



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- April 2, 2022, 9:30 a.m.-
Meeting at Leoni Meadows

- 1) Call to order at 9:45am. There was not a quorum of the membership until approximately 1030 a.m. so all items involving "discussion/action" were deferred until a quorum was established.
- 2) Flag Salute was led by Roy Rodgers.
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Timekeeper Volunteer Robin Kelley
- 5) Approval of the April 2, 2022, Agenda Robin Kelley made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Liz Lawless, the motion passed.
- 6) Approval of the March 5, 2022, Motion to approve the minutes as amended made by Steve Hupner with a from second Liz Lawless, the motion passed.
- 7) Treasurer's Report- Robin Kelley reported there has been no change to the previously reported bank balance.
- 8) Public Comment
(Limited to 3 minutes - only for items not on the agenda)
No public comment
- 9) Council Member Comments
(Limited to 3 minutes - only for items not on the agenda)
No Council member Comment
 - A) Special Presentation
Presentation by Mark Egbert-Resource Conservation District- CCI grant application
Caldor Grizzly Flats Recovery Phase 1 and the Caldor Fire Recovery and Reforestation project

Presentation led by Ernie Lory in Mark Egberts absence.

Mark Egbert has pulled together an emergency reforestation team to do projects for private landowners.

This is a combination of funds available to start with. The team of 8 registered professional foresters have already been hired.

There are several steps to this process. The Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council's portion of the work is to gather interested parties to join this project

To sign up for this program, landowners would need to fill out an additional ROE that is separate from the one signed with the county due to the Caldor Fire.

This will include burned, bark beetle trees, brush and slash. The land will then be prepared for reforestation.

There would be no cost to the homeowners.

10) **Agency Reports**

A. BOS Reports District 2 Supervisor – George Turnboo
Not Present

B. Pioneer Fire Protection District – PFPD Fire Marshal Ken Earle
Not Present

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

D. Grizzly Flats Community Service District – Jodi Lauther
Not Present

D. Sheriff – John D'Agostini
Deputy Sheriff Baer
Deputy Baer reported that they have received funds from the State to update the evacuation system from Code Red to the RADE Mobile Alert System which is a smart mobile app system. They are still currently using Code Red until all information is transferred.

He stated that they are putting in for a grant to hire a consultant to rewrite the Hazard Mitigation plan which is due March 24.

F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council - Ernie Lory

Ernie reported the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council held a meeting on March 16th. He stated the Defensible Space Assistance Program was opened on March 17th and within 7 days they had received all the applications in which they had funds to cover. He reported the chipping program is still open and free to homeowners. Ernie stated a Wildfire Resiliency and Vegetation Management group has been created. This program will include a County office of Wildfire Resilience. He also reported that on April 23rd there will be a Defensible Space and home hardening training at the Fireman's Memorial Hall in Diamond Springs. The date to be announced.

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

Andrew reported that April is Distracted Driver Awareness month. He stated 3000 to 4000 people reportedly die every year due to distracted driving. They believe these numbers are lower than the actual numbers. He stated Teslas always record audio and video while on and can be used as evidence. He stated to be patient when driving behind the large trucks from Grizzly Flats to Mount Aukum. There is no legal/safe place for them to pull over in these areas. Andrew also reported 11,000 people die every year and someone is injured every 2 to 3 seconds due to DUI. He reported the Highway Patrol is recruiting now. He stated this is a great career with great benefits.

H. USFS - District Ranger Scot Rogers/Rick Hopson

Not Present

I Amador El Dorado Unit Cal Fire - Public Information Officer- Diana Swart and Battalion Chief Josh Vickers

Diana reported gearing up for safety fairs and fire prevention events. May is Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Awareness month. She stated that the Cameron Park CSD funded a 6 week Fire Fighter Academy that just completed. Twenty-five individuals graduated and they secured 15 jobs from that group.

Josh reported they have identified 15 Vegetation Management Projects (VMP's) fuel reduction projects currently. They had prepared to burn some of these but due to weather have not been able to burn them yet. He stated they are only allowed to clear areas in the State protection areas. Josh reported that Grizzly Flats CCI grant application has been put as a top priority for extending the clearing on the Western side of the Community.

Josh gave a report on the Caldor Fire and a timeline of events that occurred starting from when he responded.

J. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

1. Aukum/Fairplay

Not Present

2. Omo Ranch

Shiela stated UC Extension is doing a prescribed burn symposium on April 23rd. She reported that Omo Ranch is working with SPI on a repair of an old metal water tank that has been damaged and has no roof. The proposal is for SPI to pay for the repairs and Omo Ranch to design the roof and a way to collect water in an area that has no other water resource. They are waiting for a response from SPI.

Their Firewise committee did a drive around their community with Richard Harris and was very surprising how inaccessible it is to get through on some of the back roads due to the overgrowth.

She requested that the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council share their yearly calendar with Mt Aukum and Omo Ranch.

3. Sandridge

Not Present

K. Long Term Recovery Group – Jennifer Hibbard

11) **Old Business**

A. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer/Ernie Lory- Discussion/Action Item

Mark Almer stated Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council still has four Vacancies on the Council

B. Time Sheet Submittal- David Manske Discussion/Action Item

David stated he has received 4 Timesheets.

Please submit Timesheets as they are needed for the annual Firewise renewal

C. Authorization for Purchase Priorities for Using Gifted Funds- Robin Kelley

Discussion/Action Item

Robin stated she has submitted a prioritized expenditure list.

Mark requested the Smokey sign expenditure be changed to \$1900.

Ernie Lory moved to accept the expenditure list as amended, with a second by David Manske. Motion passed.

D. Loan of Title III Funding- Robin Kelley Discussion/Action item

Robin detailed a proposal for the GFFSC loaning Title 3 funding to neighboring FSC's (Aukum Fairplay, Omo Ranch, Sand Ridge and Oak Hill).

Robin Kelley made a motion that Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council establish a loan process which they may loan funds to other FSC's in South County to assist them in funding Title 3 expenditures. The GFFSC will not have more than \$6000 out in loans at any one time. A loan agreement will require that a loan recipient will request their Title 3 funding reimbursement from the EDCFSC within 5 days of the date of purchase of approved items, and that the loan recipient shall then reimburse the GFFSC within 5 days of receiving those funds from the EDCFSC. With a second from Ernie, the motion passed unanimously.

12) **New Business**

A. RPF Proposal - Doug MacDonald- Discussion/Action

Doug proposed that GFFSC coordinate with Landowners to hire a consultant for tree removal work and then the landowners would pay for the actual removal of their trees. This item to be further discussed at next month's meeting. No action was taken.

B. PPM Computer Laptop Policy -Mark Almer – Discussion/Action

Robin Kelley made a motion to accept the policy as submitted with a second from Mel. Motion passed.

C. PPM Media Policy – Mark Almer- Discussion/Action

Ernie Lory moved to accept the policy as written with a second from Robin Kelley. Motion passed.

D. Naming of the Election Committee- Jennifer Hibbard Discussion/Action

Jennifer proposed using Election Runner to hold the elections again this year for the Grizzly Flats Board election and to have a committee of 3 people to run the elections. Steve Hupner made a motion to approve Jennifer, David and Robin as the election committee with a second from Liz Lawless, motion passed.

E. Request for Consulting for Woodpecker Acres- Ernie Lory Discussion/Action

Item Removed

13) **Committee Reports**

A. Public Outreach Coordinator – Deb Gregory

Deb stated she is working on the newsletter for this month.

She reequested pictures of wild animals from around Grizzly Flats before the fire to post in the newsletter.

B. Defensible Space - Steve Frasier/Robin Kelley/Laurie Findlay/Liz Lawless/David Manske

Robin reported that there is a 4291 Defensible space training being held by CalFire there is not a date set.

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

The Henry's Diggings Fuel reduction contract is being awarded to Eagle Forest Management.

He stated they looked into the Fire Protection Reservoir "GF 23" but this type of protection is not appropriate for that grant.

D. Public Education –Kelly Krohn/Logan Gregory/Jennifer Hibbard/Deb Gregory
Nothing to report

E. Fundraising- Kelly Krohn/Robin Kelley/David Manske/Jennifer Hibbard

David reports they sold one sign.

Robin states Burger Night will be returning, and it might be a fundraiser for GFFSC

F. Website-Jennifer Hibbard

Robin stated they had a really good meeting the other day. She stated they want to get a pay button for donations for the website. They want to replace all the pictures now to have some that actually represent Grizzly Flats.

The old site will be taken down.

14) Public Announcements

No Public announcements

15) For the Good of the Order

Nothing

16) Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 1 :08pm

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



Mark Almer

Chairperson