



Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee

MEETING AGENDA

November 17, 2021

DATE: Wednesday November 17, 2021

TIME: 9:30 AM

HOST LOCATION Teleconference Only (see below for call in participation information)

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1. **Roll Call**
2. **Resolution:** A resolution of the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California on March 4, 2020 regarding an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as Covid-19), and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee for the period November 17, 2021 to December 15, 2021 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** October 20, 2021
4. **Public comments**
5. **Discussion and Possible Action:**
 - a. Allen Johnson recognition update and approval or edits to draft letter of recognition
 - b. The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) is tasked in
 - c. Discussion on Letter received from Board Of Forestry regarding Public Resources Code § 4290.5(a) with conducting a survey of subdivisions of more than 30 dwelling units located in a State Responsibility Area (SRA) or Local Responsibility Area Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (LRA VHFHSZ) without a secondary egress route that are at significant fire risk.
 - d. Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)
 - i. Report out CWPP Implementation progress - CWPP ADHOC report. Work Plan
 - ii. Next steps for CWPP Implementation-. CWPP ADHOC report. Work Plan
 1. Climate Action Corp Fellowship - Hannah Harrison
 - e. Discussion on public outreach and recommendation to BOS on town hall meeting

Final CWPP is available @: <http://www.mariposacounty.org/2448/Community-Wildfire-Protection-Plan>

 - d. MCFAC update to the BOS submitted for November 23, 2021
 - e. Discussion and committee direction on Public Education Adhoc
 - f. Discussion and committee direction on membership and participation
 - g. Grant Applications Coordination updates
 - h. Discussion and possible action to skip December meeting reconvene January 2022.
6. **Updates, Activity Reports and Future Items**
 - a. Members
 - b. Any future agenda items
7. **Adjourn**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01

Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee

A RESOLUTION OF THE MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON MARCH 4, 2020 REGARDING AN OUTBREAK OF RESPIRATORY ILLNESS DUE TO A NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (A DISEASE NOW KNOWN AS COVID-19), AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 12, 2021 TO NOVEMBER 12, 2021 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Planning Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the District's legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District's boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the District, specifically, COVID-19 has spread and is continuing to spread at rates that threaten the capacity of the health care system and the health of the community, and

WHEREAS, in-person meetings that include members Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee as well as members of the public would expose attendees to transmission of COVID-19 in ways that present imminent risks to health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee does hereby find that community transmission of COVID-19 has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the community that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and

facilities of the Fire Advisory Committee, and desires to proclaim a local emergency and ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency, the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee does hereby find that the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, efforts are being made to ensure public access to the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee meetings, including providing public call-in numbers which are part of the meeting packet and public noticing materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Proclamation of Local Emergency. The Committee hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the community, and that meeting in-person as a committee and with members of the public in attendance would present an imminent risk to the transmission of COVID-19.

Section 3. Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Committee hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The County of Mariposa and legislative bodies of the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) December 15, 2021, or such time the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Fire Planning Advisory Committee this 17th day of November 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee

MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday OCTOBER 20, 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 Engfer, Barbara Cone, Dave Angelini, Tom Sweeney, Russ Marks, Fadzayi Mashiri, Melinda Barrett, Chris Bernard and Laura Norman. And speaker Mikey Goralnik.*
Meeting called to order at 9:37.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of July 21, 2021 and August 18, 2021. September no quorum.
ACTION- Both sets of Minutes approved.

3. Public comments - none

4. Discussion and Possible Action:

- a. **Recognition of Allen Johnson; his life, service on MCFAC and related fire activities such as SWIFT.** Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to execute a recognition letter of service for Allen Johnson.
- *Allen was present for anything to do with fuels management, including Tree Mortality and Fire Safe Council in Mariposa County. Send any thoughts to be included in the resolution. He has been active in fuels management and fire prevention going back 30 years. Allen built a very useful mapping tool using QR codes that are very helpful to fire fighters from outside the area*
- *Motion to request the Resolution in honor of Allen Johnson by BOS.*
- *ACTION: Approved*

b. Mikey Goralnik to give an update on Mariposa Creek Project.

Mariposa Creek Project is broken into 4 phases.

- Phase 1 – County received a grant for \$415,000. This is Riparian Restoration work.
- Phase 2 – From 6th St to 8th St
- Phase 3 – From low water crossing to Joe Howard St (grant \$4.4M)
- Phase 4 – From Joe Howard to upstream terminus (grant \$450,000)

Work to include removal of invasive species and replacement with native and cultural native plants that thrive in the area. Will use mechanical and herbicide to remove, plus burning like done culturally.

November CCC crews and CHIPs (native based trail crew) will be brushing and piling to burn later.

Whole project will take 2.5 years to complete.

- Cal Recycle Grant came through Public Works to remove trash and debris from creek before brushing. Delay to hire contractor, may need BOS input/approval.
- No volunteers are needed at this time. Possibly during the revegetation at later stages. Or if after CCC/CHIPs depart and there is still work to be done. Community members would like to help.
- Sidewalks, stairs, pedestrian paths plan going to BOS. Once approved it goes to Caltrans.
- Phase 4 RFP released this morning. Contractor will be hired around Thanksgiving, with work to start in new year.
- Ask Ben to create polygons around Creek Parkway to see where fire reduction will occur.
- There is a separate trail diagram that connects Creek Parkway to Rim Trail around town.

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c. Countwide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

i. Report out CWPP implementation progress – CWPP ADHOC report. Work Plan Fires and Covid have stretched resources. Working on tasks with Permit software development. Hoping to move forward with contracting. Rollout next year, after 16 months implementation. Grant from Civic Spark Program provided candidate Hannah to help with CWPP progress. She will be helping Open House events previously discussed.

ii. Next steps for CWPP implementation – CWPP ADHOC report. Work Plan ADHOC meets next week and will report afterward. Cover drafts of community plans to put on timelines.

iii. Discussion on public outreach and recommendation to BOS on town hall meeting. Request outline/template to be sure messaging is consistent. Include drafts of community plans to show at these meetings.

d. Discussion and committee direction on Public Education Adhoc

Consider resurrecting Defensible Space signs originally distributed by Fire Safe Council. Dave and Barbara will work together.

e. Discussion and committee direction on membership and participation

Encourage peers to participate so we have a quorum. Consider sending a letter to committee members with poor attendance.

f. Grant Application Coordination updates

FSC: Looking for grants for brushing and chipping.

State of California: \$15B budgeted by State with Fire included. Steve to provide a link to synopsis. Focus on resiliency. Still needs to make it to grant funders. Resource agencies are getting lots of money.

Melinda: Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant has been submitted. No feedback so far. Funding is for safe roadway projects on Hwy 49. Working on right-of-entry from every property owner.

Letters of Support discussion: Letters need to come from BOS. BOS and County Fire Chief are the only ones who can sign letters. Agenda items need to go on MCFAC agenda two weeks ahead of meeting, then get submitted to BOS and goes on their agenda, another two weeks out. If letter is provided it can potentially be signed and go out in the mail soon after. If we want an action on any item it MUST be on the agenda. It cannot come up during a report and proceed to approval.

Melinda will update her list for approval and send out. She has 3 Grant Funded ongoing projects for fuel reductions/breaks: Fish Camp, Wawona and Yosemite West.

Fish Camp: partnership with SNF, \$800,000, starts soon

Wawona: road clearance from downed trees

Yosemite West: road clearance from downed trees around sewer plant.

\$10M awarded and will take 3-4 years

Mariposa County: applied for grants for more water tanks for Lushmeadows, Midpines and Hunters Valley. Need more money for Bootjack. Everything is costing over budget. Contractors move in next week. DWR addendum requested; they like providing additional funds for current projects.



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5. Updates, Activity Reports and Future Items

a. Members

Melinda working on Sarah Priest Allotment tribal land clearing project.

FSC: Stumpfield and Foran projects are about 80% complete. Bid Walk for Wagner begins in November. Immediate implementation should go quickly once contractor is selected.

b. Any future agenda items

- Melinda's requests for Letters of Support

6. Adjourn

Adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Agenda Documents Download link: <https://www.mariposacounty.org/DocumentCenter/Index/2715>

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cgarrett@mariposacounty.org

Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee
DRAFT Letter of Appreciation and Recognition for Allen Johnson



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Mariposa County

Southwest Interface Team
(SWIFT)

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RE: Appreciation and Admiration for Allen Johnson

Dear Mrs. Johnson and family:

The Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee would like to extend our condolences to you and your family. Allen had been a longtime supporter and partner to our Advisory Committee.

Allen is recognized for his unwavering commitment to the prevention of large devastating wildfires, protection of communities, and providing leadership for multiple fuel reduction projects that have been utilized during fire suppression efforts. One of many examples of Allen's successes can be directed to the day of his services, when a wildland fire broke out on Wagner Ridge at the Mariposa/Tuolumne County Line. The Wagner Ridge fuel break, one of Allen's long-time projects was utilized for access and control of the fire just as he envisioned. This fuel break is just one of many examples of Allen's knowledge, experience as a respected Chief Officer with the USFS, and his persistence in providing the leadership working with multiple agencies and entities. Allen was a highly respected leader being the obvious choice to Chair the Southwest Interface Team coordinating Federal, State, and Local resources between Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties in fuel reduction and fuel break projects. Allen's experience and knowledge having worked as a Fire Chief Officer in the Groveland District was well known. His reputation helped provide the leadership and relationship building necessary to be as successful as he was with SWIFT.

We are so very appreciative of Allen and his contributions both professionally and personally to all of us and our communities. He was a wonderful person and leader that will be missed by all of us. We will do our best to continue moving forward with projects he's influenced while striving to meet the same passion and integrity he invested.

Respectfully

Steven Ward, Chair

Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee

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October 27, 2021

To whom it may concern:

The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) is tasked in Public Resources Code § 4290.5(a) with conducting a survey of subdivisions of more than 30 dwelling units located in a State Responsibility Area (SRA) or Local Responsibility Area Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (LRA VHFHSZ) without a secondary egress route that are at significant fire risk. Public Resources Code § 4290.5 also requires the Board to develop recommendations to improve the fire safety of these subdivisions. The Board consults with the State Fire Marshal and the local government regarding these recommendations. Recommendations may include, but are not limited to, creating secondary access to the subdivision, undertaking improvements to the existing access road, and other additional fire safety measures.

Surveys have been completed and preliminary recommendations developed for all appropriate subdivisions identified within your jurisdiction. Survey reports and preliminary recommendations developed by the Board and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for each subdivision surveyed within your jurisdiction are [available here](#). The Board invites your jurisdiction to submit additional recommendations for consideration for improved fire safety in any of the subdivisions surveyed within its jurisdiction. All recommendations, including those from the Board and local governments, are non-binding.

Final recommendations including any additions from consultation with local governments will be published online following review at the upcoming Board meeting designated in the email accompanying this letter. Your jurisdiction is therefore encouraged to provide any comments or recommendations it would like to add for the Board's consideration at least 30 calendar days before the Board meeting, if possible. Please submit any comments or recommendations to improve fire safety in your surveyed subdivision(s) to FireSafetySurvey@fire.ca.gov.

Thank you for your collaboration in working to reduce fire risk to residential developments. Please feel free to reach out to Chief Jeff Hakala at jeff.hakala@fire.ca.gov or Chief Rudy Baltazar at rudym.baltazar@fire.ca.gov at the CAL FIRE/OSFM Subdivision Review Program with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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