



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

Meeting Minutes - November 7, 2020
9:30 a.m.- Telephone Meeting

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Flag Salute was led by Shiva Frentzen
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Meeting Room Cleanup Volunteers & Timekeeper Volunteer Robin Kelley was the Timekeeper.
- 5) Approval of the November 7, 2020 Agenda- Kathy Hawkins made a **Motion** to approve the Agenda, with a second from Mary Lou Brown, **Motion** passed.
- 6) Approval of the October 3, 2020 Minutes- **Motion** to approve the minutes made by Mary Lou Brown with a second by Kathy Hawkins, **Motion** passed.
- 7) Treasurer's Report- Robin Kelley- Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$30,726.09 as of October 31st.
- 8) Public Comment
No Public Comments.
- 9) Council Member's Comments

Craig Heinrich thanks Chief Matthews and the Council for the evacuation route signs. Have made incredible progress. Has some concerns. States for years they have been attempting to direct Leoni traffic at the bottom of Logan's Grade away from Logan's Grade and up String Canyon instead, so they weren't coming through there in the winter. Has a concern that now the evacuation signs are going to be read as the way to go.

Also, if there is an evacuation, going up that steep almost one lane road a single vehicle could bottleneck that route in such a way that cars could not turn around if they wanted to. He very much appreciates Chief Matthews for doing the hard work on this.

Battalion Chief Stutts states he will pass along to Chief Matthews, advised this route depends on where the fire may be and what routes are available. Wintertime evacuations may not be a concern.

Mark Almer asked the Council if anyone had the Red Sponsored Events Binder. No one states they have it, Robin Kelley advised Mark to look in the Storage Container.

10) Agency Reports

A. BOS Reports District 2 Supervisor - Shiva Frentzen

Mark Almer extends his sincere appreciation to both Shiva Frentzen and Elaine Gelbert for their dedication and help to District 2, I.E. South County, and Grizzly Flats in particular. As Shiva's term ends Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council has appreciated her hard work and welcome whoever it is that is her replacement.

Also, Grizzly Flat's Fire Safe Council extends thanks and appreciation to Elaine Gelbert. Mark Almer states Best wishes in your retirement, thank you both Shiva and Elaine.

Elaine Gelbert says thank you so much for your kind words it has been great getting to know all of you and best wishes to all of you as well.

Shiva Frentzen states Elaine makes her look good all the time and she has been both blessed and lucky to have her. States Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council does a great job in its work and no matter who is the Supervisor believes GFFSC will continue to do so.

States this is not the same budget that she started with six years ago. Advises that they have maxed out their contingency reserves and what is set aside for CalPers. States anytime there is extra money it has been set aside whether earmarked or put into reserves. Which is really good, but it does not mean the County is safe long term because of all of the CalPers and retiree liabilities the County has. This is affecting every County. Worst case scenario is bankruptcy.

Department of Transportation has gotten a break due to lack of traffic so the focus for funds has shifted to Broadband. Advises has submitted a request for \$2 million grant to EDA for doing a pilot project in two areas of the County regarding laying the conduit for Broadband. Waiting to hear back.

States there was no emergency shelter/cooling shelter in South County, advises they now have a generator at Pioneer park so this can be used as a resource center during public safety power shutoff (PSPS) events.

Also, they have been working on road maintenance in the Grizzly Flats area.

Hope the Board can continue the relationship they have had with Grizzly Flats Council.

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

The Pioneer Fire Protection District is at 90% completion of phase 2 and has moved into phase 3 which is the Public Education which Kara Garrett oversees. Kara Garrett has been hired on full time and her official start date will be Nov 28th.

The Grizzly Flat Road corridor water supply projects: For the Four Corners water supply PFPD worked out a 20,000 gallon static flow hydrant and secondary draft hydrants have been donated with the property owners pledging two 5,000 gallon water tanks and the Anastasia family has donated another 5,000 gallon water tank.

The Pioneer Fire Protection District is still looking for more funds and donations, very grateful for any donations they have already received. States each tank delivered with the piping is about \$2,100. They anticipate having at least 50,000 connected by the middle or end of January.

At the 7800 Grizzly Flat Road Draft Dip Site project at the pond still in preliminary phase. Station 31 water supply will hopefully be completed by January of 2021. The Cosumnes Mine and Bear Lane Draft Site still in preliminary phase as well, Cosumnes Mine and String Canyon hydrant hopefully to be completed in April or May of 2021.

How this helps Grizzly Flats: there has not been a good water supply from Four Corners up to Grizzly Flats if a larger fire were to move up canyon towards Grizzly Flats there would be little to suppress it with.

The PFPD has more water supply projects moving forward district wide, such as Omo Ranch, Slug Gulch and Mount Aukum.

The PFPD has purchased a new Squad or “mini pumper” which will be a great asset to the Grizzly Flat area. The anticipated service date will be Dec 10.

The department appreciates funds donated for a carport for Battalion Chiefs vehicle. They also have a new water tender anticipated to be put into service in January for Grizzly Flats.

He stated a residential burn ban is still in effect. This could change rapidly but check County website for that change. Please report any kind of burning but be aware some people will be using their fireplaces. So please call if you can see where the fire is coming from.

C. Department of Transportation (DOT) – Brian Mullens

Not Present

D. Grizzly Flats Community Service District - Kim Gustafson

Not Present

- 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 held a virtual meeting on October 21 one of the key points was that The El Dorado County Sheriffs Office is going to review the Code Red Program to find the issues with it and find resolutions.

The Chipper program is still active if you have any piles to be chipped put in application as soon as possible as the PG&E funds will be gone by Dec 1.

The Resource Conservation District is working with the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council in how the two can partner together for grants and projects.

The new CalFire ordinance go into effect in January. Require non-combustible material 0-5 feet around the home. Cal Fire is still deciding if vegetation ground cover can be included in that.

The State Insurance Commissioner is looking at how to standardize the Defensible Space requirements across California and make insurance companies accept that the homeowners have done the work appropriately. This would be instead of each insurance company creating their own fire insurance requirements.

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

Not Present

- 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

Ed Matwich Vice Chair of the Aukum/Fairplay Fire Safe Council states they have a project they are planning to clean up the area between the Pioneer Schools. There is not a set date at this time but looking for help with this project.

They have two local insurance agents scheduled to talk during a Zoom meeting on Jan 13th. All are welcome to attend.

2. Omo Ranch
3. Pleasant Valley

11) Old Business

- A. Emergency Evacuation Route Signage – Chief Matthews/Mike Stutts – Discussion/ Action Item
Discussed during PFPD report
- B. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer/Ernie Lory- Discussion/Action Item
The Council still has four vacancies will do another social media post after the first of the year.
- C. AT&T Phone Issues- Mark Almer/Kelly Krohn/Phill Dayton
Discussion/Action Item

Mark Almer states he sent a certified letter to both the CPUC in Sacramento and AT&T President and CEO in Texas. He received a response from AT&T's president's office in Idaho, then another call from the president's office in San Francisco. He stated they were very nice and professional. He was advised they would contact the Placerville office to have them work with us. The Placerville office advised that they do have a generator on site and do not have the funds to replace this.

Mark advised this is a life safety issue and a liability issue if someone is unable to reach 9-1-1 service in an emergency.

He stated that he has contacted KCRA investigates but has not heard back yet. If no response he will try other sources.

- D. Capps Crossing Road Issues- Mark Almer Discussion/Action
Mark Almer states there has been some success. He stated he drove the Capps Crossing route to see the progress. He stated for reference the first Cattle guard on Capps Crossing is the demarcation line where the DOT stops their road maintenance service, and the Forest Service starts theirs.

He noted from that cattle guard to Road 9N69 the road is still horrible. However, every pothole from Road 9N69 to North South road has been fixed. Believe that this took a truck full of materials and work was done until materials ran out. Advised partial success and understand that due to current weather work must be postponed.

12) New Business

A. Revised PPM and Bylaws – Mark Almer Discussion/Action Item

Mary Lou states typographical corrections to pages 6, 9, 11, 27, 28, but she was only able to read to page 57.

Robin Kelley made a **Motion** to approve the Policy and Procedures Manual as submitted with the current corrections and pending any other grammatical corrections from Mary Lou. With a second from Dave Manske. **Motion** passes.

Robin Kelly made a **motion** to approve the Bylaws as submitted with a second from Mary Lou Brown. The **Motion** passed.

B. 2021 GFFSC Proposed Meeting and Event Dates Calendar- Ernie Lory Discussion/Action Item

Steve Frazier made a **motion** to accept the proposed dates as submitted with a second from Mary Lou Brown. Motion passed.

13) Committee Reports

A. Public Outreach Coordinator – Deb Gregory

Nothing to Report

B. Defensible Space - Steve Frasier/Robin Kelley

Robin Kelley states she took a drive through the community, noticed quite a bit of work being done by private property owners.

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

Ernie states they are working with the RCD on a map for what needs to be done for the roadside clearance.

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

Nothing to report

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

Robin Kelley states Rob Janzen is putting up collection boxes to collect old phones to turn in for funding for Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council.

David Manske is working on learning more information about a project regarding reflective address signs as a fundraising project for the Council.

Ed Matwich states Aukum/Fairplay is currently making signs

Lis Lawless states the Pleasant Valley Fire Association is also looking into this.

14) Public Announcements

Mark Almer reported the cedar tree in the DOT turnout on String Canyon came from Deerwood Dr. Advises it was a hazardous tree that DOT came out and removed with a crane.

15) For the Good of the Order

Steve Frazier asked for an index of acronyms for people to look up, such as 'RPF.'

Steve Hupner advised that RPF stands for Regional Professional Forester.

Mark Almer stated there is an index of acronyms in the back of the Policies and Procedures Manual on page 72.

Mark Almer stated the next meeting will be on January 9th. Stay safe and healthy and keep the Community fire safe.

16) Adjourn

Steve Frazier made a **Motion** to adjourn with a second from Kelly Krohn. **Motion** passed. Meeting adjourned at 11 :13am.

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