



## Amador Fire Safe Council

PO Box 1055, Pine Grove, CA 95665

[www.AmadorFireSafe.org](http://www.AmadorFireSafe.org)



May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

3:00-5:00

Virtual & In-Person Meeting

Attend In-Person	Attend Virtually
19888 Church Street, Pine Grove (Behind to the Pine Grove Park) Volcano Communications Tech Center	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2674846542">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2674846542</a> Meeting ID: 267 484 6542 Call-In Number: 1(669)900-6833 Code: 2674846542#

### AGENDA

1. Approve/Modify Agenda\*
2. Approve/Modify April Minutes\*
3. Introductions
4. Treasurers Report (John)\*
5. Coordinator Report (Amanda)
  - a. Project Updates
  - b. Smokechasers Event (May 21-22)
6. Outreach with the Ledger Dispatch (Jack Mitchell)
7. Report on April 25 Field Trip with Insurance Commissioner Lara (John)
8. FireWise Community Groups Update (Dick/Amanda)
  - a. Burke Ranch Support\*
9. Fire Safe Ordinance Committee (Connie/John)
10. AlertWildfire Cameras Project Update (Frank)
11. Public Comment
12. Other items/adjourn

\*Action items  
Meeting will be recorded.



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April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Volcano Communications Tech Center

Virtually via Zoom

3:00-5:00

### MINUTES

Present: Connie Gonsalves, Frank Leschinsky, Jay Francis, John Heissenbuttel & Dick Stamm and Susan Peters via Zoom

Staff: Amanda Watson & Megan Watts via Zoom, Dana Simpson

Public: Jeff Brown, Mike De Lasaux, Barbara McPhail, Patrick Chew, Greg West, Tom Ellison, Stevie Long, Edwin Simpson, Cindy Grandbois, Robert Deakin, Jamie Lubenko, Jerry Scott

1. Approve/Modify Agenda – Connie called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The proposed Agenda was approved unanimously.
2. Approve/Modify March Minutes – The March 2022 minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Introductions – Board members and the public in attendance introduced themselves as well as those attending via Zoom.
4. Treasurers Report – John reported that as of **3/31/22** we had an account balance of **\$345,492**. It has come down substantially as we have paid a lot of bills for work done recently. The budget has been corrected to show the reduction of \$35,000 in overstated contributions. We are currently transitioning bookkeeping responsibilities from Kim Martin to Dana Simpson and this should happen by the end of April.
5. Coordinator Report
  - a. Project Updates
  - b. Outreach Coordination Presentation Plan – see attached detailed plan with associated Action, Task & Schedule
6. Website Discussion – Amanda noted that she had collected all of the comments from the board on the website. It was suggested that we include a “Get Involved“ page. Amanda noted that many of the photos seem to be frightening and wanted to know if they needed to be toned down.
7. FireWise Community Groups - Dick reported that the number of fire FireWise Communities (FWC) had gone from 7 to 9 now with the addition of Fiddletown Park and Upper Rancheria. There are more than 14 other FWC in the county working on the process. We should be up to more than 20 by the year end. There are currently more than 500 FWC in all of California. Connie reminded folks that individual insurers need to get a copy of their appropriate FireWise certificates in order to show proof for insurance discounts. Dick stated that Nevada County has over 100 FWC with another 60 currently in the process of obtaining certification. They have two goals: information sharing and advocacy when needed. A question was asked whether it would be

beneficial to organize a FWC forum and the Board agreed it would be helpful. AFSC has budgeted funds for staff support to help. There was considerable discussion on both initial and ongoing funding at fire Waze communities. The AFC board reiterated that start-up funds would be approved and should be a budget item but continuing funding would not likely be approved.

8. Fire Safe Ordinance – Supervisor Jeff Brown reported that the Fire Safe ordinance was on the board agenda as an action item schedule for April 26
9. Alert Wildfire Cameras Project Update – Frank said that he had received no response on an update from Dr. Kent
10. Public Comment - Jeff Brown noted that new cell towers are slated to be constructed at Molly Joyce Park and at Mace Meadows golf course. Both will be AT&T.  
There was a question about the proposed BLM projects. There was concern that the right of entry forms requested a permanent easement and many folks did not want to grant this.
11. Other Items - Patrick Chew passed out the CAL-FIRE Information Bulletin 21-007 which is their interpretation of how to implement AB38.

*Meeting Adjourned at 4:56 pm*

## AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

**2022 Budget**

**As of April 30, 2022**

### Expenses

#### Grants Expenses

305 AFSC Coordinator	56,000.00	1	13,659.45
306 Coordinator Assistant	16,800.00	2	0.00
310 RPF Professional Forester	125,000.00		21,750.00
315 Environmental Documentation	60,000.00		0.00
320 Groundwork Contracted Labor	900,000.00	3	257,807.20
<b>Total Grant Expenses</b>	<b>1,157,800.00</b>		<b>311,216.65</b>

#### Operating Expenses

302 Depreciation	450.00		0.00
311 Bookkeeper (2021 actual is through 11/21)	4,000.00		1,065.75
321 State Filing Fees	85.00		0.00
330 Insurance, D&O	1,800.00		0.00
343 Bank Charges	200.00		0.00
345 Office Supplies	1,500.00		299.01
346 Postage	400.00		0.00
350 Outreach	20,000.00	4	6,855.57
365 Professional Fees	600.00	5	0.00
365 Telephone	375.00		0.00
370 Milage	4,000.00		0.00
Other	0.00		75.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>33,410.00</b>		<b>8,295.33</b>

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,191,210.00</b>		<b>319,511.98</b>
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### Revenue

#### Grants

PG&E CEMA Program	50,000.00	6	
SNC Tiger Creek Planning	0.00		5,977.13
SNC Tiger Creek Implementation	270,000.00	7	
SNC Tiger Creek Enhancement	50,000.00	8	66,060.00
CAL FIRE Mitchell Mine	170,000.00	9	
CAL FIRE Ingress/Egress	425,000.00	10	

SNC County Steward Planning	0.00	
SNC County Steward Implementation	125,000.00	<sup>11</sup>
Defensible Space	0.00	
CAL FIRE Pine Acres Maintenance	50,000.00	<sup>12</sup>
CAFSC County Coordinator	115,000.00	<sup>13</sup> 30,000.00
Volcano Communications Grant	5,000.00	<sup>14</sup>
Contributions	35,000.00	<sup>15</sup> 35,103.18
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,295,000.00</b>	<b>137,140.31</b>

1. Assumes 80 hours/month, includes back pay for approved raise.
2. Assumes 40 hours/month @ \$35/hour.
3. \$100K available outside of grant obligations for public requests.
4. Reflects outreach in Ingress/Egress grant which includes support of organizing Firewise Communities.
5. Tax preparation.
6. Assumes we receive grant.
7. 80 acres of mastication currently under contract. 13 acres of handwork on south side of reservoir currently under contract. Bird surveys as required after 3/1/22. Signage. Use funds currently in account.
8. 10 acres of handwork late fall 2022.
9. 11 acres of handwork. Use funds currently in account.
10. Assumes 30 miles of road clearance, AFSC conducting 8 town halls and RPF filing exemption.
11. Assumes we secure implementation grant and begin by masticating 50 acres in fall of 2022.
12. Environmental documentation.
13. Staff time and outreach, \$175K grant runs from 12/21 to 3/23.
14. To be used to upgrade AFSC communications technology.
15. \$35K pledged by Break Even Beermakers.

<b>Amador Fire Safe Council Fund Balances</b>	<b>As of Dec 31, 2021</b>	<b>As of April 30, 2022</b>
3000 Unrestricted	20,951.06	38,385.79
4206 Mitchel Mine	169,517.60	106,101.15
4222 Tiger Creek Implementation	268,166.25	55,799.94
4230 SNC County Steward Implementation	17,430.70	17,431.86
4255 PG&E	288.23	288.23
4420 CFSC Coordinator		27,016.76
4412 Tiger Creek Enhance		30,030.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 476,353.84</b>	<b>\$ 275,054.45</b>

**Amador Fire Safe Council  
Coordinator Monthly Report**

May-22

Date Range: April 15th 2022 - May 16th 2022

<b>Project</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Future Planned Actions</b>
Mitchell Mine	Reporting Completed on MMFB.	ARCD is working on UCCE contract. AW will work with ARCD to complete CEQA
	Presenting CEQA process document to ARCD board	
Tiger Creek Fuel Break	Tiger Creek Phase 2 winter 2022 work completed, 2 units will be finished in Fall 2022	Continue work on Phase 2 Implementation, begin planning for Reporting completed
AmCo Stewardship - Mokelumne Community Forest	SNC grant will be recommended to the SNC board for funding	Awaiting board decision - June 2nd 2022
	SNC proposal submitted. ~\$1.3 million	Final Report for Planning completed
Amador County Collaborative Ingress, Egress and Education Plan	Work will start on 5 county roads this week. Flagging has been completed.	Put together RFP for non-county roads.
	Ed is continuing to work wot get CEQA completed.	Compiling Community Projects, holding Grant Project review mtg
	Megan has reached out to communities, working on getting community prioritization and ROEs.	Progress Reporting
County Coordinator - CAFSC	Attending monthly meetings and training.	Amador County Fair Planning
	Working through outreach plan. Created FireWise Forum/Letter and sent out to community leaders. Created Resource survey and distributed through out the county.	Develop Partnership Agreement with AFPD for Firewise Assistance
	Smokechasers Planning. Banner Printed. Drafted Resource page	Continue work on Outreach Plan (BOS mtg/annual report/newsletter/website updates
	Started planning with Tori on AFSC website updates	
Communications Grant	Researching software and hardware. Some research on renting a drone and contracting for services instead of purchasing a drone.	Continue to research and purchase equipment, i.e. video editing software and drone.
Grant Opportunities	PG&E grant submitted \$100,000 for Ohio Hill Fuel Break. Awaiting to hear about funding.	Need to schedule grant committee to review newly submitted community projects and new brainstorm projects. Project/Grants Committee needs a new member.
	Community Fuel Break Project - CalFire, \$760k. Awaiting to hear about funding.	
	AmCo Stewardship Project - recommended for funding	
	CA Fire Foundation Grant opportunity (\$15,000 available) Could be a great source for FWC support	
	Megan is working on research community assistance grants/program. AW is working with ARCD and neighboring RCDs to develop Landowner TA/Home hardening assistance grant with the goal of helping landowners understand requirements and protential rebate assistance.	