



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

Approved Minutes – July 9, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Leoni Meadows

- 1) Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chairman Mark Almer
- 2) Flag Salute was led by Laurie Findlay, followed by a moment of silence in honor and memory of retired Pioneer Fire Protection District Chief Mark Matthews who passed away a few days ago.
- 3) Roll Call – the sign in sheet was passed around by Secretary Pro-Tem Almer. Members of the public included Susan Kim-Almer, Susan Dixon, Kevin Koroush, Deirdre Girardi and Erik Peterson.
- 4) Timekeeper Volunteer – Robin Kelley volunteered to be the timekeeper.
- 5) Approval of the July 9, 2022 Agenda – Liz Lawless motioned and David Manske seconded the approval of the Agenda as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Approval of the June 4, 2022 Minutes – Roy Rodgers motioned and Laurie Findlay seconded the approval of the Minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robin Kelley reported that the current balance is \$38,509.57. Robin detailed the expenditures that came out of both the Title III funds and the P,G&E gift funds. Chairman Almer explained the background of the two funds to the members of the public.
- 8) Public Comment – There were no public comments.
- 9) Council Member Comments –
 - A. Mark Almer reminded the Council to submit any changes to the Roster.
 - B. Mark Almer reminded the Council to refrain from representing the Council on social media.
 - C. Roy Rodgers and Liz Lawless discussed the installation of A,T&T fiber at their homes.
 - D. Olivia Moreno asked for clarification if the GFFSC is involved with the County's Vegetation Management Ordinance in any way. Mark Almer explained that we do not

have any involvement other than responding to property owners' request for voluntary/non-enforceable defensible space evaluations.

10) Agency Reports

- A. BOS District 2 Supervisor - not present
- B. Pioneer Fire Protection District – not present
- C. El Dorado County Department of Transportation – not present
- D. Grizzly Flats Community Services District – not present
- E. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office / OES – not present
- F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory reported:
 - 1. BLM has given permission to property owners adjacent to BLM land to clear 200' onto BLM property (at the property owner's expense).
 - 2. West Slope Fire Safe Councils have received 33 grants totaling \$16.5 million.
 - 3. El Dorado County is looking into the former SPI property in Camino to convert it into a biomass plant on site.
- G. California Highway Patrol – not present
- H. U.S. Forest Service – not present
- I. CAL FIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit – not present
- J. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils
 - 1. Aukum/Fairplay – not present
 - 2. Omo Ranch – Shiela Triebull reported:
 - a. Their Chipping Day was successful. Aukum/Fairplay also had one.
 - b. They are working with the PVFA, SPI and the community of Omo Ranch to install four 20,000-gallon water tanks (for fire protection) in the area of Omo Ranch and Indian Diggins. The \$20,000 funding requirement has been met. One tank has been delivered and three more are coming.
 - c. Music in the Park was successful but small in attendance.
 - d. Julie Wynia is the new Chair of the ORFSC. She is also a volunteer firefighter with Pioneer FPD.
 - e. The wine signage and Frisbee golf are still in the planning stages.
- K. Long Term Recovery Group – In Jennifer Hibbard's absence, Laurie Findlay reported that the "One Year Stronger" event is scheduled for Saturday, August 13 at Pioneer Park. Everyone that plans to attend need to register for the event ahead of time.

11) Old Business

- A. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer reported that there are currently 8 vacancies on the Council and encouraged members of the community who are interested in joining to attend multiple meetings to become familiar with the Council.
- B. Time Sheet Submittal – David Manske reminded everyone to turn in their timesheets. They are used for our Firewise renewal. Retaining our Firewise renewal designation helps our homeowner's insurance. He stated that he received two timesheets before the meeting. Members should send the timesheets to him at: davidgffsc@gmail.com.

12) New Business

A. CAL OES Debris Removal Update – Roberta Jetter and Jonathan Bell

Jonathan and Roberta described how the debris removal program works with an emphasis on the homeowner. Once FEMA is involved, there are more environmental requirements and scrutiny. Almost all the debris/tree removal was completed by the end of June. In the Central Division of the CAL OES work, there were about 1000 properties to be cleaned up. 800 of them are in El Dorado County; with 600 of those being in Grizzly Flats. 475 were full Right-of-Entry (burned structures and trees) and 140 were tree removal only. There were about 25,000 trees removed in Grizzly Flats and 30,000 total in El Dorado County. There are currently two properties remaining to be completed in Grizzly Flats. They described the complexity of the Post Office property as it was a lease agreement issue between the USPS and the property owner.

B. Secretarial Vacancy - Chairman Almer reported that the Secretarial position is open and detailed some of the Secretary's duties and encouraged Council members to consider the position. He stated that he will be doing the secretarial duties temporarily, but not long-term.

13) Committee Reports

A. Public Education - Mark Almer reported that he is the new Public Education Chair and that he regularly posts items on the Council's Facebook page; most recently that the USFS lands have gone into fire restrictions.

B. Defensible Space – Robin Kelley reported that there will be a Chipping Event the week of August 1. Two green waste dumpsters (paid for by the West Slope Foundation) will be located in two locations to be determined (possibly one in east Grizzly and one in west Grizzly) on July 28-30. Plastic yard waste bags will not be accepted. Contact Robin for the location of the green waste containers. Sherry McKillop and Doug MacDonald will be helping spread the word. Registration needs to be done through the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council website. Ernie thanked Robin and her team for raking pine needles from around a home belonging to a senior/low-income resident. Several members of the community helped out.

C. Grants – Grants Manager Ernie Lory presented a PowerPoint update.

1. GF-18 – There have been two ROE's signed. The contract has been awarded. It will be mostly mastication and could start any day and will take two weeks to complete.
2. The Caldor Recovery and Reforestation Project – The RCD has been awarded grant money to get the project started. It will be a similar project to the King Fire. RPF's will evaluate the properties and Environmental Consultant firms have been hired. They are hiring Vegetation Management Contractors. The property owners need to fill out a DIFFERENT ROE form from the CAL OES/EDCO ROE they previously completed. The homeowner needs to concur with the treatment of the land. The program will remove hazard trees, fuel loads, slash disposal and reforestation (with site prep and seedling planting – and replanting if necessary). They anticipate work

to start early August and it'll be a five-year program. Ernie requested help in getting the word out to landowners within the community.

3. EDCFSC has been awarded a CAL FIRE hazardous tree removal grant for beetle kill trees that will likely start in early 2023. It will likely cover trees that are within 100 feet of a dwelling.
- D. Fundraising – Robin Kelley reported that she is working with Shiela Triebull (Omo Ranch FSC) on the winery signage and frisbee golf projects. David Manske still has reflective address signs for sale.
- E. Website – Mark Almer reported that the website is now live and that the new URL is: grizzlyflatsfsc.com. The former (grizzlyflatsfsc.org) still works for now and re-directs to the .com URL. He detailed how hard Jennifer Hibbard worked to get it up and running. He is learning how to post things on the website.

14) Public Announcements – none

15) For the Good of the Order – none

16) Adjourn – Robin Kelley motioned, with a second from David Manske to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairperson/Secretary Pro-Tem