



Amador Fire Safe Council

PO Box 1055, Pine Grove, CA 95665

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January 19th, 2022

3:00-5:00

VIRTUAL MEETING

The January Meeting will be held exclusively as a virtual meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87944484230>

Meeting ID: 879 4448 4230

Call-In Number: 1-669-900-6833, PIN: 87944484230#

AGENDA

2:00pm-3:00pm: CLOSED SESSION Strategic Planning Discussion

Regular Meeting starting at 3pm

1. Approve/Modify Agenda*
2. Approve/Modify December Minutes*
3. Introductions
4. Treasurers Report (John)*
5. Coordinator Report
 - a. Project Updates
 - b. AmCo Stewardship Presentation (Jan Bray, RPF)
 - c. ARCD/AFSC Partnership Agreement*
6. Grants Committee Update (John)
 - a. Grant Proposals
 - AmCo Stewardship Grant Proposal Resolution*
 - Community Fuel Break Grant Proposal Resolution*
 - Ingress & Egress Phase 2 Direct Award Resolution*
7. Review Website Maintenance Bid*
8. Fire Safe Ordinance Committee (Connie)
9. AlertWildfire Cameras Project Update (Frank)
10. FireWise Community Groups Update (Dick)
11. Wildfire Safety Solutions Presentation (Paul Machi)
12. Public Comment
13. Other items/adjourn

*Action items



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December 15th, 2021

Volcano Communications Tech Center

3:00-5:00



MINUTES

Present: Frank Leschinsky, Dick Stamm, Susan Peters, Connie Gonzales, John Heissenbuttel, Pat Minyard & Jay Francis

Staff: Amanda Watson

Public: Cindy Engel, Tom Ellison, Ralph Meier, Robert Deakin, Kayla Dale, Nell & Rocky Raymond and Supervisor Jeff Brown

1. Approve/Modify Agenda – Pat called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. The proposed Agenda was approved unanimously after John requested we add a short Executive Session afterward.
2. Approve/Modify August Minutes – The November 2021 minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Introductions – Board members and the public in attendance introduced themselves.
4. Treasurers Report –The Budget shows that as of **11/30/21** we had an account balance of **\$479,229**, virtually the same as last month because invoices came in late in the month when our bookkeeper was on medical leave. However, contractors will begin work soon on the Mitchell Mine, Tiger Creek and Ingress/Egress projects, so the balance will be spent down quickly. Jay & Susan volunteered to help review the 2022 Budget that John will develop. It should be ready to present at the January meeting. Amanda announced that the AFSC received a very generous donation of \$35,000 from new Amador City business Break Even Beermakers.
5. Coordinator Report – see attached Coordinator Report for specifics. Amanda was back and gave updates on various projects. She stated that she would like to change the presentation format of her report. She would continue to list all projects in the written report each month but instead of going through all of the projects every month, pick one project and give an in-depth update on that particular one. The Board agreed this would be a better approach.
 - a. Project Updates – Roadside clearing is still only occurring on County Roads. CALFIRE is still holding up the work on private roads as the Exemption Notice has still not yet been approved.
 - b. Community Outreach Opportunities – Kayla noted that AFDPD would be getting uniformed personnel out to talk with community members about fire preparedness. A public meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2022.
 - c. Partnership Opportunities – Kayla gave an overview of a proposal that AFSC partner in an event called “SmokeChasers, A First Responder Festival” slated for May 21, 2022 at the Amador County Fairgrounds. Considerable discussion ensued and it was determined that the Board needed more time to investigate this idea. An answer should be provided by the time of the January meeting.

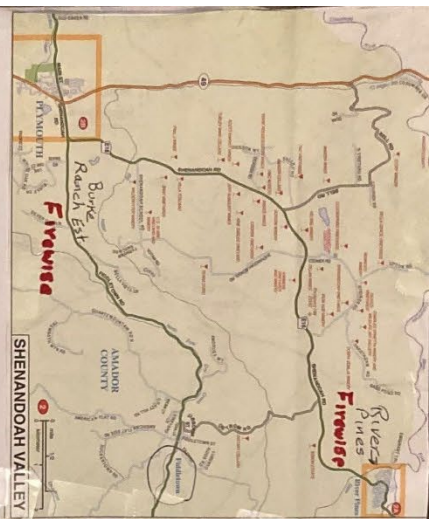
6. Grants Committee Update –
 - a. Potential Grant Opportunities:

The California Fire Safe Council has \$380,000 available for Evacuation Route planning and work. The BOS has approved the application for this Grant.

2022 CALFIRE has \$120 million available. An area near River Pines could qualify for some of this funding but the area needs to be GPS'd first. AFSC forester Ed Struffenegger will do the work.

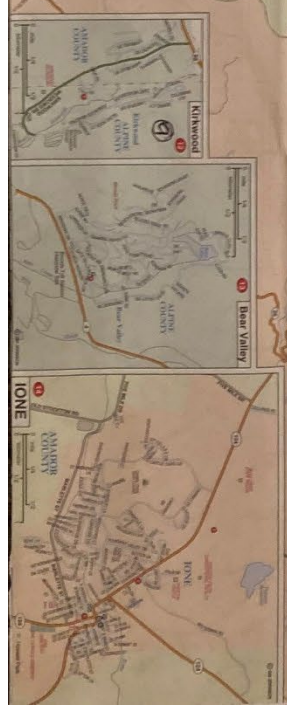
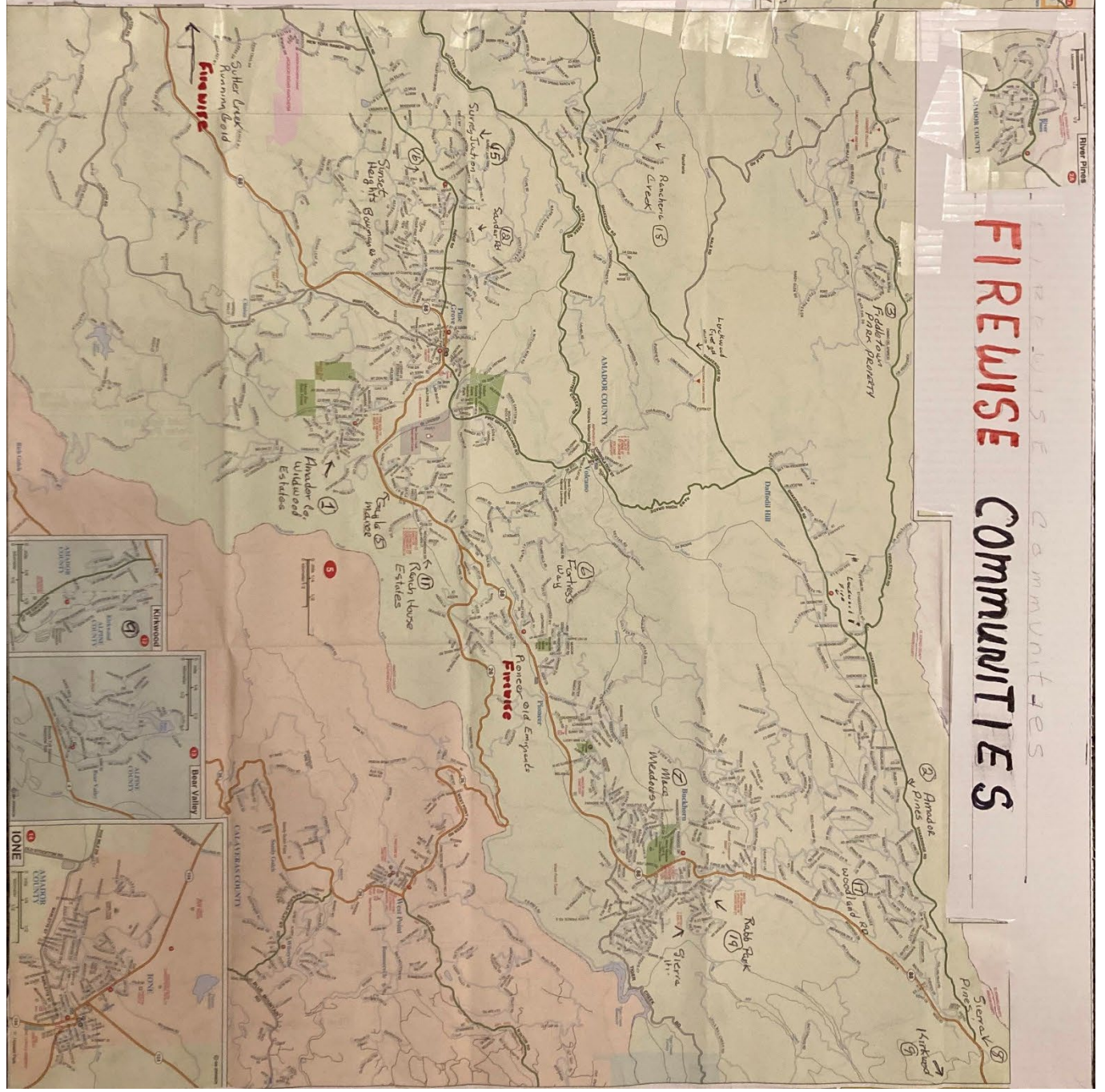
2022 SNC Wildfire Recovery and Forest Resilience Grant – Jan Bray is writing the grant proposal seeking \$1.5 million to treat BLM parcels.
7. Fire Safe Ordinance Committee – County Supervisor Jeff Brown was in attendance to give an update. The County had been holding off on approving this ordinance as CALFIRE had thrown roadblocks in the way in regards to the inspection requirement. The County has now decided they will be responsible for the inspections and levy a fee of about \$1,200 to the homeowner to pay for the inspection. The County will act as the lead agency and AFD will carry out the inspections.
8. AlertWildfire Cameras Project Update –Frank said there was nothing new to report.
9. Firewise Communities Groups – Dick reported that 19 different communities have been identified as existing or potential FireWise communities and presented a map (attached) showing where these different areas are located within the county. Fiddletown should be the next one to get designated.
10. Public Comment – None
11. Other items/adjourn – *Meeting Adjourned at 4:52 pm*

FIREWISE Communities



FIREWISE COMMUNITIES

- 1# AMADOR WILDWOOD Margaret Hamilton Tabaud Rd
- 2# AMADOR PINES Robin Bell 295 5030 Ted Novelli
- 3# FIDDLETOWN PARK PROP. Ramona Purvis 981 0655 Dave Don Aquila
- 4# FIDDLETOWN UPPER AREA Bob Deakin 304 3305 Ralph Meier 256 1261
- 5# GAYLA MANOR Garrett Simmons 418 9605
- 6# FORTRESS WAY Tom Ellison 295 8111
- 7# Mace Meadows Ted Novelli 295 1302 Jeff Brown
- 8# SIERRA PINES Dee Hughes 295 2021
- 9# KIRKWOOD Anne ~~Novelli~~ 530 220 2531 Beth McAllister
- 10# ROLLING OAKS Robin Lee 295 8302
- 11# RANCH HOUSE ESTATES Sarah Rashied 925 421 4113 Adam Hirsch
- 12# SANDAR RD MAINT. Heath Himmer 295 7942
- 13# SIERRA HIGHLANDS Roger Groeth 295 4111 Kayla Dale
- 14# SUTTER HIGHLANDS Rich/Nancy Reed 916 835 2699
- 15# SURREY JUNCTION Mike/Sue Dubois (295 719) < 342 4332
- 16# SUNSET HEIGHTS Ron Kasago 296 2528 Bowman Rd.
- 17# WOODLAND RD. Kelly White 295 6617 916 719 0124 Pat Minyard
- 18# Ranch Drive Ralph Meier Rob Dack
- 19# Rabbit Park Dutch Green
- 20#



**Amador Fire Safe Council
Coordinator Monthly Report**

Jan-21

Date Range: December 15th 2021 - January 18th 2022

Project	Update	Future Planned Actions
Mitchell Mine	Contractor selected work will start shortly, working on agreement with UCCE for Herbicide demonstrations	Finalize contract/work start
		Ed is working on scheduling a mtg with UCCE regarding maintenance grant
Tiger Creek Fuel Break	Contract executed for the Tiger Creek South Project (Calaveras County). Implementation has started.	Start work on Phase 2 implementation
	Amador Tiger Creek Phase 2 anticipated to start this week.	
AmCo Stewardship - Mokelumne Community Forest	EA/DR/FONSI signed. Concept proposal for implementation has been written, will submit to SNC when funding available.	Complete budget change letter and grant progress report. Close out grant.
	Discussed project at Grant Committee Meeting	Submit implementation grant
Amador County Collaborative Ingress, Egress and Education Plan	Contractor selected, will start with ~5 miles of road as a initial phase of the full 20 miles.	Collect ROES.
	ROE letters sent out to the first ~5 miles to be treated.	Finalize contract/work start on TBD
County Coordinator - CAFSC	AFSC was awarded funding from the CAFSC to implement a county coordinator project. \$175,000 was awarded.	Finish outreach and workplan details.
	Schedule mtg with CAFSC for project kickoff	Set initial partner mtgs.
	First advance submitted	
Communications Grant	AFSC received a \$5,000 communications/technology grant with help from Volcano Communications. The AFSC has purchased a laptop and will purchase a drone, portable virtual mtg equipment, video editing software.	Continue to research and purchase equipment.
	Check has been received	AW will purchase the Owl and train a board member or staff to set up and use at future mtgs.

Grant Opportunities	Held Grants Committee meeting. Jan and John are scheduling a time to do site visits of the community projects that have been submitted. Anticipated this will happen in early February.	Apply for Cal fire Grant- Community Fuel Breaks/Apply for SNC Grant - AmCo Stewardship Grant/ Turn in Ingress&Egress Round 2 Direct Award Documents
	Community Fuel Break Project - applying for funding through the CALFIRE Fire Prevention Grant, \$1.7 Million to assist communities in developing fuel breaks.	
	AmCo Stewardship Project - applying for funding through the SNC Forest Health and Resiliency Grant. \$1.5 million to treat 9 parcels, 422 acres of BLM property.	



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RESOLUTION

Before the Board of Directors of the Amador Fire Safe Council

Amador County, California

IN THE MATTER OF: AmCo Stewardship Grant Application

RESOLUTION # AFSC AFSC 2022-1-19-3

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Amador Fire Safe Council hereby authorizes Amador Fire Safe Council Coordinator, Amanda Watson, to submit an application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the AmCo Stewardship Implementation project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that John Heissenbuttel, treasurer of said Board be hereby authorized to sign and execute said agreement on behalf of the Amador Fire Safe Council.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Amador Fire Safe Council at a regular meeting held on the day of January 19th, 2022:

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Signature, Board of Directors Member

Print Name, Title

Date



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RESOLUTION

Before the Board of Directors of the Amador Fire Safe Council

Amador County, California

IN THE MATTER OF: Amador Community Fuel Break Development Project; 21-FP-AEU-0166

RESOLUTION # AFSC 2022-1-19-1

RESOLUTION OF THE AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OF AMADOR COUNTY FOR FUNDING FROM THE FIRE PROVENTION GRANT PROGRAM AS PROVIDED THROUGH CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature has enacted State of California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for California Climate Investments, including forest health programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies, non-profit organizations, and others under the program, and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out a fire prevention project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Amador Fire Safe Council:

1. Approved the filing of an application for "California Climate Investments" Fire Prevention grant program funds; and
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and,
3. Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of Amador Fire Safe Council are available to begin the project.
4. Certifies that said applicant will expend grant funds prior to March 30, 2025.
5. Appoints board treasurer, or a designee, as agent of the Amador Fire Safe Council to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.



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Approved and adopted the day of January, 19th 2022. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, number 2022-1-19-1 was duly adopted by the following roll call vote: Amador Resource Conversation District

Ayes: ___ Noes: ___ Absent: ___

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Signature

Print Name, Title

Date

ATTEST:

I _____, (position title) of the Amador Fire Safe Council, witness my hand on the day of January 19th, 2022.

Signature

Print Name, Title

Date



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RESOLUTION

Before the Board of Directors of the Amador Fire Safe Council

Amador County, California

IN THE MATTER OF: Evacuation Route Project – Phase 2; 21-CNR-AEU-002

RESOLUTION # AFSC 2022-1-19-2

RESOLUTION OF THE AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OF AMADOR COUNTY FOR FUNDING FROM THE CNR FIRE PROVENTION GRANT PROGRAM AS PROVIDED THROUGH CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature has enacted State of California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for California Climate Investments, including forest health programs; and

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Ayes: ___ Noes: ___ Absent: ___

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Signature

Print Name, Title

Date

ATTEST:

I _____, (position title) of the Amador Fire Safe Council, witness my hand on the day of January 19th, 2022.

Signature

Print Name, Title

Date