



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.

Minutes – March 2, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: **Zoom Meeting**


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1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chairman Mark Almer.
2. **Flag Salute** - The flag salute was conducted by Scott Edwards.
3. **Roll Call** - The attendance was taken by Chairperson Mark Almer.
4. **Timekeeper Volunteer** - The time keeping volunteer was not assigned.
5. **Approval of the March 2, 2024 Agenda** - A motion was made by Kelley Krohn to approve the agenda as amended. A second was made by Scott Edwards. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Approval of the February 3, 2024 Minutes** - A motion was made by Manuel Lopez to approve the minutes as submitted. A second was made by David Manske. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Treasurer's Report – Mark Almer**  **GFFSC Treasurer's Report 03022024**
8. **Agency Reports**
 - a. Pioneer Fire Protection District – PFPD Chief Dave Whitt/Fire Marshal Ken Earle - not present
 - b. Report of Information from Pioneer FPD meeting/GFFSC Information to be shared at PFPD Board Meeting – David Manske/Robin Kelley - David Manske shared that the FEMA money for the Caldor Fire that was finally collected. This

will assist PFPD with repairs on vehicles and give them a reserve for ongoing maintenance and repair.

- 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 - February 21, 2024
 - i. EDCFSC approved sending a letter to the county in support of the defensible space ordinance.
 - ii. Assessor training will be in April 2024; David Manske gave additional information on what the training includes and that there is a second mapping module.
 - iii. Ernie Lory spoke about a "perimeter map" that EDSO OES presented at a EDCFSC meeting.
 - iv. The transportation department gave a presentation about critical structures and traffic patterns for an emergency evacuation in the event of an emergency.
 - v. March 19, 2024 there will be a meeting about the emergency response plan for the county.
 - vi. CAL FIRE approved the fire severity maps.
 - vii. Home Hardening and Inspection schedule will be prepared in May-June.
- 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 Travis Thane (acting) - not present
- h. CAL FIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit –Battalion Chief Josh Vickers / Public State Senate District 4 – Heidi Mayerhofer - present - Heidi Mayerhofer Information Officer Wendy Oaks - not present
- i. represents the senator, Marie Alvarado-Gil. Heidi Mayerhofer gave an overview of the senator’s work in District 4. Heidi Mayerhofer will be attending all of the FSC meetings as part of the senator’s intent to hear and respond to her constituency. Senator Alvarado-Gil’s district office phone number is (916)933-8680. <https://sd04.senate.ca.gov/district>
- j. Team Rubicon – Corde Wagner - present - Mark Almer provided background about Team Rubicon and their interest in supporting Grizzly Flats. Corde Wagner gave a presentation about Team Rubicon and the project to support Grizzly Flats restoration.

9. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

- a. Aukum/Fairplay - not present
- b. Omo Ranch - not present
- c. Sand Ridge - not present

10. Old Business

- a. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - Mark Almer reported there are 10 vacancies and to tell friends and neighbors.

- b. Time Sheet Submittal – David Manske – Discussion - David Manske gave an update on the timesheets and reminded everyone to turn in their time sheets and shared that we are a Firewise community and this is important for insurance in many cases.
- c. Routes Out of the Community Signage – Mark Almer - Discussion/Action - Mark Almer shared that he doesn't have any significant updates other than the signage project is still in progress.
- d. GFFSC 20th Anniversary Committee – Ernie Lory / Deirdre Girardi – Discussion - Ernie Lory and Deirdre Girardi gave an update on the slide deck and possibly a published hardback book that would be given to people who played a significant role in the council over the past 20 years.
- e. Spring Green Waste clean-up day (suggested date of May 18th) - Ernie Lory - Discussion/Action - Ernie Lory gave an update which includes giving out the compostable green waste bags week of May 13th and scheduling a week with the county chipping program in the week of May 20, 2024. The goal is to have the bags readily available and the week long chipping program.
- f. Defensible Space Assessor Training - Ernie Lory / David Manske - Discussion/Action - Ernie Lory shared that the names have been submitted and they will be contacted. David Maske shared that he attended the field mapping class that teaches assessors how to use the Field Map mapping app. He also shared that the most current form is the QE100 which is given to the homeowner that shows whether they passed or actions they need to do in order to pass.
- g. 2024 Firewise Day / Revised Date – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - the date has been updated to June 22, 2023 of the 2024 Firewise Day and 20th Anniversary celebration. Mark Almer gave an overview of the planning of the event including the committees and fundraising ideas. One particular fundraising was having a “bar” to sell beer and wine; however, anyone who serves would need to go through the BAR classes and certification.

11. New Business

- a. Personalized ornaments for Community Holiday Tree/Fundraising – Ernie Lory – Discussion/Action - Ernie Lory discussed how personalized ornaments could be a way to raise funds for the GFFSC. He shared that this project could be part of the FireWise event. There were no volunteers to manage the project.

12. Committee Reports

- a. Public Education - Mark Almer- Mark reported that he's done Facebook posts on clearing around hydrants and announcing the program of the giveaway of green waste bags.
- b. Defensible Space – David Manske / Liz Lawless / Matt Nunley / Robin Kelley - no new information.

- c. Grants – Ernie Lory / David Manske - Ernie Lory shared that RCD will have a table at the FireWise event and the UC Cooperative Extension is interested sharing this table with RCD, Phase One planting is completed and spraying is scheduled to be completed, Phase Two will be part of the Team Rubicon project and the plan is being developed. Green area west of Pine Ridge and Woodpecker acres plan will start and RCD has the grant funding for these fuel reduction projects.
 - d. Fundraising – David Manske / Robin Kelley - David Manske has had three requests for reflective signs. Information about this is posted on the community bulletin board.
 - e. Website – Deirdre Girardi / Kelly Krohn / Robin Kelley
13. **Public Comment** – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda. none
14. **Council Member Comments** – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda.
- a. Robin Kelley shared that the El Dorado Community Foundation may be able to help with the cost of housing the Team Rubicon workers. This prompted a discussion around ways to house the Team Rubicon workers.
 - b. Mark Almer shared that the GFFSC authorizing the designated phone line was great because his personal line is not getting the spam calls that the new line is getting.
15. **Public Announcements** - none
16. **For the Good of the Order** - the next meeting is in person at Leoni Meadows.
17. **Adjourn** - Scott Edwards motioned and Roy Rodgers seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:53. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Marsh-Girardi

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Secretary