serve as a lead in coordination and facilitation in local and regional planning efforts, such as the Coordinate Interagency Fuels Reduction Collaborators

Goal: Improve fire safety via reduced fuel loads

1. Fuel break development & maintenance
2. Promote governmental ordinances for enforcing fuel hazards

Ensure the community is prepared in the event of catastrophic wildfire

Goal: Educate public about fire threats and coordination measures

1. Implement Outreach Plan (i.e. County Fairs, Social Media, AFSC webpage, Schools outreach, Townhall meetings)
2. Coordinate and inform local agencies and leadership (i.e. Tribes, Amador Water Agency, AFCA, Fire Agencies, Board of Supervisors)



3. Coordinate with state/federal stakeholders (Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Sierra Pacific Industries)

Goal: Implement/coordinate Amador County fire plan with fire agencies/entities

1. Cover major population areas under Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP)
2. Encourage communities to participate in the Firewise Communities Program through technical assistance and financial support when feasible.

Goal: Improve public/emergency response (evacuation)

1. Develop evacuation routes (ingress/egress)
2. Promote private landowner responsibility for maintaining ingress/egress
3. Educate community about evacuation (i.e. Code Red alerting)
4. Support early detection technology (i.e., fire cameras, wireless sensors, drones)

Goal: Build awareness of fire insurance issues and preparedness for wildfires

1. Educate the public of value of fuels reduction efforts that may affect insurance availability and rates

Operate in a financially responsible manner through good stewardship of limited funds

Goal: Secure funding adequate to achieve annual goals under Priorities 1 and 2

1. Seek grant funding
2. Seek diversified funding sources i.e. local/state/federal sources, in-kind donations, private companies, foundations, and service clubs
3. Maintain an active AFSC Grant Committee to maintain revenue stream
4. Maintain positive relationships with funders
5. Bolster community awareness of the value provided by AFSC
6. Contract with sufficient staff to manage current projects

Goal: Ensure a diverse Volunteer AFSC Board that reflects the values and concerns of the County

1. Implement Director recruitment plan

Goal: Operate in a transparent, legal manner with full public disclosure

1. Enforce full compliance with standard financial practices
2. Conduct monthly open meetings encouraging public participation
3. Maintain AFSC with pertinent information