



Amador Fire Safe Council

PO Box 1055, Pine Grove, CA 95665

www.AmadorFireSafe.org



January 20th, 2021
3:00-5:00

Due to concerns about health and the need to maintain social distance, this meeting will be held remotely.

If interested, please call +1 413-961-2154 PIN: 546 838 024#

If you choose to attend via video conference, go to: meet.google.com/wcw-sbmt-bkz

If using the video conference link please copy and paste in to the web browser.

AGENDA

1. Approve/Modify Agenda*
2. Approve/Modify December Minutes*
3. Introductions
4. Treasurers Report (John)*
5. Partner Update- CALFIRE (Chief Rob Withrow)
6. Coordinator Report (Amanda)
 - a. Project Updates
 - i. Mitchell Mine Fuel Break
 - ii. Tiger Creek Fuel Break
 - iii. Amador County Stewardship – Mokelumne Community Forest
 - iv. Amador County Collaborative Ingress, Egress, and Education Project
 - v. PG&E Ingress/Egress
7. Amador Defensible Space for Seniors Program (Pat)
8. Outreach/Virtual Townhall Updates (Connie)
9. Fire Safe Ordinance Committee (Connie)
10. AlertWildfire Cameras Project Update (Frank)
11. Amador County 5 year Economic Development Plan (Frank)
12. Fiddletown Fire Wise Group Update (Sue/Dick)
13. Public Comment
14. Other items/adjourn



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December 16th, 2020

Via Conference Call/Google Meet due to COVID-19

3:00-5:00



MINUTES

Present: Pat Minyard, Connie Gonsalves, John Heissenbuttel, Frank Leschinsky, Gary Thomas & Jay Francis

Staff: Amanda Watson

Public: Dick Stamm, Cindy Engel, Tom Ellison, Kayla Dale, Sandy Bressler, Don Dowell, & Jackie Vaughn

1. Approve/Modify Agenda – Pat called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. The distributed Agenda was approved unanimously.
2. Approve/Modify August Minutes – The November minutes as distributed were approved unanimously.
3. Introductions – Amanda listed all who were on the call/Google video conference.
4. Treasurers Report – John stated that as of **11/30/20** we had an account balance of roughly **\$414,000** in the bank. We have been prompt in paying for all expenses associated with our fuelbreak activities.
 - We will end the year under budget primarily due to restricted activity for fuelbreak construction because of the extended active fire season prevented mastication work and the COVID-19 restrictions prevented much of the planned outreach.
 - While we will end the year having spent about \$600,000 of the planned \$920,000, we will likely make up for it in the first quarter of 2021.
 - Since some of the fuels reduction work came in under budget, we plan to treat additional acres with these monies.
 - The Mitchell Mine grant expires 3/2022. The Tiger Creek grant is good through 2025 and we will begin operations after 1/1/2021
5. Discussion/Approval of the 2021 Budget
 - On 12/15/20, John distributed a proposed 2021 budget for the Board to review and comment on. The budget projects **\$1,526,150** in income and **\$1,399,580** in expenditures. The proposed budget was approved unanimously as submitted.
6. Coordinator Report – see attached Coordinator Report for specifics.
 - a. Project Updates
 - i. Mitchell Mine Fuel Break – likely to exceed budget with the work done
 - ii. Tiger Creek Fuel Break – likely to underspend due to extended fire season
 - iii. Amador County Stewardship – Mokelumne Community Forest
 - iv. Amador County Collaborative Ingress, Egress, and Education Project
 - v. PG&E Ingress/Egress
7. Amador Defensible Space for Seniors Program –
 - Pat has been working with Ann Heissenbuttel and the Senior Center to get word out about this program. There have been 34 applications for projects so far and given a priority ranking based

upon need and ability to fund. Four have been ranked “high” and 11 ranked “medium”.

8. Outreach/Virtual Townhall – No updates due to COVID restrictions.
9. Fire Safe Ordinance Committee – Still no response from Supervisors due to some pending, unrelated litigation for the County and COVID restrictions.
10. AlertWildfire Cameras Project Update – Frank reported there has been no response from Dr. Kent
11. Amador County 5 year Economic Development Plan – Frank reported he participated in a 6-hour videoconference on this Plan. Appears to be significant interest in including AFSC projects in the Plan.
12. Fiddletown FireWise Group Update – Dick Stamm reported that the Running Gold subdivision has submitted an application to become a FireWise Community. This will be an additional 86 residences in this program.
13. Water Tank Requirements Update – Patrick Chew provided an update regarding the ‘one pager’ he has developed to clarify County water tank requirements.
14. Public Comment
15. Other items/adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 pm

Amador Fire Safe Council
Coordinator Monthly Report
Jan-21

Date Range: December 15th 2020-January 18th 2021

Project	Update	Future Planned Actions
Mitchell Mine	Nearly all mastication work is completed (small explanation on Moonlight Ridge left)	Need to plan for herbicide treatment/additional CEQA documentation for maintenance work. Also contact landowners interested in herbicide application. Plan for handwork in Phase 4.
	Awaiting advance payment	
	Need to hold site visit on final mastication work.	
Tiger Creek Fuel Break	Implementation meeting held. Work started this week.	Plan for Phase 2 of Mastication work
	Contractors selected. Total of 2 sections and 139.3 acres.	
AmCo Stewardship - Mokelumne Community Forest	Contracts for Arch. and Biology have been fully executed.	Reporting/Advance funding request
	Dossiers for all sites completed by RPF. Finalizing acreage.	
Amador County Collaborative Ingress, Egress and Education Plan	Confirmed with the County that AFSC can use the County Enviro. Compliance for the county roads. Developing maps/road selection for RPF working on CEQA development for private roads.	Work with landowners to collect ROEs.
	Community Evacuation Map Drafts/Survey live on website.	Plan phase 1 of projects.
General AFSC Outreach	Planning for Amador/Calaveras Cooperators Meeting	
Grant Opportunities	Planning Strategic Planning Meeting	
	AIM grant \$10-75K, Concept Paper due 2/11. Could use from CWPP or assistance with Fire wise Communities.	
	Possible upcoming grants from SNC for fuel break maintenance, need to work to get CEQA completed for MMFB maintenance.	

Mitchell Mine Fuel Break - Project Status 1/19/2021

