



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- March 5, 2022, 9:30 a.m.-  
Telephone Meeting

- 1) Meeting Called to order at 9:31am.
- 2) Flag Salute was led by George Turnboo.
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Timekeeper Volunteer was Robin Kelley.
- 5) Approval of the March 5, 2022, Agenda- Robin Kelley made **Motion** to approve the Agenda as submitted with a second from Kathy Melvin. **Motion** passed.
- 6) Approval of the February 5, 2022, Minutes- Mel Kelley made a **Motion** to approve the minutes as amended with a second from David Manske. **Motion** passed.
- 7) Treasurer's Report- Robin Kelley Robin Kelley reported the current bank total as \$49,453
- 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)

Mark Almer stated he received a proposal from Doug MacDonald that will be presented at the April meeting. Doug MacDonald stated it would be helpful if the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council would hire a Professional Forester to inventory multiple properties and advise which trees needed to be cut down. The homeowners would be responsible for the cost of the trees being cut down.

- 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  
This presentation has been rescheduled to April.

## 10) Agency Reports

### A. BOS Reports District 2 Supervisor. – George Turnboo

Supervisor Turnboo stated he has been working to acquire individual assistance from FEMA. He stated they have created a letter that residents will be able to access online and sign which will go directly to the President in regard to requesting this assistance. He also stated that Senator McClintock has a Bill that the County supports. This Bill would get rid of the USFS's Let it Burn policy.

He stated the Republican Central Committee is presenting a \$10,000 check to the Grizzly Flats Church.

### 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 Not Present

### E. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council - Ernie Lory Not Present

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

Andrew stated the CHP are continuing to do vehicle identification for all the burned vehicles across the County as well as the vehicles in Placer and Nevada County from the River Fire.

He stated they continue to get complaints regarding the Debris and construction trucks. They are working on enforcement.

He advised they are continuing with their regional DUI enforcement. They have had major DUI crashes in the County. He advised there have been multiple severely intoxicated individuals arrested in the County.

He stated that 1 person is injured every 2 minutes from DUI. 11,000 people are killed every year.

### H. USFS - District Ranger Scot Rogers/Rick Hopson Not Present

I Amador El Dorado Unit Cal Fire - Public Information Officer- Diana Swart  
Not Present

J. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

1. Aukum/Fairplay

Not Present

2. Omo Ranch

Sheila stated she relayed information on GFFSC's August minutes to the Omo Ranch FSC Council.

She stated that they have not set their agenda for events yet. They will do so this month.

She stated there will be Webinars on Insurance and one on Successes and Lessons learned.

She stated they revised some of the information they compiled for the Winery fundraisers. Stated signs will be placed in each of the wineries and funds will be shared among the Councils.

3. Sandridge

Not Present

K. Long Term Recovery Group – Jennifer Hibbard

Jennifer states the Long Term Recovery Group consists of about 60 different Organizations and Agencies. The main reason they came together is to help Grizzly Flats recover.

She stated there is a website that is ready to launch, they are just waiting on resources.

Jennifer stated the name of the group is Better Together Caldor Recovery.

She stated there is a Grant Committee that is being formed

Jennifer stated they are currently focusing on residents' immediate needs.

11) **Old Business**

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

Mark Almer stated the Council still has five vacancies open. If anyone is wanting to join they are welcome to reach out to Mark.

Eileen Strangfeld stated she is interested in joining the Council. She stated in the past her husband was a Treasurer for the Council. She states she does a great deal of organization and research.

Deb Gregory made a **Motion** to bring Eileen on to the Council with a second from Jennifer Hibbard, **Motion** passed.

- B. Time Sheet Submittal- David Manske Discussion/Action Item  
David stated they have had 6 timesheets submitted for February.
- C. PG&E Grant Proposed Use(s)- Mark Almer Discussion/Action Item  
Deferred to April meeting

## 12) **New Business**

- A. El Dorado Community Foundation gift proposed use(s) – Mark Almer- Discussion/Action item  
Mark Almer stated we need to come up with ideas for the use of the funds.  
Robin stated to be creative and come up with ideas so we can begin to plan for the use of these funds.  
Mark stated we have the money to build the Bulliten board but we don't know where to put it at this time.  
Deb stated the Council could replace the Projector and possibly purchase a sound system of its own.  
Jennifer states she has access to a cargo container that could be dedicated to the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council.

- B. Loan of Title 3 funding to neighboring FSC's – Robin Kelley - Discussion/Action Item

Robin stated this \$5000 reimbursable Grant that the GFFSC is applying for through the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council. She is working on a procedure to loan money to 4 other FSC's in order for them to also apply for and receive this grant.  
Robin stated she reached out to the other Councils and 3 of them have responded.  
Mark stated there are restrictions on how these funds can be used and detailed the various approved uses.

Steve Hupner made a **Motion** that Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council establish a loan fund within the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council's Financial System Budget

- #1 The purpose of which is to track Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council Fund loan and loan payments received by the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council.
- #2 Establish a loan process by which the GFFSC may loan GFFSC funds to other Fire Safe Councils to assist other FSC's to become active organizations.
- #3 As they may be willing offer and establish this loan process to the Omo Ranch FSC, the Mount Aukum/Fairplay FSC, the Sandridge FSC and the Oak Hill FSC with the focus and intent to allow those Fire Safe Councils to participate in the current El Dorado County Fire Safe Councils reimbursement of funding opportunity of up to \$5000 per

FSC from Title 3 funds received by the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council. In accordance with the Title 3 fund gifting program.

#4 As one or more of the listed Fire Safe Councils choose to participate, prepare a separate loan agreement with each of the FSC's wishing to participate and as described in the 9 point procedure provided from the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council.

#5 The total of all the subject GFFSC loans shall not exceed \$10,000, the amount of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company funding gift to the GFFSC currently being held in trust by the El Dorado County FSC and from which the loan funding will be drawn. That is to say the offered loans to the Omo Ranch, Mount Aukum, Sandridge, and Oak Hill FSC's are contingent that the Fire Safe Council loan totals shall be from the PG and E \$10,000 gift to the GFFSC.

#6 The loan agreement shall require that the loan recipients shall request their Title 3 loan reimbursement funding within 5 days of the date of the purchase of approved expenditures and that the loan recipients shall reimburse the GFFSC within 5 days of receipt of the Title 3 reimbursement from the El Dorado County FSC.

With a second from Eileen Strangfeld. **Motion** passed after Steve amended his motion that the loan amount would be contingent on the first \$10,000 being from the PG&E gift being held in trust with the EDCFSC with a maximum loan amount of \$20,000 (\$5000 per four neighboring Councils).

C. Use of \$5000 Title 3 Funding available to GFFSC – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action Item

Mark Almer states the GFFSC has the opportunity to receive \$5000 from the El Dorado County FSC. The ideas that were brought up at the Executive Board meeting were Smokey sign replacement, Bulletin Board, Reader Board, Replacement Banners, 20 no-burn signs, plastic totes, Magnetic door signs, Seasonal signs, Awareness manuals. Deb Gregory made a **Motion** to select the list for Title III funds, with a second from David Manske, **Motion** passed.

D. Laptop Purchase- Mark Almer- Discussion/Action Item

Mark Almer proposed possible laptop purchase

Deb Gregory stated this would mainly be used by the Secretary for creating minutes and agendas as well as notes during Committee meetings and to store files for any Council needs. It would also be used by the Chair for the Tabletop exercise.

Mark Almer also advised would need to purchase Microsoft 365 for 1 year.

He stated that there should also be a policy added to stating this should not be used for personal use.

Kathy Melvin made a **Motion** to purchase a laptop not to exceed \$1,500, with a second from Eileen Strangfeld. **Motion** passed.

### 13) **Committee Reports**

- A. Public Outreach Coordinator – Deb Gregory  
Deb stated the Newsletter will be coming back in April.  
She stated the Council’s Social media accounts will become active again starting this month.
- B. Defensible Space - Steve Frasier/Robin Kelley/Laurie Findlay/Liz Lawless/David Manske  
Robin stated she is planning to have a meeting soon. She will contact the members to schedule this.
- C. Grants – Ernie Lory/Kelly Krohn/David Manske  
Nothing to report
- D. Public Education –Kelly Krohn/Logan Gregory/Jennifer Hibbard/Deb Gregory  
Deb stated if your property has recently finished the debris removal process and been returned to the County the branches of the trees have been interred into the ground and not removed. You need to pull these out and have them Chipped.  
Steve Hupner asked why you can’t have these burned.  
Deb stated these can be burned but be careful where you burn them as it can burn underground.
- E. Fundraising- Kelly Krohn/Robin Kelley/David Manske  
Robin stated she has a lot of ideas. She stated Burger nights may come back this summer, but she will need more volunteers.  
David Manske stated he has not had any orders for the reflective address signs.
- F. Website-Jennifer Hibbard  
  
Deb advised there will be an upcoming Website committee meeting. She stated Jennifer is working really hard on the website and there is progress going with the website.

### 14) Public Announcements

Sheila states Omo Ranch is looking for Graphic artists to help with the Wine fundraising.

### 15) For the Good of the Order

Steve stated it is nice having Eileen.

### 16) Adjourn

\_Robin Kelley made a **Motion** to adjourn with a second from Eileen Strangfeld. **Motion** passed  
The\_Meeting adjourned at 12 :23

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Almer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Almer" clearly distinguishable.

Mark Almer  
Chairperson