



Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee

MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday DECEMBER 15, 2021
TIME: 9:30 AM
LOCATION: Go To Meeting/Call in – Conference Meeting (see below for participation information)
Host Location – Mariposa County Government Center
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa, CA 95338
Lower Floor, Development Services

- 1. Roll Call:** Steve Ward, Steve Engfer, Barbara Cone, Dave Angelini, Tom Sweeney, Russ Marks, Wes Smith, Chris Bernard, Ron Plummer, Hannah Harrison, Melinda Barrett, Mike Keyser, Marshall Long and Laura Norman.

Meeting called to order at 9:36.

- 2. Resolution:** At the beginning of each meeting we will vote on whether we want to have an all in-person meeting or only teleconference. The public will have the option to call in for either format.
ACTION- Motion to meet by teleconference on this day. Approved.

- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of November 17, 2021.
ACTION- Minutes approved.

- 4. Public comments - none**

5. Discussion and Possible Action:

- a. Consideration of the draft Mariposa Committee Policy and Resolution Ver 2.0.
René provided draft document and is looking for feedback by February. Chairmen will compare this document to the MCFAC Resolution to draft feedback for René. Will put it on the list of topics to bring up at the January 13th BOS meeting.
- b. MCFAC Membership: Recommend to BOS to add Sierra Tel to committee and appoint Laura Norman. Discussion about others that were supposed to be carried over from the Tree Mortality Task Force.

ACTION: It was moved and second to put Sierra Tel on MCFAC as a voting member with Laura Norman as representative. Approved.

Be careful adding members that will affect quorum when we have low attendance. Only filled positions count toward quorum. If the seat does not have an assigned representative it does not count.

Can a representative appoint a proxy to attend if they are not available? Steve E will review the policy to make sure there are no issues, and include if it is missing.

- c. Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)
 - i. Progress Reports: none
 - ii. Hannah Harrison has started on the template for community plans and town hall meetings, and has what she needs to complete them.
Working with GIS to reduce the communities from 38 down to a more manageable number, like 16 (without Yosemite West). Leverage work done by community groups. Align with Structure Defense maps for risk assessment to use during an emergency event.
JP from CAL FIRE is sending files to Ben @ County. FSC would like a copy for grant applications to brush and chip grants. Make sure they are not proprietary & confidential.



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When draft comes out from GIS it will be important for adhoc to review and make sure all areas are included.

Goal set of getting the GIS product to MCFAC in January or February, with Town Halls in April/May before fire season. That way we'll have the most public participation.

d. Firesafe regulations update

Changes to County Firesafe regulations have been posted. There are 76 pages of edits to the draft. BOS hopes to have updates approved in about 6 months. Challenge will be on single building permits and secondary access. There are many components to keep in mind.

e. MCFAC update to the BOS on December 7th.

Went well. We have some targets to work on. A lot of recommendations will go back to BOS. If you want details, listen to the recording.

f. Grant Application Coordination updates

County Fire: CCI Grant may be in conflict with Public Works. (PW equipment is only used on roads.) Next round of Fire Prevention Grants close on February 9th. County is funded for an excavator and chipper. They would like to buy heads to stay in Mariposa County. If one breaks down they have a backup. Grants are broken into 3 categories: Equipment, Implementation, and Community Education. Be sure groups target separate categories. Ward hopes to submit FEMA grant today for PPE.

FSC: Stumpfield stuck @ 80% due to Workman's Comp issue with contractor. Faran is 90% complete. Wagner work had 6 applications submitted. Waiting for land terms from Feds in mid to late January. Hope to break ground in February. Brush & Chip grants end in February. Putting out awareness radio ads to spend the rest of the money. Resubmitting Brush & Chip apps for more money. Some homeowner insurance companies are now requiring 200 foot clearance.

CAL FIRE: Lushmeadows HOA wants to team up to write grants for ladder fuels to be removed and defensible fuel break outside by Darrah Rd and other drainages to NW by Macready.

Melinda: Bootjack water tanks will be delivered in next couple of weeks. Project will be done by March. Working on 4 Fuels Reduction Grants: 2 Forest Health and 2 Wildlife Conservation Board. Community work to be done in spring, hopefully. Generally, money is available for Fire and Water projects and applications window is open now. FEMA OES grant for water tanks should be coming to County soon. May need help applying to everything.

USFS: Lots going on, nothing that ties to MCFAC at this time.

6. Updates, Activity Reports and Future Items

- a. Members - none
- b. Any future agenda items – none

Next meeting discussion for January 19th.

7. Adjourn

Adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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