



Amador Fire Safe Council
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May 20th, 2026
 3:00-5:00

Virtual & In-Person Meeting

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

AGENDA

1. Approve/Modify Agenda*
2. Approve April Minutes*
3. Introductions
4. Treasurers Report (John)*
5. Approval of the Amador Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)*
6. Coordinator Report (Amanda)
7. Partner Updates
 - a. Cal Fire
 - b. Amador Fire Protection District
 - c. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
 - d. PG&E
 - e. SPI
8. Public Comment
9. Other items/adjourn

*Action items
 Meeting will be recorded.



AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BOARD MEETING
April 15, 2026 3:00pm



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

Staff Present: Amanda Watson (AW), Dana Simpson (DS)

Public/Partners Present:

Not recorded

1. Approve/Modify Agenda*

JH motioned to approve; FL seconded; all in favor

2. Approve March Minutes*

JH motioned to approve; FL seconded; all in favor

3. Introductions

- General introductions were conducted.
- Supervisor Jeff Brown made an announcement: The Amador Fire Safe Council was nominated and awarded by Senato Alvarado-Gill District 4 Non-Profit of the year.

4. Treasurer's Report (John)*

Checking Balance 770,632.35. We received 2 grants from PGE totaling \$180,000, we only budgeted \$85,000, We received Mt Crossman which was not budgeted for as well. We will take a look at the budget in June/July to see if a budget amendment is necessary.

5. Coordinator Report (Amanda)

- Coordinator Grant extension for \$151,000, we should have this executed in June/July
 - Awareness to Action Grant - we will write the grant to support ARCD, AFSC, and AFD outreach/education
 - CWPP is nearing completion, April 27th will be a townhall
 - Reviewed the CWPP Implementation & Coordination Plan to form a collaborators group
- a. CWPP Update: CWPP is nearing completion, April 27th will be a townhall. It will be presented to the Board of Supervisors April 28th
 - b. Community Fuel Break Project Close-out Summary: This project has been completed. This grant was for work on the ground and provided funding to work on planning new projects. We accomplished the River Pines and Butte Mountain fuels breaks, CEQA for River Pines, Butte Mountain and Rendic, increased FWC from 5 to 33. We also secured an additional \$3,2 million in funding to work on other projects by utilizing this grant.
 - c. BLM/AFSC 2026-2027 Plan Update: Reviewed report in the packet

8. Partner Updates

- a. Cal Fire – no report
- b. Amador Fire Protection District (AFPD) – no report
- c. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – no report

8. Public Comment

- Jeff Brown –
 - Senator Alvarado-Gill put in SB1162
 - Green waste event June 4-7th at Pioneer Park from 9:00-2:00 - everyone is welcome
- Discussion about how to treat vacant lots that don't get cleared by the owners. There is a Good Neighbor Policy in place, but it is tough to enforce for many reasons. The County would need to enact a local ordinance.
- Ledger Dispatch Fire Evacuation Route information - AW will reach out to them to provide input
- Rebecca Pollon asked if there were resources available to remove larger trees in Amador Pines that are too big to chip. Discussion followed regarding logging rules etc.

9. Other Items / Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:13pm

AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

	2026 Budget		As of Apr 30, 2026
Expenses			
Grants Expenses			
305 AFSC Coordinator	58,960.00	1	24,716.64
306 Finance Manager	22,050.00	2	11,276.34
307 Outreach Coordinator	23,220.00	3	4,119.81
308 Technical Assistance	13,000.00	4	341.32
309 Project Management	128,790.00	5	56,773.31
310 RPF Professional Forester	154,975.00		41,005.25
320 Groundwork Contracted Labor	2,000,675.00		263,110.00
325 Consulting Services	82,500.00		45,471.92
350 Outreach/Materials/Supplies	31,240.00		8,250.00
Total Grant Expenses	2,515,410.00		455,064.59
Operating Expenses			
311 Bookkeeper (Finance Manager)	18,900.00	6	5,880.30
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	439.55
365 Professional Fees	600.00	10	0.00
365 Telephone	300.00		0.00
370 Mileage	500.00		195.76
Other	0.00		0.00
Total Operating Expenses	50,200.00		6,592.93
Unrestricted Reserves	100,000.00		0.00
Total Expenses	2,665,610.00		461,657.52
 Revenue			
Grants			
BLM Amador County Fire Resiliency	255,390.00		2,890.00
BLM Rancheria/Thompson Ridge	596,810.00		50,953.68
CAL FIRE Volcano Hills	853,610.00		127,194.57

CFSC Coordinator 25	78,460.00	50,983.07
Community Fuel Break	181,450.00	194,569.55
CAL FIRE CWPP	89,640.00	1,294.38
PG&E CEMA Program	85,130.00	2,485.42
SNC County Steward Implementation	284,940.00	6,504.51
SNC RFFCP	89,980.00	16,112.21
SNC Tiger Creek Implementation	0.00	1,328.23
Indirect/Admin Revenue	205,321.00	40,760.60
Contributions	500.00	29.25
Misc Income	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	100.00	102.35
Total Revenue	2,721,331.00	495,207.82

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

Amador Fire Safe Council Fund Balances	As of Dec 31, 2025	As of Apr 30, 2026
General Fund	189,203.90	101,724.33
Savings/Reserve Account	350,287.00	250,386.97
PG&E/CWPP	101.50	35,839.53
Tiger Creek Enhance	100.18	100.18
CFSC Coordinator	149.64	102.33
Tiger Creek Implementation	100.03	100.03
Ingress/Egress	118.36	118.36
AmCo Stewardship	356,575.38	356,649.17
Community Fuel Break	199.25	199.25
Pine Acres Fuel Break	101.08	101.08
Total	896,936.32	745,321.23

Amador Fire Safe Council Grant Snapshot

as of Apr 30, 2026

	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</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	\$ -	\$ -	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	\$ -	\$ 214,026.53	Grant complete
3	Tiger Creek Implementation 1200 (SNC)	7/28/2020 - 1/1/2027	\$ 834,126.00	\$ 744,756.00	\$ 89,370.00	\$ 825,306.51	\$ -	\$ 76,050.02	Grant complete
4	2025 Coordinator (CAFSC)	5/15/25 - 7/31/26	\$ 151,500.00	\$ 137,727.50	\$ 13,772.50	\$ 117,998.59		\$ 24,453.59	\$ 33,501.41
5	Amador Substations - PGE	3/27/26 - 11/30/26	\$ 71,678.75	\$ 65,162.50	\$ 6,516.25	\$ 1,474.31	\$ 34,365.07		\$ 70,204.44
6	Pine Grove Ingress/Egress - PGE	3/27/26 - 11/30/26	\$ 97,589.25	\$ 88,717.50	\$ 8,871.75	\$ 1,259.65		\$ 1,259.65	\$ 96,329.60
7	Volcano Hills Community Fuel Break - 5TR23100	12/2/2024 - 3/15/2027	\$ 1,018,204.00	\$ 925,640.00	\$ 92,564.00	\$ 217,482.45	\$ -	\$ 139,916.04	\$ 800,721.55
8	RFFCP 1705 (SNC)	6/17/2024 - 5/31/2027	\$ 213,290.00	\$ 193,900.00	\$ 19,390.00	\$ 83,819.15	\$ -	\$ 23,542.57	\$ 129,470.85
9	AmCo Implementation 1370 (SNC)	8/23/2022 - 1/1/2028	\$ 1,288,444.00	\$ 1,171,313.00	\$ 117,131.00	\$ 992,927.63	\$ 167,127.41	\$ -	\$ 295,516.37
10	Rancheria Thompson Ridge - BLM	9/1/24 - 8/31/28	\$ 778,280.00	\$ 753,320.00	\$ 24,960.00	\$ 128,580.03	\$ -	\$ 3,580.02	\$ 649,699.97
11	Amador County Fire Resiliency - BLM L25AC00514-00	1/1/26 - 12/31/29	\$ 999,233.00	\$ 936,920.00	\$ 62,313.00	\$ 3,323.51		\$ 3,323.51	\$ 995,909.49
12	Ingress/Egress - CalFire	3/25/26 - 2/15/29	\$ 697,125.00	\$ 633,750.00	\$ 63,375.00				\$ 697,125.00
13	County Wide CWPP 5GG23119	11/28/2024 - 3/15/2030	\$ 167,860.00	\$ 152,600.00	\$ 15,260.00	\$ 1,656.77	\$ -	\$ 1,655.93	\$ 166,203.23
14	Mt Crossman - SNC	Approved - not executed	\$ 382,008.00	\$ 347,280.00	\$ 34,728.00				\$ 382,008.00
			\$ 7,645,538.00	\$ 7,011,286.50	\$ 634,251.50	\$ 3,293,586.54	\$ 201,492.48	\$ 487,807.86	\$ 4,316,689.91

*matches Unearned Revenue

*Matches Accounts Receivable

Ongoing Projects

Project	Update
Amador County Fire Resiliency Project	GL is working with BLM and RFP to formalize project areas and working on developing projects on adjacent private properties that will be submitted to the CalFire Wildfire Prevention grant solicitation.
AmCo Stewardship Forest Health	Received BLM DNA and Decision Record (NEPA) for three parcels to be treated near Buckhorn Ridge unit. Working with SNC for approval of new acres; SNC will conduct CEQA crosswalk. GL is working with BLM and RFP to identify locations for maintenance e treatment on the AmCo parcels and Tiger Creek fuel break.
Thompson Ridge Fuel Break	BLM DNA and Decision Record (NEPA) is complete and had been submitted SNC for that agency to preform the crosswalk for CEQA. Work is anticipated to start Fall 2026.
River Pines Fuel Break Butte Mtn Fuels Reduction Rendic Fuel Break NOE	River Pines & Butte Mtn Fuel Breaks: work is completed, final report submitted. See attached Project Close-out Summary Rendic FB: NOE has been approved by the ARCD/ CEQA compliance for the project is complete.
Volcano Hills Fuel Break	Tanner and Krisman are both currently working on site. Project anticipated to be completed within schedule.
PG&E Substation Fuels Reduction	GL has acquired all ROEs for project.
Ingress/Egress Project	AFSC currently has two sources of funding to support this work. The CalFire Direct Award and the PG&E grant. Storm Damage Response: Staff is working to get ROEs from members of Amador Pines to be able to have CalFire Crews complete the work.
Mt Crossman Fuel Break	Funding awarded. Staff has developed the new Rights of Entry that meet SNC stipulations and are working with the community to get the new ROEs signed.
Community Wildfire Protection Plan	The CWPP is competed and has been approved by the Board of Supervisors. The plan will need to be approved by cities and the AFSC. CWPP Field Tours were conducted, a report on the entirety of the process is in development and will be shared at an upcoming board meeting.
Internal and Countywide Mapping	Contract with Mettja Kuna was approved for 2026. TB has been working with Mettja on moving through workplan.
Maintenance and Monitoring Protocol	GL and TB attended SNC/RFFCP Monitoring Protocol Training, and are signed up for the second and final SNC training.
AFSC Project Committee	The project committee review staff project recommendations for the upcoming CalFire Wildfire Prevention Grant solicitation. See attached summary of proposals and solicitation details. Letters of support will be requested at the June 23 rd BOS meeting and AFSC Resolutions for submitting applications will be on the June Agenda.
Coordinator Grant	The Amador County Wildfire Collaborators (ACWC) group meeting will be held on June 10th. The save date will be sent out shortly. Potential agenda items include: Working Group Creation, Upcoming Grant Coordination, Block Frant opportunities. AFPD had re-initiated the FireWise Forums, see attached schedule. AW will be presenting ARCD/AFSC annual update to the Board of Supervisors on June 23 rd . Senator Alvarado-Gil will be attending the AFSC June Board meeting to present the Council with Non-Profit of the Year.

Project	Project Lead
Volcano Hills Fuel Break	Todd Bertwell
Rancheria/Thompson Ridge Fuel Break	Gordon Long
AmCo Stewardship Project	Gordon Long
Amador County Fire Resiliency Project	Gordon Long
River Pines Fuel Break (Rendic/Butte Mtn) Completed – Final report submitted	Gordon Long
Upper Jackson Gate Fuel Break – Completed – Final Report Approved	Gordon Long
Tiger Creek/Crestview Forest Health – Completed – Final Report Approved	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 - NEW	TBD
Pine Grove Ingress/Egress – PG&E - NEW	Gordon Long
Substation Fuels Reduction – PG&E - NEW	Todd Bertwell
Mt Crossman Fuel Break – SNC - NEW	Todd Bertwell
Projects in Planning/Development Phase	
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
Pine Grove Central Fuel Break – planning stage	Amanda Watson

Current Grant Applications

Project	Current Grant Application	Amount Requested
County Coordinator Extension	CaFSC funding; due 4/15. Requesting \$151k to continue county coordination. Activities include: facilitating AC Wildfire Collaborators Group/committees, participation in other county planning process, project development/grant writing, county mapping, CWPP implementation/facilitation, outreach/education, and FWC support.	\$151,000
Mokelumne Rim Community Fuel Break	The Mokelumne Rim Fuel Break is a strategic project designed to connect several existing fuel breaks, including the Tiger Creek, Doaks Ridge, and Pine Acres fuel breaks, creating a continuous shaded fuel break corridor from Tiger Creek to Highway 49. This grant proposal supports CEQA compliance, environmental surveys, and project development for the full Mokelumne Rim Fuel Break system, ensuring all segments are prepared for future implementation. Additionally, the proposal includes on-the-ground treatment for the Tiger Creek to Highway 26 segment (Tiger to Hwy 26 Unit), prioritizing	TBD ~\$950k

	<p>this section for immediate fuels reduction work. This implementation funding will cover work on privately owned land, work on BLM ground will be conducted with federal funds that the AFSC has already acquired.</p> <p>The Tiger to Hwy 26 fuel break includes 112.83 acres of private land across four treatment areas. An additional 110.07 acres of BLM land within the fuel break contribute as match.</p> <p>Total combined project area (grant + BLM match): 222.9 acres. See attached map.</p>	
<p>Dry Creek Community Fuel Break</p>	<p>The Upper Dry Creek Fuel Break Project is a proposed 260+ acre strategic fuel break in northern Amador County aimed at reducing wildfire risk in a high-hazard Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) with limited evacuation routes. The project will connect key transportation corridors, including Shake Ridge Road and Fiddletown Road, while linking to existing and planned fuels reduction efforts to improve landscape-scale resilience across the Dry Creek watershed.</p> <p>Supported by multiple willing landowners and past investments in fuels management, the project will primarily utilize mastication, with limited hand treatments in the riparian corridor. In addition, BLM lands within the project footprint will be incorporated as match, allowing for a larger, more contiguous treatment area and strengthening interagency collaboration. This combined approach will address heavy fuel loads, including dense dead and dying vegetation, and enhance long-term wildfire protection for surrounding communities and critical infrastructure.</p> <p>See attached map.</p>	<p>TBD ~\$900K</p>
<p>Fuel Break Maintenance Strategy & Coordination</p>	<p>Establish a collaborative agreement with Cal Fire AEU to leverage Cal Fire crews during non-fire season to provide fuel break maintenance. AFSC will manage planning, environmental compliance, mapping, treatment layout, landowner access, and grant administration, while on-the-ground maintenance is carried out by Cal Fire crews as availability allows.</p>	<p>TBD</p>

2026 Wildfire Prevention Grant Solicitation

Due July 8th

Up to \$70 million to be awarded through Prop 4

Recommended Maximum \$950k

ARCD Partner CalFire Wildfire Prevention Grant Applications:

Amador County Integrated Prescribed Fire & Grazing Initiative Pilot

- Pilot project utilizing targeted grazing and Rx Fire as a fuels reduction tool to reduce fine fuels, test effectiveness, and inform future scalable treatments. Goals would be to support the PBA. Implemented treatment, and build support network/infrastructure to make Rx Fire and grazing an accessible management tool in Amador County.

Defensible Space Assistance Project – Phase 2

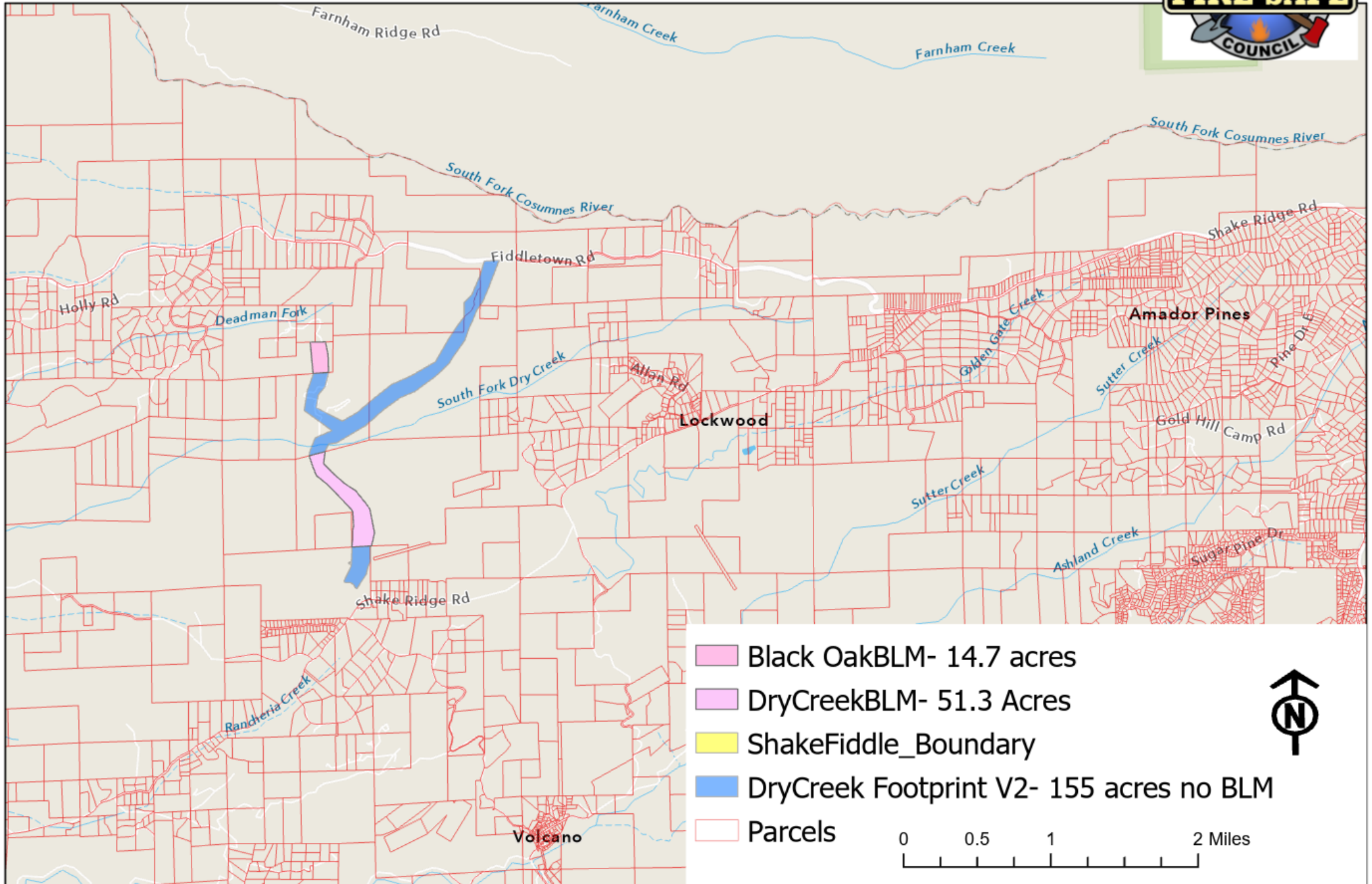
- Continuation of current DSPACE program.

Amador County Firewise Forum



Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Q2 Firewise Forum Meeting	Thursday, June 4, 2026	6:00pm - 8:00PM	County Admin Building 810 Court Street Jackson	<i>First meeting, will outline ideas and topics for future meetings.</i>
Firewise Community BBQ	Thursday, July 16, 2026	TBA	TBA	<i>Tentative**</i>
Q3 Firewise Forum Meeting	Thursday, September 10, 2026	6:00pm - 8:00PM	County Admin Building 810 Court Street Jackson	
Q4 Firewise Forum Meeting	Wednesday, December 2, 2026	6:00pm - 8:00PM	County Admin Building 810 Court Street Jackson	

Upper Dry Creek Fuels Reduction Project CalFire Fire Prevention Grant Submission due July 8, 2026



- Black Oak BLM- 14.7 acres
- Dry Creek BLM- 51.3 Acres
- Shake Fiddle_Boundary
- Dry Creek Footprint V2- 155 acres no BLM
- Parcels



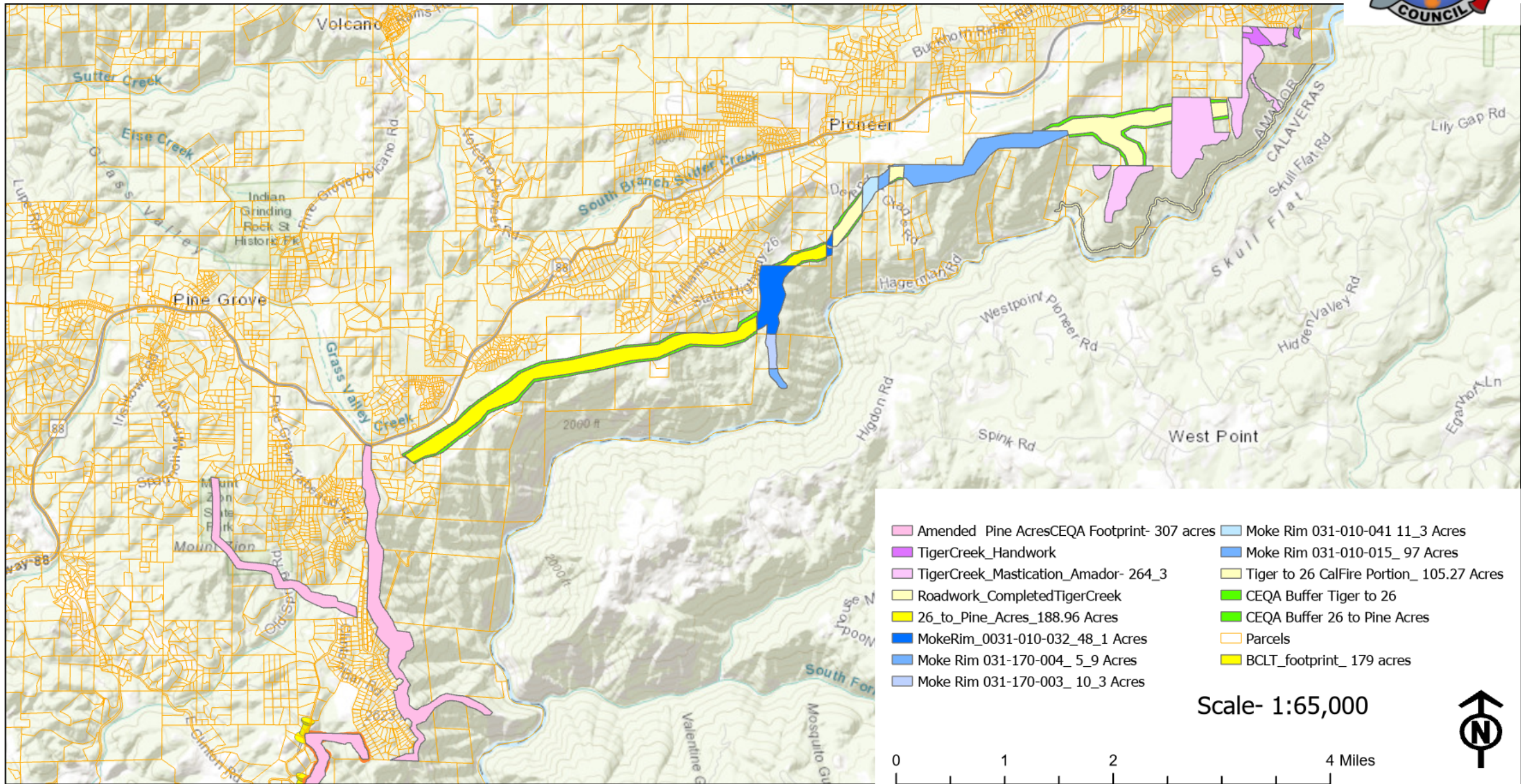
Mokelumne Rim Project Area

Pine Acres to Tiger Creek

Yellow-shaded polygons- CalFire Fire Prevention fuel break regions

Blue Shade polygons- BLM properties as match

Pink-shaded polygons- Fuel breaks already in place



- Amended Pine Acres CEQA Footprint- 307 acres
- TigerCreek_Handwork
- TigerCreek_Mastication_Amador- 264.3
- Roadwork_CompletedTigerCreek
- 26_to_Pine_Acres_188.96 Acres
- MokeRim_0031-010-032_48.1 Acres
- Moke Rim 031-170-004_ 5.9 Acres
- Moke Rim 031-170-003_ 10.3 Acres
- Moke Rim 031-010-041 11.3 Acres
- Moke Rim 031-010-015_ 97 Acres
- Tiger to 26 CalFire Portion_ 105.27 Acres
- CEQA Buffer Tiger to 26
- CEQA Buffer 26 to Pine Acres
- Parcels
- BCLT_footprint_ 179 acres

Scale- 1:65,000

