



**Amador Fire Safe Council**  
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March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
 3:00-5:00  
 Virtual & In-Person Meeting

Attend In-Person	Attend Virtually
<p><b>NEW LOCATION</b>            12200 B Airport Road            Jackson, CA 95642            Large Conference Room</p>	<p>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</p>

**AGENDA**

1. Approve/Modify Agenda\*
2. Approve February Minutes\*
3. Introductions
4. Treasurers Report (John)\*
5. Coordinator Report (Amanda)
  - a. CWPP Update
  - b. Project Committee Update
6. Storm Damage Assistance Discussion
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**  
February 18, 2026 3:00pm



**Board Present:** John Heissenbuttel (JH), Frank Leschinsky (FL), Chris Dow (CD), Susan Peters (SP), Pat Minyard (PM)

Connie Gonsalves (via John as proxy)

**Staff Present:** Amanda Watson (AW), Dana Simpson (DS), Todd Bertwell (TB)

**Public/Partners Present:**

Serena Hangs, Kayla Dale, Jackie Vaughn, Bryan Pooley, Jessica Roland, Julie Harris, Dan

**1. Approve/Modify Agenda\***

*FL motioned to approve; CD seconded; all in favor*

**2. Approve January Minutes\***

*JH motioned to approve; CD seconded; all in favor*

**3. Introductions**

General introductions were conducted.

**4. Treasurer's Report (John)\***

- 1/31/26 bank balance \$862,917.22
- We are on track for the 2026 budget
- We are expecting contractor invoices and payments from our grantors

**5. Project Committee Update (Amanda):** Project committee met last month, the focus was the PG&E grant that was due last Friday. We submitted two applications. Next meeting will focus on prioritizing our projects on BLM land; no action items recorded.

**6. Coordinator Report (Amanda)**

- We've hit a few roadblocks with NEPA on BLM ground. We have a slight delay, but we do expect to complete the work this year.
- We are wrapping up the CMFB grant. This originally funded River Pines, we were also able to complete Butte Mountain, and the CEQA for the Rendic project. We are still incorporating future CMFB planning in grants that we apply for.
- CalFire grant issue update: We still don't know what caused the issue, but we were direct awarded the Ingress/Egress project for \$697k.
- Brief description in coordinator report regarding the PGE grant applications
- Megan Watts is stepping away at the end of this month. The ARCD will be posting a full-time position for Outreach and Education

**7. CWPP Update:** We are still working with the working group meeting and Steering Committees to finalize the CWPP. Still on track for April 2026 deadline, see coordinator report.

**8. Partner Updates**

**a. Cal Fire**

- Fuels reduction work continues
- Updating the Unit fire plan by end of April - making it more user friendly.
- Seasonal employee workforce should be hired back in March

**b. Amador Fire Protection District (AFPD) — Kayla Dale**

- Continuing Spring Town Halls

- Evac Drills are getting solidified for several communities
- All FWC are re-registered

**c. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**

- Amanda provided a brief comment, no formal update.

**8. Public Comment**

Serena Hangs - Thank you to AFSC and ARCD for the guidance and help provided.

**9. Other Items / Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm

# AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

	2026 Budget		As of Feb 28, 2026
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Grants Expenses</b>			
305 AFSC Coordinator	58,960.00	1	11,055.24
306 Finance Manager	22,050.00	2	5,361.45
307 Outreach Coordinator	23,220.00	3	2,579.31
308 Technical Assistance	13,000.00	4	48.76
309 Project Management	128,790.00	5	27,399.06
310 RPF Professional Forester	154,975.00		18,860.25
320 Groundwork Contracted Labor	2,000,675.00		155,360.00
325 Consulting Services	82,500.00		17,525.30
350 Outreach/Materials/Supplies	31,240.00		4,141.97
Total Grant Expenses	<b>2,515,410.00</b>		<b>242,331.34</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
311 Bookkeeper (Finance Manager)	18,900.00	6	3,009.33
305-1 AFSC Coordinator	9,600.00	7	0.00
321 State Filing Fees	350.00		0.00
325-1 Consultant	5,000.00	8	0.00
330 Insurance, D&O	3,000.00		0.00
343 Bank Charges	50.00		0.00
345 Office Supplies	1,500.00		77.32
346 Postage	400.00		0.00
350 General Outreach	10,000.00	9	0.00
365 Professional Fees	600.00	10	0.00
365 Telephone	300.00		0.00
370 Mileage	500.00		0.00
Other	0.00		0.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>50,200.00</b>		<b>3,086.65</b>
<b>Unrestricted Reserves</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,665,610.00</b>		<b>245,417.99</b>

## Revenue

### Grants

BLM Amador County Fire Resiliency	255,390.00	1,341.42
BLM Rancheria/Thompson Ridge	596,810.00	26,506.67
CAL FIRE Volcano Hills	853,610.00	1,248.33

CFSC Coordinator 25	78,460.00	16,742.27
Community Fuel Break	181,450.00	187,081.65
CAL FIRE CWPP	89,640.00	891.84
PG&E CEMA Program	85,130.00	0.00
SNC County Steward Implementation	284,940.00	5,774.86
SNC RFFCP	89,980.00	7,249.16
SNC Tiger Creek Implementation	0.00	772.15
Indirect/Admin Revenue	205,321.00	22,428.23
Contributions	500.00	0.00
Misc Income	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	100.00	56.85
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,721,331.00</b>	<b>270,093.43</b>

1. Assumes 670 hours/year
2. Assumes 315 hours/year
3. Assumes 516 hours/year
4. Assumes 260 hours/year
5. Assumes 2000 hours/year
6. Assumes 270 hours/year (not billable to grants)
7. Assumes 120 hours – if Coordinator doesn't get renewed
8. Consulting expense not billable to grants
9. Outreach that is not directly billable to a specific grant
10. Tax preparation

<b>Amador Fire Safe Council Fund Balances</b>	<b>As of Dec 31, 2025</b>	<b>As of Feb 28, 2026</b>
General Fund	189,203.90	38,625.19
Savings/Reserve Account	350,287.00	325,343.28
PG&E/CWPP	101.50	101.50
Tiger Creek Enhance	100.18	100.18
CFSC Coordinator	149.64	22,900.67
Tiger Creek Implementation	100.03	100.03
Ingress/Egress	118.36	118.36
AmCo Stewardship	356,575.38	356,619.36
Community Fuel Break	199.25	199.25
Pine Acres Fuel Break	101.08	101.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>896,936.32</b>	<b>744,208.90</b>

## Amador Fire Safe Council Grant Snapshot

as of Feb 28, 2026

	<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</u>	<u>Invoiced</u>	<u>Amount remaining</u>
1	Tiger Creek Enhancement 1330 (SNC)	9/13/2021 - 1/1/2026	\$ 220,200.00	\$ 200,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 220,200.00	\$ -	\$ 22,132.30	Grant complete
2	Amador Community Fuel Break Develop Proj (CalFire) 5GG21201	8/4/2022 - 3/15/2026	\$ 726,000.00	\$ 660,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 699,557.94	\$ -	\$ 229,663.62	\$ 26,442.06
3	2025 Coordinator (CAFSC)	5/15/25 - 7/31/26	\$ 151,500.00	\$ 137,727.50	\$ 13,772.50	\$ 80,331.71	\$ 13,211.29	\$ -	\$ 71,168.29
4	Tiger Creek Implementation 1200 (SNC)	7/28/2020 - 1/1/2027	\$ 834,126.00	\$ 744,756.00	\$ 89,370.00	\$ 825,306.51	\$ -	\$ 75,427.21	\$ 8,819.49
5	Volcano Hills Community Fuel Break - 5TR23100	12/2/2024 - 3/15/2027	\$ 1,018,204.00	\$ 925,640.00	\$ 92,564.00	\$ 78,941.58	\$ -	\$ 48,196.23	\$ 939,262.42
6	RFFCP 1705 (SNC)	6/17/2024 - 5/31/2027	\$ 213,290.00	\$ 193,900.00	\$ 19,390.00	\$ 74,069.79	\$ -	\$ 29,996.31	\$ 139,220.21
7	AmCo Implementation 1370 (SNC)	8/23/2022 - 1/1/2028	\$ 1,288,444.00	\$ 1,171,313.00	\$ 117,131.00	\$ 992,125.01	\$ 168,042.39	\$ -	\$ 296,318.99
8	Rancheria Thompson Ridge - BLM	9/1/24 - 8/31/28	\$ 778,280.00	\$ 753,320.00	\$ 24,960.00	\$ 104,095.23	\$ -	\$ 14,115.23	\$ 674,184.77
9	County Wide CWPP 5GG23119	11/28/2024 - 3/15/2030	\$ 167,860.00	\$ 152,600.00	\$ 15,260.00	\$ 1,213.14	\$ -	\$ 1,213.14	\$ 166,646.86
10	Amador County Fire Resiliency - BLM L25AC00514-00	1/1/26 - 12/31/29	\$ 999,233.00	\$ 936,920.00	\$ 62,313.00	\$ 1,542.56		\$ 1,542.56	\$ 997,690.44
11	Ingress/Egress - CalFire	Anticipated not Executed	\$ 697,125.00	\$ 633,750.00	\$ 63,375.00				\$ 697,125.00
12	Mt Crossman - SNC	Approved - not executed	\$ 382,008.00	\$ 347,280.00	\$ 34,728.00				\$ 382,008.00
13	Amador Substations - PGE	Approved - not executed	\$ 71,678.75	\$ 65,162.50	\$ 6,516.25				\$ 71,678.75
14	Pine Grove Ingress/Egress - PGE	Approved - not executed	\$ 97,589.25	\$ 88,717.50	\$ 8,871.75				\$ 97,589.25
			\$ 7,645,538.00	\$ 7,011,286.50	\$ 634,251.50	\$ 3,077,383.47	\$ 181,253.68	\$ 422,286.60	\$ 4,568,154.53

\*matches Unearned Revenue

\*Matches Accounts Receivable

Ongoing Projects

Project	Update
Amador County Fire Resiliency Project –	Treatment on BLM/nearby properties treatment, connect to fuel breaks and estimated 230 acres will be treated. Staff and AFSC Projects Committee are working to prioritize treatment areas and projects.
Tiger Creek/Crestview Forest Health	Project is completed; staff is working on closeout documentation and final report.
AmCo Stewardship Forest Health	Received BLM DNA and Decision Record for three parcels to be treated near Buckhorn Ridge unit. Working with SNC for approval of new acres; SNC will conduct CEQA crosswalk.
River Pines Fuel Break Butte Mtn Fuels Reduction Rendic Fuel Break NOE	River Pines Fuel Break: work is completed, final report in process.  Butte Mtn: Mastication work completed. Total 58 acres.  Rendic: Cultural survey and forester conducted surveys complete, ERRF is complete and NOE will be submitted to ARCD board for approval at April board meeting. No funding for implementation.
Volcano Hills Fuel Break	Anticipate that work will be done prior to July 2026. Tanner Logging started at Rams Horn Grade; work is going well. Krisman Enterprises will likely start week of March 23.
Community Wildfire Protection Plan	The Working Group Meeting and Steering Committee are holding monthly meetings. Next steps: Steering Committee is reviewing the draft CWPP. TB is working is organize the Working Group Tour to close out the CWPP project. CWPP on track for April 2026 completion. Progress posted on AFSC website with SIG web map. <a href="#">Amador County CWPP - Amador Fire Safe Council</a>
Internal and Countywide Mapping	Contract with Mettja Kuna was approved for 2026. See attached GIS Goals table.
Maintenance and Monitoring Protocol	GL has participated in SNC/RFFCP Monitoring Protocol Training, and the team is working to finalize first draft of protocol to present to the AFSC Projects Committee. GL and TB will be attending the SNC facilitated training in April to refine the Monitoring Plan.
AFSC Project Committee	Upcoming priorities of the Project committee: develop a slate of BLM treatment areas, prioritize projects for upcoming CalFire grant solicitation. Review partner projects.
Coordinator Grant	ARCD is hiring an Outreach & Admin Coordinator.

Project	Project Lead
Jackson Gate/Kennedy Mine Fuel Break - <b>Completed</b>	Gordon Long
Volcano Hills Fuel Break	Todd Bertwell
Rancheria/Thompson Ridge Fuel Break	Gordon Long
AmCo Stewardship Project	Gordon Long
River Pines Fuel Break (Rendic/Butte Mtn) <b>Completed – Final report due March 15<sup>th</sup> 2026</b>	Gordon Long
Upper Jackson Gate Fuel Break - <b>Completed</b>	Gordon Long
Tiger Creek/Crestview Forest Health - <b>Completed</b>	Gordon Long/Amanda Watson
County-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) development	Todd Bertwell
Internal Project Mapping system/Community facing map web apps	Todd Bertwell/Amanda Watson
County-wide Collaboration	Amanda Watson
Countywide mapping system	Todd Bertwell/Amanda Watson
County-wide monitoring protocol and maintenance intervals	Gordon Long/Amanda Watson
Countywide Ingress/Egress – CalFire - <b>NEW</b>	TBD
Pine Grove Ingress/Egress – PG&E - <b>NEW</b>	Gordon Long
Substation Fuels Reduction – PG&E - <b>NEW</b>	Todd Bertwell
<b>Projects in Planning/Development Phase</b>	
La Mel Community Fuel Break – planning stages (grant amendment needed)	Gordon Long
Sutter Highlands Community Fuel Break – following up with community on ROEs/getting feedback from CalFire	Todd Bertwell
Sunset Heights – still in determination phase	Todd Bertwell
The Oaks – still in determination phase	Todd Bertwell
Mokelumne Rim Fuel Break – planning stage	Gordon Long
Upper Dry Creek Fuel Break – planning stage	Gordon Long
PG&E Substation Fuels Reduction - submitted to PG&E for funding	Gordon Long
Pine Grove Central Fuel Break – planning stage	Amanda Watson
Pine Grove Ingress/Egress – submitted to PG&E for funding	Todd Bertwell
Ingress/Egress – review has been on hold due to limited grants – some roads incorporated into PG&E grant	Todd Bertwell

**Current Grant Applications**

Project	Current Grant Application	Amount Requested
<b>Mt. Crossman Community Fuel Break (75 acres)</b>	Submitted to SNC, invited to submit full proposal (7/30) – <b>Awarded</b>	\$390,390
<b>Community Fuel Break Program -</b> Continuation to the planning of community projects.	Submitted as a goal of all community fuel breaks grants (Rendic and Mt. Crossman)	N/A
<b>Continuation of Ingress/Egress Implementation (35 miles)</b>	Submitted to CalFire WP (8/5)	\$697,125
<b>Substation Fuels Reduction</b>	Submitted to PG&E (1/12) - <b>Awarded</b>	\$71,678.75
<b>Pine Grove Ingress/Egress</b>	Submitted to PG&E (1/12) - <b>Awarded</b>	\$97,589.25



# STORM DEBRIS

## GREEN WASTE

### DROP-OFF EVENT!

Tree Trunks- must not be longer than 2 ft tall and 2 ft in diameter.

Strictly Enforced.

**BUSINESSES**

\* see requirements below

## DISPOSE OF YOUR STORM DEBRIS!

- **ACCEPTED: TREE LIMBS, BRANCHES, LEAVES & YARD WASTE**

**NO TRASH OR CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS**

**DATES: March 13, 20, 28 & April 3, 2026**  
**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED 9 AM – 2 PM**

Senior or Disabled- Please call for assistance

### LOCATION:

Pioneer Park Lower Baseball Field  
25100 Buckhorn Ridge Pioneer, CA

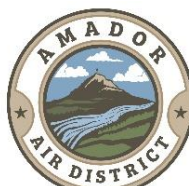
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**209-223-6565**

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**Business Requirement:** A copy of the work order must be provided, including the required property owner info: name, address, phone number, amount taken, and time taken to collect the material. \*No disposal fee was charged to the property owner.

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