



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 September 12, 2020 9:30 a.m.-  
Telephone Meeting

- 1) Call to order- Meeting was called to order at 9:30am
- 2) Flag Salute was led by Steve Hupner
- 3) Roll Call was taken, and members of the public announced themselves.
- 4) Meeting Room Cleanup Volunteers & Timekeeper Volunteer N/A
- 5) Approval of the September 12, 2020 Agenda; **motion** to approve the agenda as amended by Kelley Krohn, with a second from Kathy Melvin. **Motion** Passes
- 6) Approval of the August 1, 2020 Minutes- Kelly Krohn made a **Motion** to approve the minutes as ammended, with a second from Mary Lou Brown. **Motion** passed.
- 7) Treasurer's Report- Robin Kelley-  
Bank Balance of \$33,228.03 reported by Mark Almer as provided by Robin Kelley.
- 8) Public Comment  
(Limited to 3 minutes - only for items not on the agenda)  
No Public Comments
- 9) Council Member's Comments  
(Limited to 3 minutes - only for items not on the agenda)  
Mark Almer reported that Kim Gustafson has resigned from the Council as of August 31<sup>st</sup> and become an Honorary Member. She will send information regarding the CSD if there is anything to report.  
  
Mark Almer reported the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council's Firewise renewal has been accepted. One item that really helped has been the increased education on our Facebook media.  
  
Mark also reported founding member Jim King recently passed away. He was on the Council from 2004 to 2008. If there is any information regarding a memorial Mark Almer will email the membership.

Kathy Hawkins stated her Birthday celebration was fantastic, best fun she has had in a long time, loved the siren on the CHP cruiser, the fire truck, and the draft horses from Leoni Meadows.

**10) Agency Reports**

A. BOS Reports District 2 Supervisor. - Shiva Frentzen  
Not present

B. Pioneer Fire Protection District –Chief Mark Matthews/Battalion Chief Mike Stutts

Per Chief Stutts- PFPD has responded to cooking fires and warming fires. If any burning is observed, please call 911 and let the Fire Department come out and inspect to make safety decisions due to the many fires burning in California. They have been working with the State as a mutual aid partner so some engines are out helping with that.

Per Chief Matthews- The signs are up in Grizzly Flats Proper still waiting to install them in the Federal lands. Have gotten through all the paperwork waiting for response. Hopefully will get the signage up late in September has been a long process. With thanks to Steve Hupner, and Don Spears.

Phill Dayton states that El Dorado National Forest has all fires blocked off. Asks how is it that El Dorado County allows cooking and warming fires when other means are available?

Chief Stutts advises that when it comes to El Dorado National Forest they would defer to their policies. A couple of these cases have happened on private property and in those cases it's a delicate balance. If there is a fire observed call and let the Fire Department come out to make that determination.

Mark Almer stated this past week Pioneer Fire Protection District was called to respond to a friend of his for a medical issue. States he extends his sincere appreciation for their professionalism and compassion for his friend. To everyone involved thank you very much.

Chief Matthews stated thank you they appreciate the support and he will relay that to all involved.

C. Department of Transportation (DOT)– Brian Mullens  
Not present

D. Grizzly Flats Community Service District - Kim Gustafson  
No report

E. Sheriff– John D'Agostini/Jack Kerruish  
Not present

F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council - Ernie Lory

The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council had a meeting on 8/19

The Chipper program is now open. The funds came through from PG&E. Put your application on the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council website. The funds are limited, and it is expected to close in November but may close sooner if funds run out. Applications are limited to parcels with residences only, no vacant parcels will be accepted.

Neighborhood Radio Watch program is still under review by the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council. Will forward the information on their policy when it comes through.

The Veterans Senior and Low-income program is closed. Had limited funds available. Had more applicants than expected, so closed sooner than expected. Will serve all that were received.

OES has changed some wording. Voluntary Evacuation is now considered "Evacuation Warning." Mandatory Evacuation is now considered "Evacuation Order."

G. California Highway Patrol – Public Information Officer - Andrew Brown

Tragic situation with the motorcycle accident in Grizzly Flats which turned to a streak of three fatal motorcycle accidents.

Officer Brown reminds everyone to wear all their safety gear while riding a motorcycle.

Fire safety is more important than ever.

H. USFS - District Ranger Scot Rogers / Rick Hopson

Not present

I Amador El Dorado Unit Cal Fire - Public Information Officer- Diana Swart

Report read in her absence by Deb Gregory: Diana's only input would be to remind people to prepare in the event of an evacuation. Information can be found at [www.readyforwildfire.org](http://www.readyforwildfire.org)

J. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

1. Aukum/Fairplay – Ed Matwich - Vice Chair

States next Board meeting on September 16, 2020

Advises Microsoft is donating their 365 program which includes Sharepoint where you can keep records online. Also, they have Teams. John Hess and Ed Matwich tested Teams it seemed to work better than Zoom but with only the two of them. Going to experiment on their next board meeting with Teams instead of Zoom. Scott Edwards to help Ed Matwich to get in contact with Microsoft disaster recovery program team.

2. Omo Ranch

Not Present

3. Pleasant Valley

Not Present

**11) Old Business**

A. Emergency Evacuation Route Signage – Chief Matthews/Mike Stutts – Discussion/ Action Item

See Agency Reports Item 10B

B. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer- Discussion/Action Item

Mark Almer states previously the EBoard decided to wait until Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council met in person rather than telephonically to vote in new members. Due to the extension of the telephonic meetings through the beginning of the year it was decided to do a combination written, verbal and online vote for new members.

Logan Gregory and Manuel Lopez introduced themselves as applicants to the Council.

Mark Almer advised the Council that Ernie Lory will be sending out the vote via email after the meeting.

**12) New Business**

A. Updates & Changes Since Last Meeting – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action Item

This item to be removed from future Agendas. In the future this will be addressed under Council member comments or as an Agenda Item.

B. AT&T Phone Issues- Mark Almer- Discussion/Action

Mark Almer reported frequent issues with loss of phone service in the Community and concern of problems with the emergency notification systems without phone service. Many residents do not have access to cell service at their residence.

This has been an ongoing issue with AT&T installing a manual start generator servicing the back-up batteries as a resolution in the past. This requires an employee to operate the current system. The concern is during severe weather or other type of emergency situations there may be no way for residents to call for emergency services or for them to receive Code Red notifications.

Mark Almer, Phill Dayton, and Kelly Krohn to form a subcommittee for possible resolutions.

C. Capps Crossing Road Conditions - Mark Almer - Discussion/Action

Mark Almer reported driving this road recently. He stated this road is in great disrepair. Large potholes.

Mark states he resurrected an email that former Chair Tim Hinkle sent to the Forest Service regarding brushing both Leoni and Capps and repairing the roads as part of the Trestle Forest Health Project Record of Decision. This Record of Decision has conditions that require the Forest Service to not only brush the roadside for ingress and egress but also to repair the roads.

There has been brushing done, and some pothole repair on Leoni, but nothing done for Capps. Rick Hopson has replied and advised he did contact the Forest Service Engineering Office regarding repair of the road.

Chief Stutts advised the construction and maintenance crew with the Forest Service's funds have been cut quite a bit so road repair is difficult for them at this time.

### 13) Committee Reports

A. Public Outreach Coordinator – Deb Gregory

Creating new information for Facebook

Researched information on AB38

This bill would require homeowners in high fire hazard zones to provide to the buyer that the property is in compliance with home hardening measurements or local vegetation management ordinances if it passes.

B. Defensible Space - Steve Frasier/Robin Kelley

Not present

C. Grants – Ernie Lory/Kelly Krohn/David Manske

US Forest Service funding for GF 18 Henry's Diggings Roadside Fuel Reduction project. The Resource Conservation District is doing the paperwork at the present time. Work to be started next summer/fall which would still fall within the time frame to be completed.

The portion of GF36 that extends to the Middle Fork of the Cosumnes River will be re-numbered to GF39 and be re-aligned to follow along Grizzly Flat road instead of going straight down to the river to improve chances of funding.

D. Public Education – Deb Gregory/Kelly Krohn/Molly Irish

Kelly Krohn – She sits on the Committee for Aging states they are having virtual meetings also. Kelly stated they are wondering if there is anything they can do to help Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council.

Also states the county Senior Center has an emergency kit for anybody that is interested through the HEAP program. Contact Kelly Krohn for more information.

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) looking for an alternate public member. If interested contact Kelly Krohn.

- E. Fundraising- Kelly Krohn/Robin Kelley/David Manske  
Kelly states she has looked into the virtual fundraising ideas. States many of the items she has looked at we are unable to do due to the non-profit nature of our organization.

David states he has had some ideas but none of them are comparable for the time spent versus the funds received.

14) Public Announcements

Mark Almer reported a neighbor saw a young mountain lion run across the street. He stated another neighbor noticed blood in their driveway and drag marks believed to be from a mountain lion kill.

15) For the Good of the Order

No comment

16) Adjourn

Kathy Melvin made a **Motion** to adjourn with a second from Kelly Krohn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16am.

**Regular Local Fire Safe Councils and District Meetings:**

Grizzly Flats FSC - 1st Saturdays 9:30 AM, Telephone Meeting (Temporary)  
Pioneer Fire Protection District - 2nd Tuesdays 6 PM, Station 38  
Pleasant Valley FSC - 2nd Thursdays 7 PM - Pleasant Valley Community Hall  
Aukum/Fairplay FSC- 3rd Wednesdays 7 PM - Pioneer Park Hall  
Omo Ranch FSC - 4th Saturdays 9 AM – Indian Diggings School

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



Mark Almer  
Chairperson