



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 – August 6, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Leoni Meadows, Meadow View Inn

- 1) Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 9:39 a.m. by Chairman Mark Almer
- 2) Flag Salute was led by Matt Nunley
- 3) Roll Call – the sign in sheet was passed around by Secretary Pro-Tem Almer. Members of the public included Susan Kim-Almer, Susan Dixon, Kevin Koroush, Deirdre Girardi, Doug MacDonald, Mike Perry, Deb Perry, Maia Davis and Mark Egbert.
- 4) Timekeeper Volunteer – Robin Kelley volunteered to be the timekeeper.
- 5) Approval of the August 6, 2022 Agenda – Liz Lawless motioned and Kelly Krohn seconded the approval of the Agenda as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Approval of the July 9, 2022 Minutes – Charlene Ank motioned and David Manske seconded the approval of the Minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robin Kelley reported the current balance is \$48,165.23.
- 8) Public Comment – Meeting guest Kevin Koroush asked if there was a link to the green waste clean up on the GFFSC website. There was a discussion of it being removed on the website when the event was cancelled.
- 9) Council Member Comments – There were no Council Member comments.
- 10) Special Presentation – RCD's Recovery/Reforestation Program (this item was presented after item 11) – RCD Program Manager Mark Egbert
 - a. RCD identified where the work has been done by Cal Recycle. They have tried to contact El Dorado County to request property owner information from the previous ROE's but it is protected information so they had to start from scratch. The County also did not want ROE's sent to people within the Grizzly Flats community due to

possible confusion with the CAL OES ROE's. Ultimately, RCD has sent out five different sets of letters.

- b. A contractor will be hired on Thursday (August 11).
- c. Market conditions have been affected on the removal/sale of salvage timber within Grizzly Flats.
- d. For those properties that had an Emergency Timber Harvest Plan, RCD is working with CAL FIRE to postpone the Completion Document requirement.
- e. Mark Egbert explained that obtaining access to properties has been difficult.
- f. He distributed an updated project map to the attendees (two had been previously distributed at another meeting). One map detailed the five different work zones within the Grizzly Flats area. Zone 2 will likely start first.
- g. The contract that RCD has with the contractors will be for 10 years.
- h. Mark Egbert also described the various things that are done to the ground in preparation for replanting.
- i. 1.8 million dollars will be applied to help restore the CSD watersheds, but the NEPA must be approved first.

11) Agency Reports

- A. BOS District 2 Supervisor - not present
- B. Pioneer Fire Protection District – Chief Dave Whitt reported:
 1. The District is almost at full staffing. They have hired a Captain and Firefighter. Captain Mike Stutts has been re-hired at PFPD.
 2. The District is having apparatus issues. The Type III engine is in for major repairs. El Dorado Hills Fire donated a Type I engine to PFPD.
 3. The District is looking for volunteers
 4. They have recently done a budget review and it was fairly “decent news.” Because of the Caldor Fire, the District has taken a financial hit, however, the loss will be distributed throughout the entire County. Measure F funding is down.
- C. El Dorado County Department of Transportation – Chairperson Mark Almer read a report provided by Deputy Director of Maintenance, Brian Mullens:
 1. One million square feet of asphalt repair has been identified. It will go out to bid next week.
 2. FEMA needs proof that the needed road repairs were caused by fire debris removal vehicles prior to reimbursement. The money will have to come out of the general fund if not reimbursed by FEMA.
 3. The estimated cost of work will be \$2.7 million.
 4. DOT anticipates doing another \$1.3 million in sealing treatment after the initial repairs are done.
 5. There are 1,700 burned trees in the right-of-way that will be removed. It is currently out to bid.
 6. The street signage is scheduled to be replaced in November.
 7. Their department lost 7 personnel in six weeks to other municipalities/counties/companies.

8. Meeting guest Deirdre Girardi asked if the proposed work included the unpaved sections of Grizzly Flats. Mark Almer will check with Brian Mullens.
 9. Eileen Strangfeld will contact Brian Mullens to see if DOT needs supporting documentation and photos to submit to FEMA.
- D. Grizzly Flats Community Services District – not present
- E. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office / OES – not present
- F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory reported:
1. The EDCFSC met on July 20th
 2. It's been proposed to use the 1849 Museum on Main Street to house a Clerk/Grant person.
 3. Greenstone HOA is the 27th FSC
 4. Maia Davis introduced herself as the new El Dorado County Fire Safe Coordinator
 5. South County Large Animal Rescue reports to EDCO Animal Services; who in turn reports to OES. 500 animals were housed at the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville and 500 in the County Fairgrounds in Plymouth. El Dorado County Animal Services has a registry of large animals but it's unknown how up to date it is.
- G. California Highway Patrol – not present
- H. U.S. Forest Service – not present. Mark Almer reported he recently heard from Amador District Ranger Rick Hopson. Rick recently accepted a position at the Regional Office in Vallejo. He wished us the best in the future.
- I. CAL FIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit – not present
- J. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils
1. Aukum/Fairplay – not present
 2. Omo Ranch – Shiela Triebull reported:
 - a. Their new water tanks will be in service sometime in August or September.
 - b. They met with the Sand Ridge Fire Safe Council recently and will be meeting with them again on August 18th. They are collaborating with them on the winery fundraising signage. They are looking for someone with computer skills.
 - c. Music in the Park was successful but small in attendance.
 - d. Six councils were recently awarded grants. Roadside tree clearance will start soon, and they are working on road signage.
- K. Long Term Recovery Group – not present

12) Old Business

- A. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer reported that there are currently vacancies on the Council and encouraged members of the community who are interested in joining to attend multiple meetings to become familiar with the Council. He stated that there can be a maximum of 25 Council members.
- B. Time Sheet Submittal – David Manske reminded everyone to turn in their timesheets. They are used for our Firewise renewal. Retaining our Firewise renewal designation helps our homeowner's insurance. He stated that he received several timesheets before the meeting. Members should send the timesheets to him at: davidgffsc@gmail.com. Mark Almer reminded everyone that the fiscal year for

Firewise ends July 31st and any hours accumulated prior to that need to be submitted ASAP to David Manske.

- C. Secretary Vacancy – Mark Almer reported that there is still a vacancy for the Secretarial position and briefly detailed the job duties. He referred the attendees to the PPM for the complete list of duties.

13) New Business

- A. Proposed updates and revisions to the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Manual (PPM) – Chairman Mark Almer discussed the proposed amendments to both documents. They included adding the minimum age of Council members to 18 years old, updating the responsibilities of honorary members and the reimbursement policy and associated forms. A motion to approve as presented was made by Craig Heinrich and seconded by Kelly Krohn. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Revised 2022/23 Budget Line Item – Consultant Services. Ernie Lory presented a brief PowerPoint presentation detailing the need for revising our current project priorities due to the Caldor Fire. He detailed consultant Barry Callenberger’s proposal and his deliverables for the contract. A motion was made by Robin Kelley to increase the budget line item for consultant services for an additional \$5000 (\$10,000 total). The motion was seconded by Liz Lawless. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Previous Agendas/Minutes Website and Cloud posting – In the spirit of transparency, Mark Almer (temporary Secretary) informed the Council he discovered multiple agendas and minutes were missing from the Cloud and Website. With the inability to retrieve the approved, signed minutes from the previous Secretaries, he retroactively uploaded the minutes with the following statement and his signature: “Retroactively submitted for electronic storage on July 24, 2022 and the content is fundamentally accurate to the best of my knowledge.” He also uploaded the missing minutes to the Cloud. He is working with Webmaster Jennifer Hibbard to have all the documents (approximately 50) uploaded to the website.

14) Committee Reports

- A. Public Education - Mark Almer reported that he continues to add new material to the FSC’s Facebook page on a regular basis. Eileen Strangfeld inquired about a document that had a checklist of things to do in the event of an evacuation. She was referred to the on-line version of CAL FIRE’s Ready-Set-Go document (which is no longer available in the printed form). Chief Whitt stated that the document is available on www.readyforwildfire.org.
- B. Defensible Space – Defensible Space Chair Robin Kelley reported that the Chipping Day and green waste collection weekend was cancelled and they are trying to reschedule for September. A discussion ensued about potential places to hold the event. Robin will work with Craig Heinrich regarding a potential Community Clean-Up Day in the

future. Kelly Krohn suggested having a “Volunteer” link on our website. Mark Almer will relay the request to Jennifer Hibbard.

C. Grants – Grants Manager Ernie Lory did not have anything to report.

D. Fundraising – David Manske reported that reflective address signage is still available for sale.

E. Website – no report

15) Public Announcements – Kelly Krohn reported that the “One Year Stronger” event will be held on Saturday, August 13 from 4-7pm at Pioneer Park. On-line registration is encouraged so that they can plan for enough food.

16) For the Good of the Order

1. Shiela Triebull reported that Battalion Chief Ken Earle did a “group inspection” of multiple water tanks in Omo Ranch recently and suggested that other areas could do the same.

2. Craig Heinrich commended PFPD Volunteer David Manske for his various responses to incidents at Leoni Meadows.

3. Chief Dave Whitt said that they would like to see “water tank farms” in areas of the District that do not have fire hydrants.

4. **Adjourn** – Robin Kelley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairperson/Secretary Pro-Tem