



Grizzly Flats FireSafe Council

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 July 9, 2016, 9:30 a.m. - Grizzly Flats Community Church

1. Call to order by Mark Almer at 9:29 am.
- 2) Flag Salute led by Roy Rodgers.
- 3) Roll Call with visitors introduced.
- 4) Meeting Room Cleanup Volunteers were assigned.
- 5) Approval of the July 9, 2016 Agenda – Change 12 b and c in order, add item 12 d and e. Accepted as amended. Motion by Steve Frazier and 2nd by Marylou Brown. Motion Approved Unanimously.
- 6) Approval of the June 4th, 2016 Minutes – take off Agenda on title and add as Minutes, item 9 should be carts. Motion to approve by Kathy Melvin with a 2nd by Charlene Ank. Motion Approved Unanimously.
- 7) Treasurer's Report by Steve Hupner: checking balance is \$29,301.06.
- 8) Public Comment - None
- 9) Council Member's Comments
 - a) Mark Almer queried on the generator for the Verizon tower. Also discussed was PRC 4290 and PRC 4291 stating the need for 100' defensible space around the structures which currently is not done. Steve Hupner added that the GF-13 project which would protect the tower area and this has not yet been funded.
 - b) Mark Almer – Rocky Bar Rd has been gated off by a private party which is not allowed on a public road.
 - c) Beetle Tree Discussion - residents should ask PG&E to take action if power lines are threatened.
- 10) Agency Reports
 - a) BOS District 2 Supervisor - Shiva Frentzen – Not Present
 - b) Pioneer Fire Protection District – Grant Ingram – Chief Ingram asked to be added to the email list.
 - He introduced himself and noted First Responder Team.
 - Raising the door at station 35 for the engine to come up as the engine is higher than the current door.



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- Staffing for Station 35 is still an issue.
 - Engines crews trained with the new drafting hydrant
 - CALFIRE will be asked to train the new drafting hydrant.
 - Fuel breaks have proven to be effective in recent fires.
 - Chief met with Forest Service and they are not going to respond to any medical calls, vehicle accidents or river rescues.
 - Engines are taller now so access can be an issue to properties, 15 ft. height is needed, 20 ft. wide for 2 engines to pass.
 - A helicopter training was held and the helicopter will be returning for a live landing training.
- c) Comm. Dev. Agency/Tran. Div. Dep. Director – Don Spear
- Budget was approved. Tribal funding provided some funding and proposed \$2.5 million to be used in a mapped area around Shingle Springs.
 - There are 9 vacant staffing positions, 4 additional staff are going on long term disability.
 - Grizzly Flat project is put off another year.
 - Provided road assistance on Trailhead Fire.
- d) Grizzly Flats Community Services District – Kim Gustafson
- Repainting Hydrants to be done, looking for volunteers
 - Testing new hydrant
 - Annual Open house planned for October
- e) U.S. Forest Service - Duane Nelson – Not Present
- Mark Almer reviewed letter received about vegetation encroachment.
- f) CALFIRE – Not Present
- g) Sheriff – John D’Agostini / Steve Wunschel - Not Present
- h) El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory
- June 28th, 2016 – 14 total county associate councils
 - County CWPP is still in draft form and being worked on
 - South Fork American River public meeting on June 24th had several environmental groups present
 - The USFS’s Environmental response to Trestle Forest Health Project is expected in August
 - The County BOS held a Tree Mortality meeting June 17th, there are no current grants for land owners under 20 acres; there is nowhere to put the downed timber
- i) Neighboring Fire Safe Councils – Not Present



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11) Unfinished Business

a) BBQ Fundraiser / Robin Kelley/John Rogers – Discussion item

- Sign UP sheet being sent out as a reminder
 - Bartenders arrive at 10 am
 - ABC license is taken care of
 - Sandi Bush requests volunteers at 9 am to clean table and chairs
 - An additional ticket seller is needed – Deb Gregory volunteered
 - Attire – Comfortable
1. Chief Ingram volunteered a few firefighters to assist with set up and take down
 2. Volunteer Liability Waiver forms need to be handed out and signed

b) Community Bulletin Board – Skip McLaughlin

- Under 120 sq. ft. does not need a permit
- Needs a builder – Mark Almer suggested Mel Kelley
- Designs should be brought to council for approval

c) Trestle Trail and Cemetery clean-up efforts

- Phil Dayton had only 1 show up for Trestle Trail plus the kids he brought along
- Tina Holum said no burn piles took place at the Cemetery Clean Up and Steve Hupner added still not finished, piles remain to be removed.
 - Kathie Hawkins mentioned bagging the piles and disposing at the September Community Cleanup.
- Melanie Hessing noted the Member's Manual states Project and Program leads need to contact volunteers prior to events. Members need to be familiar with the manual.
- September 24th is Community Clean Up

12) New Business

a) Mentorship – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action Item

1. Interest and New Volunteers are needed to learn roles of board members
 - a. Deb Gregory would like to shadow Secretary, Tina Holum
 - b. Tina Holum noted that Deb Gregory will be assisting in uploading the documents to the cloud and county website

b) Member at Large – Melanie Hessing – Discussion/Action Item



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1. A member at large should be attending the board meetings to break a tie if needed, improve transparency, and provide knowledge if a board member needs to step down.

c) Volunteer Liability Waiver Policy (EDCFSC/GFFSC) – Mark Almer – *Discussion/Action Item*

1. All members have to sign waiver to be able to volunteer and participate at events.
2. Ernie Lory noted Policy and Procedure Article 18 has not been finalized and is still a draft. He explained intent is to advise participants that they are only covered under their own private insurances.
3. Council decided that this Volunteer Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement document will not be signed or required until the EDCFSC Policy is finalized.
4. Mark Almer will contact County FSC Chair and advise that this document differs from our understanding of a council in secondary position and with regard to insurance.
5. Steve Hupner motioned that we contact Pat Dwyer at the county regarding liability insurance not covering volunteer actions and activities. We would like to see the Agreement revised. Kathy Melvin 2nd the motion, all approved except Ernie Lory abstained. The **Motion** was approved.

d) Substitute Secretary for September Meeting – Mark Almer Discussion/action

1. Debra Gregory volunteered

e) El Dorado Disposal Green Waste – Mark Almer – Discussion Item

1. Green Waste carts were requested
2. Surveys will be attached to trash carts. All should respond to the surveys so we can support this request

13) Committee Reports

a) Newsletter – Deb Gregory

- Created newsletter in hardcopy print
- In attempt to upload to iContact she found the bill is outstanding and access was denied
- Steve Hupner/Treasurer is responding to this request

b) Defensible Space – Steve Frazier

- Reviewing properties getting CALFIRE inspection notices and some confusion with 1st and 2nd inspection recommendations

c) Grants/CWPP – Steve Hupner, Ernie Lory, Mark Almer, Sean Cullinane

- GF-12 Officially completed.
- GF-31b is currently active. Phase I Cosumnes Mine Rd. Phase II Tyler Ranch property.



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- Over \$2 Million in fire reduction has been accomplished since we began the GFFSC in 2004.

d) Parliamentary – Pro-Tem, Melanie Hessing – No Comments

e) Public Education - Mark Almer

- Signs up at Very High

14) Community Announcements

- Fire Board Meeting next Tuesday, 7-21-16 at 6 pm.
- No Burn signs are available, they will be reordered

15) Agenda Items for August 6, 2016 Meeting

New Business:

- Rocky Bar Road Access – Mark Almer/Sean Cullinane
- Reorder Portable No Burn Signs

Unfinished Business:

- Mentorship
- Member-at-Large
- BBQ Wrap Up Report
- Community Bulletin Bd
- Delete the Trestle and Cemetery Reports
- County Liability Insurance Issue

16) Adjourn – Motion to Adjourn at 11:48 am by Marylou Brown with a 2nd by Steve Hupner.
Meeting adjourned Unanimously.

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

Mark Almer Chairperson

Mark Almer

