



Amador Fire Safe Council

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July 19th, 2023

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 (Dana)*
5. Coordinator Report (Amanda)
6. Board Appointment (Pat)
7. Sirens Alert System Committee Update (Frank)
8. FireWise Community Program Update (Megan)
9. AlertWildfire Cameras Project Update (Frank)
10. Public Comment
11. Other items/adjourn

Upcoming Meetings:

Amador County Fair July 27th-30th, 2023, Amador County Fair Grounds

*Action items
Meeting will be recorded.



AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BOARD MEETING
June 21, 2023 3:00pm



June 21, 2023 - 3:05 pm

1. Attendees: Pat Minyard, John Heisenbutel, Connie Gonsalves, Frank Leschinsky, Amanda Watson, Megan Watts, Tom Ellison, Jeff Hogue, Kayla Dale, Mel Walsh, Earl Curtis, Pat Mackenzie, Liz Lucas, Jason Schroeder, Bob Deacon, Ralph Meier, Julie Harris, Dick Stamm, Cindy Engel and Barbara McPhail.

2. Approval of May Minutes - *JH motioned FL seconded - All in favor (4) Absent (2)*

3. Treasurer Report:

\$454,056.97 general fund; \$77,000 approximately unrestricted general fund.

In line to adhere to budget estimation. Ingress/Egress monies need to be spent, we are a bit behind because of the environmental compliance, which is now taken care of.

In budget summary, under revenue, \$2500 for miscellaneous grant funding (COVID-19 Relief grant award)

4. Coordinator's Report: (see Board Packet)

CAFSC Defensible Space grant application has been submitted.

I/E projects are being ramped up- further projects are encouraged to be submitted.

Firewise community assistance comes from I/E and Community Fuel Break grants.

There is a lot of strategy in regard to which grants fund which projects- multiple grants will fund certain documents depending on their timeline, specifications and deliverables.

Amador County Evacuation Improvement- asking for amendment to verbiage for a county wide CWPP- waiting to hear whether extension has been approved. Once that happens, we will focus on community education and outreach.

Pine Acres - NOE and surveys coming up.

Community Fuel Break project - received funding to plan 3 additional FB's. Beginning stages of planning Butte Mtn FB (10 acres). PG&E awarded approx. 30k for this project.

Recent Projects:

I/E - Sugar Pine site visit scheduled for amended project, less some ROE's. Bid packet for next group of proposed projects is being organized. Cost per acres have been going up and all local contractors are very busy- AFSC is trying to balance the work schedule regarding projects.

Clarification requested- what is the initial step for Community Fuel Break location designation- Placement is advised by AFSC. Maps and Forester are looking at veg type and parcels, past work, ridgelines, fire history- where it would be helpful to place. AFD traditionally is not required for involvement, initially. PGYCC has been contracted for Fuel Break work in past.

JH - mastication work is good to go, but the concern lies in spending the money on these projects in the short amount of time. AFSC is working with the County for more projects.

5. Fair Booth planning - set in-person meeting and PM and JH will be present.

6. Mitchell Mine Maintenance & Demonstration Project Update (Brian Allen)

7. Board Recruitment Discussion:

Create an industry list over email and discuss at next meeting. Pull from list from 2019- send to the Board and add to and subtract. AW encourages representation from a Firewise lead. PM wants to discuss informal approach. JH is disappointed at by-laws- amendments had not been added.

8. Sirens Alert Systems Committee update:

CG and FL have been working with Sheriff Redman and Sgt. Bellotti. Sheriff is going to go over the quotes and continue discussion on whether it makes sense to implement. Possible requirement of grant funding to help with purchase- AFSC will entertain the idea.

9. Firewise:

28 communities registered communities in the county. 5 in-progress. Working with Assessor's office in providing parcel/ mailing lists. County roads has granted placement of FW signs, process is starting. First Firewise Resource meeting has been scheduled and will address initial steps in becoming registered. Firewise Forum will focus more on established communities and best practices, networking and discussion. Firewise communities are submitting project proposals and are being very active.

10. Alert Wildfire Camera Project Update:

Frank - waiting on rerouting documentation (to USD, from UNR). Cameras are being divided between UNR and USD.

11. Public Comment:

None

Adjourn: 4:40 pm

Amador Fire Safe Council Grant Snapshot
as of June 30, 2023

	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 or Advance Requested</u>	<u>Invoiced</u>	<u>Amount remaining</u>
1	Tiger Creek Implementation 1200 (SNC)	7/28/2020 - 1/1/2025	\$ 834,126.00	\$ 744,756.00	\$ 89,370.00	\$ 794,978.09	\$ -	\$ 44,194.59	\$ 39,147.91
2	Tiger Creek Enhancement 1330 (SNC)	9/13/2021 - 1/1/2025	\$ 220,200.00	\$ 200,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 170,190.44	\$ 27,989.56	\$ 66,060.00	\$ 50,009.56
3	Coordinator (CAFSC)	11/15/2021 - 12/31/2023	\$ 174,999.00	\$ 159,090.00	\$ 15,909.00	\$ 99,701.12	\$ -	\$ 36,969.94	\$ 75,297.88
4	Ingress/Egress (CalFire) 5GG19102	5/13/2020 - 3/1/2024	\$ 1,044,296.00	\$ 949,360.00	\$ 94,936.00	\$ 372,926.64	\$ 181,479.38	\$ -	\$ 671,369.36
5	Pine Acres (CalFire) 5GG20101	approval - 3/15/2025	\$ 515,405.00	\$ 468,550.00	\$ 46,855.00	\$ 11,665.85	\$ 117,185.40		\$ 503,739.15
6	Ingress/Egress Phase 2 5GA21119	6/2/2022 - 03/15/2025	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 545,455.00	\$ 54,545.00	\$ -			\$ 600,000.00
7	AmCo Implementation 1370 (SNC)	8/23/2022 - 1/1/2028	\$ 1,288,444.00	\$ 1,171,313.00	\$ 117,131.00	\$ 433,196.11	\$339,870.29	\$ 386,533.20	\$ 855,247.89
8	Amador County Evac Improvement (CalFire) 5GG21101	6/14/2022 - 3/15/2024	\$ 379,982.40	\$ 335,000.00	\$ 44,982.40	\$ 6,113.79			\$ 373,868.61
9	Amador Community Fuel Break Develop Proj (CalFire) 5GG21201	8/4/2022 - 3/15/2026	\$ 726,000.00	\$ 660,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 273,308.76	\$ 89,848.20	\$ -	\$ 452,691.24
10	Upper Rancheria Community Fuel Break 5GA21149	- 5/31/2025	\$ 950,010.00	\$ 863,645.00	\$ 86,365.00	\$ 1,295.66		\$ 1,295.66	\$ 948,714.34
			\$ 6,733,462.40	\$ 6,097,369.00	\$ 636,093.40	\$ 2,163,376.46	\$ 756,372.78	\$ 535,053.39	\$ 4,570,085.94

*matches Unearned Revenue

*Matches Accounts Receivable

AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

2023 Budget

As of June 30, 2023

Expenses

Grants Expenses

305 AFSC Coordinator	62,000.00	1	39,060.76
306 Coordinator Assistant	13,000.00	2	2,741.85
307 Outreach Coordinator	14,400.00	3	17,711.00
308 Technical Assistance	14,400.00	3	4,123.39
310 RPF Professional Forester	125,000.00		90,260.05
315 Environmental Documentation	10,000.00		1,686.42
320 Groundwork Contracted Labor	2,024,000.00		871,325.31
350 Outreach/Materials/Supplies	10,000.00		3,974.92
Total Grant Expenses	2,272,800.00		1,030,883.70

Operating Expenses

302 Depreciation	450.00		0.00
311 Bookkeeper	4,000.00		3,236.07
321 State Filing Fees	85.00		0.00
330 Insurance, D&O	2,000.00		0.00
343 Bank Charges	50.00		33.00
345 Office Supplies	4,000.00		28.94
346 Postage	400.00		151.74
350 General Outreach	10,000.00	4	224.34
365 Professional Fees	600.00	5	0.00
365 Telephone	375.00		150.00
370 Mileage	4,000.00		275.93
Other	0.00		0.00
Total Operating Expenses	25,960.00		4,100.02

Unrestricted Reserves	100,000.00		0.00
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Total Expenses	2,398,760.00		1,034,983.72
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Revenue

Grants

PG&E CEMA Program	22,500.00	6	
SNC Tiger Creek Implementation	226,000.00	7	190,963.94
SNC Tiger Creek Enhancement	40,000.00	8	106,510.46

CAL FIRE Ingress/Egress	674,000.00	⁹	63,879.27
SNC County Steward Implementation	658,000.00	¹⁰	391,001.50
Community Fuel Break	397,000.00	¹¹	225,190.20
CAL FIRE Pine Acres Maintenance	90,000.00	¹²	10,605.34
CAFSC County Coordinator	78,000.00	¹³	35,830.09
CalFire Evacuation Improvement	60,000.00	¹⁴	
CAL FIRE Upper Rancheria			1,177.88
Misc Grant Income			2,500.00
Contributions	500.00		86.86
Indirect/Admin Revenue	228,950.00		106,335.15
Interest Income	200.00		159.77
Total Revenue	2,475,150.00		1,134,240.46

1. Assumes 80 hours/month
2. Assumes 23 hours/month
3. Assumes 40 hours/month
4. Outreach that is not directly billable to a specific grant
5. Tax preparation.
6. Assumes we receive grant.
7. Assumes 26 Acres of handwork and three miles of road clearance.
8. Assumes 20 acres of mastication.
9. Assumes 40 miles of road work.
10. Assumes 254 acres of mastication.
11. Assumes 171 acres of mastication (River Pines)
12. Environmental documentation.
13. Staff time and outreach, \$175K grant runs from 12/21 to 3/23.
14. Update Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Amador Fire Safe Council Fund Balances

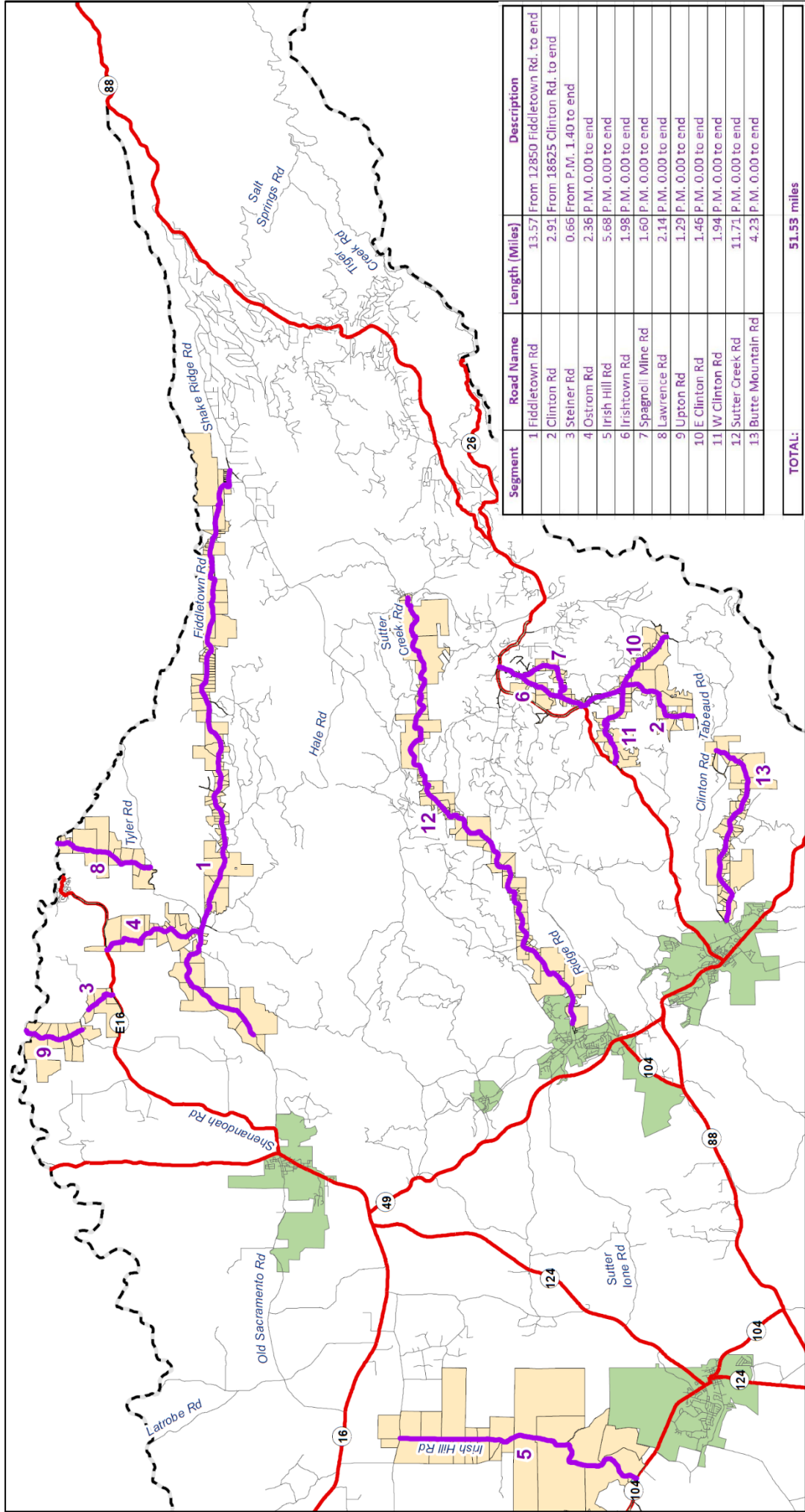
	As of Dec 31, 2022	As of June 30, 2023
3000 General Fund	153,610.19	107,565.84
4255 PG&E	288.75	288.80
4412 Tiger Creek Enhance	66,056.22	22,175.49
4420 CFSC Coordinator	6,006.35	6,007.61
4222 Tiger Creek Implementation	170,798.19	2,807.94
4651 Ingress/Egress	3,111.92	199,227.35
4834 AmCo Stewardship	386,546.97	9,346.99
4842 Community Fuel Break	100.00	130,710.29
4842 Pine Acres Fuel Break	100.00	125,741.32
Total	\$ 786,618.59	\$ 603,871.63

**Amador Fire Safe Council
Coordinator Monthly Report**

Jul-23

Date Range:	June 15th 2023-July 15th 2023	
Project	Update	Future Planned Actions
AmCo Stewardship - Mokelumne Community Forest	Contractors are implementing on several units. 152 acres have been completed. Developed Fire Variance for work within fire season.	Working on 6 month report
Amador County Collaborative Ingress, Egress and Education Plan	Contracted with Nates Tree Service for Cottonwood Ln. – 0.2 miles, 0.48 treatment acres 10 Mile Marker – 0.9 miles 2.18 treatment acres Clute Rd. – 0.6 miles 1.45 treatment acres Soke Springs – 0.9 miles 2.18 treatment acres Rolling Oaks – 3.1 miles 7.51 treatment acres Work started July 13th completion estimated by end of July.	Continue to collect ROEs. Additional roads will be included in RFP estimated to be released by the end of July. Fiddletown Park/Sugar Pine and County Roads.
	Working with the County to identify County Roads for treatment; 53 miles of road identified.	
	Work Completed as of July 10th Oak Hill Lane (0.4 miles) Sandra Lane (2.2 miles) Old Giannini Ranch Rd (1.5 miles) Gold Creek Trail (1.4 miles)	
County Coordinator - CAFSC	MW hosted first FWC Resource Meeting. Participated in CARCD Legislative Committee. Held Project Review Committee meeting and working through next steps in evaluating Community Projects.	Start implementing initial tasks in strategic plan.
Community Fuel Break Project	Submitted application for Rancheria Ridge Fuel Break on BLM property. SNC has accepted the pre-proposal and full River Pines work will be completed in Fall. Krisman Enterprise will be taking over this project.	Develop full proposal
	Upper Rancheria Community Fuel Break agreement fully executed. Site Visit ROE sent to community, MW and FWC working on getting remaining ROEs.	Collect ROEs on Upper Rancheria and Butte Mtn. Work on site visits for planning and CEQA on URFB.
	Butte Mountain Fuel Break PG&E grant awarded and initial reporting submitted	
General	ARCD hired Gordon Long as the new Forestry Project Manager. He will be working on several AFSC projects.	
Outreach	Amador County Fair July 27th-30th, 2023	Continue planning for outreach events. Order Giveaways.

Project Name	Project Type	Miles	Acreage	Deadline	Notes
County Roads Phase 2	I/E	51.53		3/1/2024	Need to add in Carbondale Road, need to drive
River Pines - Shenandoah Road	I/E	0.5			Timber Ridge contract amendment pending
Fiddletown Park	I/E	4.1			ROEs collection
Sugar Pine Drive	I/E	0.7			Finalize project area
Butte Mountain	FB		10	11/30/2023	ROE collection
Upper Rancheria FB	FB		300	5/31/2025	Need CEQA/ROEs/Mapping/Surveys
Mitchell Mine Maintenance	FB		180	6/1/2024	Need ROEs/Mapping



Segment	Road Name	Length (Miles)	Description
1	Fiddletown Rd	13.57	From 12850 Fiddletown Rd. to end
2	Clinton Rd	2.91	From 18625 Clinton Rd. to end
3	Steiner Rd	0.66	From P.M. 1.40 to end
4	Ostrom Rd	2.36	P.M. 0.00 to end
5	Irish Hill Rd	5.68	P.M. 0.00 to end
6	Irishtown Rd	1.98	P.M. 0.00 to end
7	Spagnol Mine Rd	1.60	P.M. 0.00 to end
8	Lawrence Rd	2.14	P.M. 0.00 to end
9	Upton Rd	1.29	P.M. 0.00 to end
10	E Clinton Rd	1.46	P.M. 0.00 to end
11	W Clinton Rd	1.94	P.M. 0.00 to end
12	Sutter Creek Rd	11.71	P.M. 0.00 to end
13	Butte Mountain Rd	4.23	P.M. 0.00 to end
TOTAL:		51.53	miles

Amador County Transportation and Public Works Ingress/Egress Project Priority Segments and Adjacent Parcels

Map Date: June, 2023

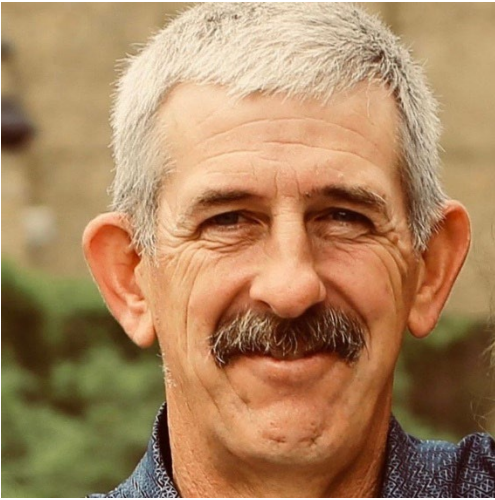
Map by: Cindy Engel, GIS Coordinator
Amador County Transportation Commission
117 Valley View Way, Sutter Creek, CA 95885, 209-267-2233

- Adjacent Parcels Requiring ROEs
- City Limits
- Amador County Boundary

- Public Works Priority Segments, 2023
- Road
- State Highway



Index Map



Gordon Long **ARCD/AFSC Forestry Project Manager**

I grew up on a 63,000-acre hunting and cattle ranch in Tehama County until age 9. At that time, our family moved to West Point, Calaveras County, where my grandfather (on my father's side) had started a choose and cut Christmas tree farm. My grandfather on my mother's side was a career rangeland manager for the US Forest Service. Three sides of our 20-acre farm in West Point was BLM property. My grammar school and high school years were spent running around the Mokelumne River watershed that we lived on. I graduated from Calaveras High in 1983. I Attended Cal Poly SLO and graduated in 1988

with a BS degree in Environmental and Systematic Biology. After college, I went to work for my father's business, Multiple Use Managers (MUM, Inc), as a wildlife biologist and hunting ranch manager. I worked for MUM full time from 1988 through 2015. In those years, I managed ranches in California, Oregon, Colorado, New Mexico, and Montana for the company.

In 1996, I married my wife, Megan Garamendi Long. We moved back to the ranch I grew up on in Tehama County, the Dye Creek Preserve in 2000 and started a family. My father had started the hunting program there in 1966, and I was proud to step in his footsteps. We have two wonderful daughters, Olivia Rose (b. 2001) and Anna Catherine (b. 2003). Both are currently in college- Olivia at UC Davis, and Anna at Chico State. In 2006, our family moved back to Calaveras County. By 2015, MUM had lost a majority of our hunting ranch leases, and my job became purely part-time. I still run one hunting program on a lease basis in Humboldt County, which takes me away a few weeks each Fall.

In 2014 I started a wildlife non-profit foundation, the CalFauna Foundation, that was active between 2014 and 2019. In 2016, I became a founding board member of the Calaveras County RCD, after it was approved by county-wide vote during the June 2016 election. In 2018, I resigned from the Calaveras County RCD board to become their first Executive Director. The focus on funding for the Calaveras County RCD has from the outset been on forest health and fire prevention projects. In 2018, I also took a job with the Amador Resource Conservation District as a Resource Specialist, hired by ARCD District Manager Amanda Watson. In that role I was tasked to jump into the forestry field, since one of my duties with ARCD was to work under the umbrella of the Natural Resource Conservation Service to plan and write forestry contracts under their EQIP and RCPP programs. I remain an employee with ARCD currently, but recently took on a new position, as Forestry Project Manager for the ARCD. In that role, I will also have some managerial responsibilities for looking after some forestry projects for the Amador Fire Safe Council. This is a full-time position, so I decided to step down from the ED position that I held with Calaveras County RCD.

My outside interests all seem to be related to the outdoors. I am an avid hiker, angler, camper, adventurer, and photographer. My adventures have taken me to South Africa, Mexico, Canada, Bahamas, multiple trips to New Zealand and Australia, Argentina, Spain, and every Western US state, including Alaska and Hawaii. I also enjoy Western US history. If there is one person, other than my father, who I would like to emulate, that person would have to be US President Theodore Roosevelt. In my opinion, he is the gold standard by which the term "conservationist" should be gauged.