



The Mission of the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council is to preserve Grizzly Flats' natural and manmade resources by informing, educating and mobilizing all residents and landowners to make their homes, properties, neighborhoods and the community fire safe, and to provide area-wide cooperation, innovation and action in an effort to buffer the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council's Sphere of Recognition from catastrophic wildfire

### Minutes January 7, 2017 9:30 a.m. - Grizzly Flats Community Church

- 1) Call to order at 9:30 am by Mark Almer.
- 2) Flag Salute led by Duane Nelson.
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Meeting Room Cleanup Volunteers
- 5) Approval of the January 7, 2017 Agenda – Motion to approve as submitted by Ernie Lory and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marylou Brown. **Motion** Passed unanimously.
- 6) Approval of the November 5, 2016 Minutes – Motion to approve with corrections by Charlene Ank with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mel Kelley. **Motion** approved unanimously.
- 7) Treasurer's Report - checking account balance as of today is \$33,248.47
- 8) Public Comment – none
- 9) Council Member's Comments
  - a) Mark Almer – congratulations to Duane Nelson for his service, with presentation.
  - b) Mark Almer – discussed call by AT&T to Community Services District regarding to put up a tower.
  - c) Tina Holum – Verizon has installed a generator at the tower site.
  - d) Ernie Lory – Walt Tyler School presentation topic for this spring is “Wildfire Preparedness”.
  - e) Liz Lawless – PVFA has crab banquets Jan 14, 21 and 28<sup>th</sup>. Jan.28<sup>th</sup> is sold out. PVFA is a huge donor to our fire district.
- 10) Agency Reports
  - a) BOS District 2 Supervisor - Shiva Frentzen – Not present.
  - b) Pioneer Fire Protection District – Alan Polinsky – Not Present. Tuesday Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> is next Board meeting.
  - c) Comm. Dev. Agency/Tran. Div. Dep. Director - Don Spear
    1. Staffing up for the current storm.
    2. Loss of additional staff. Down to 5 for south county.
    3. Fort Jim partially closed for covert failure. \$200,000 -\$300,000 of repair to be bid.
    4. Grizzly Flat Rd. covert failure by Arctic Lane has been temporarily repaired.
    5. Tree Mortality – Public Meeting to be held on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm, at Grizzly Flat Community Church. Meeting will be addressing dead and dying trees on private property that threaten County roads. Right of Entry forms are needed to be completed for work to begin.
    6. Calfire contract approved to use Growlersberg Teams for labor.
  - d) Grizzly Flats Community Services District – Kim Gustafson
    1. Reminder to winterize to avoid leaks.
    2. Current leak near Blue Mountain.
    3. 2 contractors on the job.

4. Applying for California Disaster Assistance Act funding.

e) U.S. Forest Service - Duane Nelson, currently retired.

1. Unknown when a new ranger will be in Placerville. There will be a temporary.
2. Looks like there will be a government hiring freeze.
3. Lost several staff in the Timber Department. Down to one personnel.
4. Beetle patch to the east of Grizzly Flats can be seen from space. It is being streamlined to be addressed up to 100' of the boundaries.
5. Fire crews can be used to assist with hazard tree cutting but not near high value infrastructure.
6. Trestle project should have a decision by spring.
7. New engineering staff has been introduced to the community road concerns.

f) CALFIRE – not present

g) Sheriff – John D'Agostini / Steve Wunschel

1. During heavy snow move vehicles off the road.
2. If a power line falls on your car do not get out of your car.
3. In the event of swift water rescue wait for trained teams.

h) El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory

1. Mini grant application to Veteran's to help disabled veterans with defensible space.
2. Chipping grant ran out.
3. CWPP is in final draft and expected out later in January.
4. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Annual report is due to the county.
5. By-Laws are changing – noncompetitive bid threshold is now \$50,000.
6. Stakeholders meeting was held on the Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> for tree removal. (SMUD, Sierra Pacific Industries)
7. CCC has projects going on in Coloma-Lotus, Auburn Lake Trail and Sierra Springs.

i) Neighboring Fire Safe Councils – not present

11) Unfinished Business - none

12) New Business

a) GFFSC sponsored Projects, Programs, and Events – Mark Almer – *Discussion/Action Item*

1. Dates/Chairs for events:

- Community Clean up – Craig Heinrich to Chair, 9/23/17
- Table Top Wildfire Drill – Waiting to hear from PVPD for lead.
- Church Cleanup – Kathie Hawkins to chair, 4/22/17
- Public Ed – Mark Almer to chair
- Trestle Trail – Skip McLaughlin to chair, 5/13/17
- Cemetery Cleanup – Kim Gustafson to chair, 6/10/17

b) Executive Board Meeting w/Doug MacDonald and the Burger Night Group - *Mark Almer/Discussion Item*

1. Meeting was productive discussing the MacDonald house use.

c) Mid-Year Budget – Steve Hupner – *Discussion/Action Item*

1. No Burn signs needs to be added to category 6330.00 at \$300. Previously approved.
2. Projector and Screen came in under budget.

3. Mel Kelley motioned to accept the amended budget with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlene Ank. **Motion**  
Passed unanimously.

d) Council Member Annual Signing of Volunteer Liability Waivers – Mark Almer – *Discussion/Action Item*

1. This is the waiver for 2017.

13) Committee Reports

a) Newsletter – Deb Gregory

1. Not much new.

b) Defensible Space – Steve Frazier – not present.

c) Grants/CWPP – Steve Hupner, Ernie Lory, Sean Cullinane, Tim Hinkle

1. CCC will be back in the spring to complete what was left from last season of chipping piles.

2. CWPP is 400 pages with 14 pages for Grizzly Flats community.

3. GF-32 - \$200,000 funding for tree mortality as dictated by the grant guidelines. 4/30/17 is cut off for landowner applications. Current minimums set are tree size minimum is 10” diameter and 20’ tall, within 200’ of structures, driveways, roadways, maximum of 3 trees per property, maximum of \$1,000 per tree.

d) Parliamentary – Pro-Tem, Melanie Hessing – Nothing.

e) Public Education - Mark Almer

1. Materials at the post office are being moved and removed.

14) Community Announcements

a) Liz Lawless made note of volunteers at the Crab Banquets.

b) PVPD Board Meeting Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

15) For the Good of the Order

16) Agenda Items for February 4, 2017 Meeting

Remove all new business from 1/7

Unfinished business –

Project sign up review

Liability Waivers

17) Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Craig Heinrich with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlene Ank. **Motion** passed unanimously at 11.38 am.

Retroactively submitted for electronic storage on July 24, 2022 and the content is fundamentally accurate to the best of my knowledge,

Mark Almer Chairperson

