



Amador Fire Safe Council
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August 21st, 2024
 3:00-5:00
 Virtual & In-Person Meeting

Attend In-Person	Attend Virtually
19888 Church Street, Pine Grove (Behind Pine Grove Park) Volcano Communications Tech Center	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

AGENDA

1. Approve/Modify Agenda*
2. Approve June Minutes*
3. Introductions
4. Treasurers Report (John)*
5. Upper Rancheria Presentation (Gordon)
6. Coordinator Report (Amanda)
7. Authorization for Rancheria/Thompson Ridge Project (Amanda)*
8. FireWise Community Program Update (Megan)
9. Partner Updates
 - a. Cal Fire
 - b. Amador Fire Protection District
 - c. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
10. Public Comment
11. Other items/adjourn

*Action items
 Meeting will be recorded.



AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BOARD MEETING
June 19, 2024 3:00pm – VIRTUAL MEETING



Board Present: Frank Leschinsky (FL), John Heisenbuttel (JH), Susan Peters (SP), Patrick Minyard (PM), Connie Gonsalves (CG),

Absent: Chris Dow (CD) – proxy to JH, Richard Yarnell (RY)

1. Approve/Modify Agenda – JH motioned for approval, CG seconded

2. Approval of May Minutes – CG motioned for approval, JH seconded

3. Introductions

4. Treasurer Report:

\$566,582.09 Reserve/General accounts are low as anticipated since we've been spending money: Reserve fund \$5k; General \$110k. We are expecting \$500k in reimbursements as well. Dana updated on the IRS lien on AFSC property. AFSC is disputing this lien.

7. Coordinators Report:

See Coordinator Report (Board Packet)

The AFSC is waiting to hear about the funding for the CWPP from two different funding sources. Amanda will be moving forward with planning for CWPP.

Amanda will be presenting to the Board of Supervisors on July 9th regarding the AFSC activities.

8. Firewise Update:

The Firewise program remains strong within Amador County, reporting 33 sites currently in good standing. We have a new community to add to our "registered" ranks- welcome Bonnefoy Rd Firewise community. We have another 5 communities in the wings who are working on implementing their Firewise program. Amador Fire continues to be such an integral partner for the AFSC in many areas, especially Firewise- providing ALL Risk Assessments for each neighborhood. 90% of the shifts for the first-ever Firewise Booth for this year's county Fair have been covered by the Neighborhood Leads of AC's Firewise communities- thank you all so much for your support in getting the word out there and educating our public! The Neighborhood Signage program is coming along beautifully, and pictures will be shared to show what a difference this is making in our communities.

9. Partner Update:

CAL FIRE: Wildfire prevention grants should be releasing info in late Summer/early Fall. (AW)

AFFD: Evacuation Drills have been successful. AFFD continues to for FireWise Presentations.

BLM: 14-acre parcel to be treated – Crestview Property in Pine Grove. Could potentially be the kickoff for the Pine Grove Central Fuel Break. Funding for Rancheria Ridge Project should be announced in the next few months (AW)

10. Public Comment:

Adjourn: 5:00pm

AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

2024 Budget

As of July 31, 2024

Expenses

Grants Expenses

305 AFSC Coordinator	80,000.00	1	49,915.98
306 Coordinator Assistant	6,000.00	2	6,554.89
307 Outreach Coordinator	40,000.00	3	34,405.30
308 Technical Assistance	8,000.00	4	2,552.77
309 Project Management	70,000.00	5	37,721.90
310 RPF Professional Forester	125,000.00		68,037.50
315 Environmental Documentation	10,000.00		0.00
320 Groundwork Contracted Labor	2,332,750.00		1,494,154.78
350 Outreach/Materials/Supplies	10,000.00		25,784.95
Total Grant Expenses	2,681,750.00		1,719,128.07

Operating Expenses

311 Bookkeeper	10,000.00	4	6,592.32
321 State Filing Fees	350.00		100.00
330 Insurance, D&O	2,000.00		0.00
343 Bank Charges	50.00		30.00
345 Office Supplies	4,000.00		0.00
346 Postage	400.00		81.85
350 General Outreach	10,000.00	6	1,821.00
365 Professional Fees	600.00	7	0.00
365 Telephone	375.00		325.00
370 Mileage	4,000.00		561.46
Other	0.00		1,729.95
Total Operating Expenses	31,775.00		11,241.58

Unrestricted Reserves

100,000.00		0.00
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Total Expenses

2,813,525.00		1,730,369.65
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Revenue

Grants

PG&E CEMA Program	30,000.00	8	0.00
SNC Tiger Creek Implementation	29,750.00	9	1,207.06
SNC Tiger Creek Enhancement	43,675.00	9	34,820.75

CAL FIRE Ingress/Egress 1	599,600.00	9	180,206.48
CAL FIRE Ingress/Egress 2	428,508.00	10	447,927.89
SNC County Steward Implementation	283,600.00	11	13,220.41
Community Fuel Break	294,175.00	12	125,702.03
CAL FIRE Pine Acres Maintenance	333,233.00	9	47,603.37
CAFSC County Coordinator	8,700.00	9	8,673.53
CAFSC County Coordinator – Round 2	81,300.00	9	52,037.82
CalFire Evacuation Improvement	183,000.00	9	261,156.18
CAL FIRE Upper Rancheria	587,750.00	10	562,644.96
Misc Grant Income			
Contributions	500.00		68.39
Indirect/Admin Revenue	290,329.00		178,782.81
Interest Income	200.00		28.28
Total Revenue	3,194,320.00		1,914,079.96

1. Assumes 100 hours/month
2. Assumes 10 hours/month
3. Assumes 80 hours/month
4. Assumes 16 hours/month
5. Assumes 100 hours/month
6. Outreach that is not directly billable to a specific grant
7. Tax preparation.
8. Assumes we receive grant.
9. Assumes we complete 100% of the grant this year.
10. Assumes we complete 80% this year.
11. Assumes we complete 40% this year.
12. Assumes we complete 75% this year.

Amador Fire Safe Council Fund Balances

	As of Dec 31, 2023	As of July 31, 2024
5591 General Fund	106,797.38	249,524.65
Savings/Reserve Account	100,016.99	5,042.27
4255 PG&E/CWPP	94,180.01	185.80
4412 Tiger Creek Enhance	32,804.55	16,385.88
4420 CFSC Coordinator	4,754.63	100.13
4222 Tiger Creek Implementation	2,808.66	2,459.19
4651 Ingress/Egress	43,451.81	782.80
4834 AmCo Stewardship	312,525.74	299,250.96
4842 Community Fuel Break	73,302.29	199.25
4842 Pine Acres Fuel Break	106,901.35	89,162.24
Total	\$ 877,543.41	663,093.17

Amador Fire Safe Council Grant Snapshot
as of July 31, 2024

	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	Coordinator (CAFSC) - COMPLETE	11/15/2021 - 3/31/2024	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 157,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	Amador County Evac Improvement - CWPP (CalFire) 5GG21101 - COMPLETE	6/14/2022 - 3/15/2024	\$ 379,982.40	\$ 339,270.00	\$ 40,712.40	\$ 379,982.40		\$ -	\$ -
3	Coordinator (CAFSC) - Round 2	4/15/2024 - 12/31/2024	\$ 173,217.00	\$ 157,470.00	\$ 15,747.00	\$ 57,241.61	\$ 29,366.39	\$ 86,608.00	\$ 115,975.39
4	Tiger Creek Implementation 1200 (SNC)	7/28/2020 - 1/1/2025	\$ 834,126.00	\$ 744,756.00	\$ 89,370.00	\$ 798,762.74	\$ -	\$ 47,979.25	\$ 35,363.26
5	Tiger Creek Enhancement 1330 (SNC)	9/13/2021 - 1/1/2025	\$ 220,200.00	\$ 200,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 208,967.25	\$ -	\$ 10,750.47	\$ 11,232.75
6	Ingress/Egress (CalFire) 5GG19102	5/13/2020 - 3/1/2025	\$ 1,044,296.00	\$ 949,360.00	\$ 94,936.00	\$ 707,762.62	\$ -	\$ 8,061.94	\$ 336,533.38
7	Ingress/Egress Phase 2 (CalFire) 5GA21119	6/2/2022 - 03/15/2025	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 545,455.00	\$ 54,545.00	\$ 492,720.68	\$ -	\$ 76,378.80	\$ 107,279.32
8	Pine Acres (CalFire) 5GG20101	approval - 3/15/2025	\$ 515,405.00	\$ 468,550.00	\$ 46,855.00	\$ 76,357.06	\$ 52,494.19		\$ 439,047.94
9	Upper Rancheria Community Fuel Break 5GA21149	10/17/2023 - 5/31/2025	\$ 950,010.00	\$ 863,645.00	\$ 86,365.00	\$ 632,142.13	\$ -	\$ 245,629.28	\$ 317,867.87
10	Amador Community Fuel Break Develop Proj (CalFire) 5GG21201	8/4/2022 - 3/15/2026	\$ 726,000.00	\$ 660,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 429,737.58	\$ -	\$ 4,865.85	\$ 296,262.42
11	RFFCP 1705 (SNC)	6/17/2024 - 5/31/2027	\$ 213,290.00	\$ 193,900.00	\$ 19,390.00	\$ 212.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 213,077.29
12	AmCo Implementation 1370 (SNC)	8/23/2022 - 1/1/2028	\$ 1,288,444.00	\$ 1,171,313.00	\$ 117,131.00	\$ 471,661.83	\$ 297,404.55		\$ 816,782.17
13	Rancheria Ridge - BLM	Pending	\$ 828,652.00	\$ 753,320.00	\$ 75,332.00				\$ 828,652.00
			\$ 7,948,622.40	\$ 6,550,499.00	\$ 743,883.40	\$ 4,430,548.61	\$ 379,265.13	\$ 480,273.59	\$ 3,518,073.79

*matches Unearned Revenue *Matches Accounts Receivable

**Amador Fire Safe Council
Coordinator Monthly Report**

Aug-24

Date Range: June 17th 2024 - August 20th 2024

Project	Update	Future Planned Actions
Amador County Collaborative Ingress, Egress and Education Plan	Road Projects under review: Mace Meadows, Stone Jug, Manzanita/Meadowlark, Shakeridge.	Select final roads to be treated, selected roads will go out to bid in late September.
	Work has started on private roads Andrews Lane (In-Progress) Quartz Mtn/Meath/Twin Pines (Completed- cleanup needed) Nina & Hampton Roads (In-Progress) Fiddletown Park - (Completed)	Manage private road projects
Community Fuel Break Project	Current potential projects include Butte Mtn, Bonnefoy FWC, Mt.Crossman, Central Pine Grove (Mobile Home Estates), Silver Lake Basin, Rendic FB, Manzanita/Meadow Lark Road, New York Ranch Road. AFSC Project Manager and RPF are working on developing project summaries to be presented at the upcoming AFSC Projects Committee.	Complete project summaries and present at the September Projects Committee.
Central Pine Grove FB/Crestview	A total of 8.4 acres have been treated. The remaining 2.9 acres adjacent to the school will be treated in Fall 2024.	Will need to contract for the remaining 2.9 acres. Install Project signage
River Pines	There is a small remaining section of handwork remaining, getting per acre cost approved by CalFire	Complete handwork.
Upper Rancheria Fuel Break	Gordon will be giving an update on the Upper Rancheria fuels reduction work. The staff has been working to develop a grant amendment to utilize planning funds to take planning through to CEQA. This could provide for potentially 4 Community Projects to be fully CEQA'd by June 30th 2025.	Work will continue in the fall 2024 on the remaining area of the fuel break. Staff will submit budget/deliverables amendment to Calfire for approval.
County Coordinator - CAFSC	Initial County Mapping meeting is scheduled for 8/22. CWPP planning has started and the initial listening session of stakeholders will be scheduled for September.	See CWPP initial planning summary
Pine Acres Fuel Break - Maintenance	An additional 7.98 acres of ground have been treated and the project is on hold until fall 2024. Having permissions issues for CYA camps on some private properties. The plan is to have our contractor and CalFire CYA camps start work in Oct/Nov (weather depended).	Plan for fall operations

<p>ARCD/AFSC Partnership</p>	<p>Currently, all AFSC Staff are working out of the ARCD/NRCS office and there is limited office space. AW has requested additional office space. This request has been partially granted, by moving around some county equipment to better utilize the space, no additional office space was granted. AW attended the County Administration Committee on 8/19; the county expressed support for these organizations but cannot grant additional space and advised these organizations to look for alternative office locations, as the County needs to prioritize space for county departments.</p>	<p>Staff is rearranging office space as needed to accommodate the growing staff of all three organization.</p>
<p>Funding</p>	<p>Recent Grants Funded: BLM Fuels NOFO: Rancheria Ridge/CWPP Update: \$691,460 (Funded) CalFire CCI Wildfire Prevention solicitation: County-wide CWPP Update \$167k (Funded) Volcano Hills Community Fuel Break, 270 acres, \$1.019mil (Funded) Ohio Hill Community Fuel Break, 240 acres, \$917k (Not funded)</p>	<p>Execute all new agreements</p>

The Amador Fire Safe Council will be leading the effort to develop a county-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This effort will include convincing a working group of agency stakeholders, facilitating community town halls, and developing the documents and assessments that will result in a CWPP.

CWPP Planning Area:

The CWPP will cover the entirety of the county and will have sections identifying infrastructure and high-risk communities. According to the 2020 census data, Amador County has a total population of 41,259 people, in which an estimated 23,500 people live within the SRA and the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI). Roughly 19,000 Amador County residents live in high or very high fire risk zones and SRA.

CWPP Requirements (minimum):

- **Collaboration:** A CWPP must be collaboratively developed by local and state government representatives, in consultation with federal agencies and other interested parties.
- **Prioritized Fuel Reduction:** A CWPP must identify and prioritize areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments and recommend the types and methods of treatment that will protect one or more at-risk communities and essential infrastructure.
- **Treatment of Structural Ignitability:** A CWPP must recommend measures that homeowners and communities can take to reduce the ignitability of structures throughout the area addressed by the plan.

Why Develop a CWPP:

Defining the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI): CWPPs provide a localized opportunity to define the WUI.

Coordinated and Strategic Fire Mitigation Planning

Grant/Funding eligibility: Many grants require projects to be included in a current CWPP.

Proposed Working Group Participants: CalFire, the Amador Resource Conservation District, Amador County staff and Board of Supervisors Representative, the Amador County Transportation Committee, Amador County Office of Emergency Services, Amador Fire Protection District, Pacific Gas & Electric, Sierra Pacific Industries, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Upper Mokelumne Regional Water Association, City of Jackson, City of Ione, City of Plymouth, City of Sutter Creek, Amador City, Amador Water Agency, local tribes, Amador County Public Works, Amador County Air Resource Control Board, and University Cooperative Extension.

Planning Components:

Research Phase: Compilation of past and current planning materials and finalized documents related to fire mitigation and community risk.

Community Baseline Mapping that defines the community's WUI and displays inhabited areas at risk, forested areas that contain critical human infrastructure, and forest areas at risk for large-scale fire disturbance.

Community Risk Assessment that considers fuel hazards; risk of wildfire occurrence; homes, businesses, and essential infrastructure at risk; other community values at risk; and local preparedness capability.

Project Inventory: Inventory of past, current, and planned projects related to community wildfire mitigation.

Action Plan and Assessment Strategy will be developed; this component of the CWPP will provide a standardized review and monitoring process to ensure the longevity and relevancy of the plan over time.

Proposed Timeline:

- September 2024 - Host Initial Listening Session
- November 2024 - Kick Off Meeting- Convene Decisionmakers
- November 2024 - Develop Working Group(s): Form a core team made up of representatives from the appropriate local governments, local fire authority, and state agency responsible for forest management.
- December 2024 - Develop RFP for Consultant
- January 2024 - Hire a consultant
- March 2025 – June 2026 - Host 10 townhall meetings
- June 2026 - Complete Community Wildfire Protection Plan

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

August 2024

**AMADOR RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

