



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, supporting emergency response efficiency, 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.

DRAFT Minutes– March 1, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:

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1) Call to Order– Please make sure your comments and discussion are appropriate to the particular agenda item that we're discussing. Anything not related to a specific agenda item should be brought up during Council Member Comments, if it's related to Council business. If it's not related to Council business, it needs to be brought up during Public Comment. Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes and there will not be any discussion or interaction following each comment. –The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chairman Mark Almer.

2) Flag Salute– The flag salute was led by Matt Nunley.

3) Roll Call– The attendance was taken by Chairman Mark Almer.

4) Timekeeper Volunteer– Timekeeper was David Manske.

5) Approval of the March 1, 2025 Agenda– A motion was made by Roy Rodgers. to approve the agenda. A second was made by David Manske. The motion passed unanimously.

6) Approval of the February 1, 2025 Minutes– A motion was made by Roy Rodgers to approve the minutes as submitted. A second was made by David Manske. The motion passed unanimously.

7) Treasurer's Report– Treasurer Mark Almer reported the current checking account balance of \$28,506.97 and recent expenses. He reminded council members about reimbursement deadlines and prompt check cashing.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1C7HiNy3V1xgYqUGBS-dqFDeN1Cvsxbn90DruhMzgx9M/edit?usp=sharing>

8) Agency Reports

- A. Pioneer Fire Protection District– PFPD Chief Dave Whitt / Fire Marshal Ken Earle– none
- B. Report Information from Pioneer FPD meeting/GFFSC Information to be shared at PFPD Board Meeting– none
- C. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office / OES– Deputy Scott Bare / Deputy Greg Almos / Deputy Kris Kersmarki– not present
- D. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council– Ernie Lory– Ernie Lory shared notes from the February 19, 2025 meeting. EDCFSC Mtg 2-19-2025 notes linked here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mLd3cRMnDriAvwen26ExVN1gbMgDvVyBjAILIGI4IB8/edit?usp=sharing>
 - a. Federal Grant Freeze Memo - 2/27/25 updates linked here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1f_LENIrUMRU-FiWmGJPPPYhRSQqFn4z0vEH2DtDm3Q0/edit?usp=sharing
- E. California Highway Patrol– Public Information Officer Andrew Brown– not present
- F. El Dorado Resource Conservation District– Mark Egbert– not present
- G. U.S. Forest Service– Placerville Dist. Ranger Andrew Mishler– not present
- H. CALFIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit–Battalion Chief Josh Vickers / Public Information Officer Wendy Oaks– not present
- I. Community Services District– Mel Kelley– none

9) Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

- A. Aukum/Fairplay– John Hess– not present
- B. Sand Ridge– not present
- C. Omo Ranch– Shiela Triebull gave an update on recent Omo Ranch FSC meetings including that the council had two events in the past year that were successful in strong public attendance.
 - a. South County Fire Defense Coalition - Shiela Triebull– Shiela Triebull gave an update.

10) Old Business

- A. Time Sheet Submittal– David Manske– Discussion/Action– David Manske provided an update.
- B. CWPP Update– Ernie Lory / Mark Almer– Erne Lory and Mark Almer reported about the CWPP status including the El Dorado County and Jensen Hughes contractor Threat Map that is inconsistent with the CAL FIRE Threat map. Mark Almer expressed concern that the El Dorado County and Jensen Hughes contractor Threat Map shows all areas in the region as low fire threat and he is concerned this will affect the region from obtaining grants that are critical for all of the areas that are, as determined by the CAL

FIRE Threat Map, still in need of the grants for fire mitigation and fuel reduction including the Post Office to Post Office project and others.

- C. 2025 Firewise Day– Mark Almer– Discussion/Action– Mark Almer provided an update on the event; the committees will be meeting after the main council meeting. Shiela Triebull shared that the South County Fire Defense Coalition will be at all of the Burger Night events.

11) New Business

- A. Compostable Green Waste Bag Distribution Event– Ernie Lory / Mark Almer / David Manske– Discussion/Action– Ernie Lory reiterated that the council will not have a Community Green Waste Day but the council will move forward with the Compostable Green Waste Bag Distribution Event. The date of the event will be determined soon.
- B. Community Service Award Nomination Period Opening – Mark Almer– Discussion/Action– Mark Almer announced that the nomination period for the 2025 Community Service Award is now open. Nominations will be accepted until noon on March 15th and should be sent directly to Mark Almer with an explanation of why the nominee deserves the award. The award will be presented at the May meeting, and the nomination committee consists of the last four recipients. Mark encouraged everyone to submit nominations for individuals who have gone above and beyond in serving the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council and the community.
- C. GFFSC Bylaws Revision– Mark Almer– Discussion/Action– Mark Almer reviewed the revisions and updates to the GFFSC Bylaws. Mark Almer asked for a motion to approve the 2025 revision and updates of the GFFSC Bylaws. A motion was made by David Manske to approve the revisions and updates of the 2025 GFFSC Bylaws. A second was made by Ernie Lory. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. GFFSC Policies and Procedures Manual (PPM) revision– Mark Almer– Discussion/Action– Mark Almer reviewed the revisions and updates to the GFFSC Policies and Procedures Manual. Mark Almer asked for a motion to adopt the revisions and updates of the GFFSC Policies and Procedures Manual. A motion was made by David Manske to adopt the 2025 GFFSC Policies and Procedures Manual. A second was made by Manuel Lopez. The motion passed unanimously.

12) Committee Reports

- A. Public Education– Mark Almer– Mark Almer provided an update on the bulletin board and public education including the damage to the ballard protecting the bulletin board. Mel Kelley fixed the ballard.
- B. Defensible Space– David Manske / Liz Lawless / Matt Nunley– David Manske gave an update on a recent defensible space assessment and upcoming defensible space assessor training.

- C. Grants– Ernie Lory / David Manske– David Manske stated that Ernie Lory, Mark Almer, and he have an upcoming meeting with Mark Egbert (RCD) about grants.
- D. Reflective Address Sign Sales– David Manske– David Manske shared that he has not had any requests lately. He reminded everyone that everyone should have reflective signs.
- E. Website– Deirdre Girardi / Kelly Krohn– none

13) Public Comment– Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda– Shiela Triebull shared that the PPFA will be having Bingo Nights once a month and Easter Brunch in April at the D'Agostini Ranch.

14) Council Member Comments– Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda– David Manske expressed appreciation to Ernie Lory and Mark Almer for their work. Kelly Krohn shared that she has found that the county wildfire preparedness workshops have been very helpful and she has resources she would like to share with anyone who is interested. Olivia Moreno agreed with Kelly Krohn and shared that the GFFSC information packet that was personally given to them when they moved to Grizzly Flats was very helpful and welcoming.

15) Public Announcements– none

16) For the Good of the Order– Mark Almer requested grace and patience of council members due to the fact that he is going to be secretary at the April meeting because Secretary Deirdre Girardi will be absent at the April meeting.

17) Adjourn– Mark Almer requested for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05. A motion was made by Roy Rodgers to approve adjourning the meeting at 11:05. A second was made by Kelly Krohn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Almer
Chairperson/Treasurer/Secretary Pro-tem