



Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee MEETING AGENDA October 19, 2022

DATE: October 19, 2022
TIME: 9:30 AM
LOCATION: Mariposa County Fire Department Head Quarters
4802 Highway 140 (Executive Meeting Room)
Mariposa, CA 95338

PLEASE NOTE- This meeting will be at the Mariposa County Fire Department However, it is a hybrid meeting – **Public and MCFAC members may either call-in or attend in person.**

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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 October 19, 2022 to November 16, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

County Counsel advised us that even with the hybrid style meetings, in person and teleconference, the Committee still needs to adopt the Resolution at the beginning of each meeting in order to be compliant with the Brown Act. The agenda includes the required Resolution.

3. Approval of Minutes: September 21, 2022

4. Public comments

5. Discussion and Possible Action:

- a. Open MCFAC Secretary Position - Ward
- b. Grant Coordinator Position – Ward or Bernard
- c. Introduction of Alison Deak UCANR Fire Advisor – Steve Engfer or Fadzayi
- d. Letter of support recommendation to the BOS for Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation for fuel reduction project for tribal allotment in Midpines. – Tara
- e. Tenaya fire brigade update – Ward

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

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 19, 2022 TO NOVEMBER 16, 2022 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, 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) NOVEMBER 16, 2022, 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 19th day of OCTOBER 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday SEPTEMBER 21, 2022
TIME: 9:30 AM
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1. **Roll Call** - Steve Ward, Barbara Cone, Melinda Barrett, Pat Lange, Mike Keyser, Russ Marks, Tara Fouch-Moore, Debbie Peters, Fadzayi Mashiri, Dan Buckley
2. **Committee approved updated Resolution 2021-01 allowing for mixed in person and telecommunication meeting to occur.** Motion to approve by Barbara, second by Tara, committee approved unanimous vote in the affirmative.
3. **Approval of Minutes: August 17, 2022**
Noted correction by Russ Marks, 1.5 million gallons of water taken from MPUD and 1.1 million gallons of untreated water taken from Bootjack storage tank for support of Oak Incident. Minutes accepted with noted corrections, Motion by Melinda, second Russ Marks, unanimous affirmative.
4. **Public comments** None noted or brought forward
5. **Discussion and Possible Action:**
 - a. **Mcfac secretary position. Laura Norman retirement**
Chair asked for any nominations or secretary or volunteers. No input from Committee, Chair is delegated those responsibilities.
 - b. **Recognize Dave Angelini resignation and Gary Colliver as replacement** Chair recognized Dave for his services and welcomed Gary onto the committee.
 - c. **Update on MCFAC update to the Board and approved recommendations of bi-laws**
Chair updated the committee the committee approved edits to Exhibit a regarding the bylaws and voting vs Ex-Official members and terms of citizen committee members was accepted/approved by the BOS. We now need 7 (50% +1) for quorum. Also mentioned to the Board that MCFAC recommended a specific county position of a Pre-Fire style position such as CALFIRE has to assist with the workload of coordination, GIS, Grant management for fire. This recommendation comes as MCFAC committee members are to impacted in their daily duties to participate and dedicate time away from their normal duties towards MCFAC adhoc group projects.
 - d. **Title 3 fund discussion**
Chair updated committee on Title III funds allocation to MFSC for Lushmeadows ladder fuels reduction project, RCD Home Hardening Project, and Mariposa Trails improvement project. Chair need to secure agreement with RCD and Mariposa Trails, agreement was done between county and MFSC. Melinda requested Chair get her the template agreement utilized and she'll fill it out to expedite the process. Once agreements are approved invoices should be forwarded to County Fire to process from the Title III funding line.
 - e. **Fire Wise Communities discussion**
Chair announced he's been working with Supervisor Smallcomb on possible dates to promote and provide information to interested communities on how to become a Firewise Community. Keyser mentioned he didn't know how much Firewise Communities really helped in the insurance realm. Melinda and Barbara mentioned they supported Firewise communities and felt the neighbor interaction and planning was the most beneficial.

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Initial dates being recommended are October 20 and maybe 27 or 25 both Mariposa and then Coulterville or Greeley Hill. Will have panel of current Firewise members to speak on their experiences. Chair mentioned having Chief Potkey, Chief Lindo or a CALFIRE rep from land use planning present to explain their involvement of the process noting it's primarily on the community members not CALFIRE to organize. Melinda mentioned that when she or others attempted to contact the number on CALFIRE website they have gotten no response. Melinda also requested the Chair keep the committee informed on these meetings as they get firmed up.

f. Mariposa County Fire Department Service Levels discussion.

Chair gave presentation given to the committee regarding County Fire Service levels and options for staffing improved service levels. Russ commented on supporting the options through community input as well as choosing not to respond to calls due to CALFIRE HQ availability and other work commitments. Barbara cautioned that paid union employees and volunteers doing the same job could be an issue. Chair acknowledged but also stated it being done in several other counties. Debbie stated she didn't think community support for a fee or tax if the board had control over how it was spent but possibly if designated to specific use only. Committee supported the idea of taking the presentation to community groups to find out what the public wants.

g. CALFIRE County Coordinator Position discussion.

Chair stated there is a Grant for a County Coordinator Position that can be utilized to coordinate and help manage grants for the County and be point of contact for MCFAC. The County has just hired a county grant writer but that position won't be started for a month or so and this person probably will be significantly impacted. Wes Smith gave myself and Chief Bernard a template and we are just waiting for the grant period to open so we can consider pursuing it.

1. Updates and Activity Reports and Future Items

- a. *Members – MCFSC Barbara stated Stumpfield project is completed just typing up the report, Wager project started back up due to favorable weather fire conditions, CEQA/NEPA process cleared for Alta Vista project, contract back from state for Mt. Bullion and community brush and chip, still awaiting a county contract to get an office and write the Bumgardner Ridge fuel break so no billable mean for that or Mariposa Creek Parkway slopes, starting to gather information LIDAR plans, and interested parties in Lushmeadows for that project with a lot of citizen interest and support from County GIS. CALFIRE FC Keyser mentioned the 160 acre parcel in Midpines planned to be utilized for fuel reduction and training grounds through a FEMA grant for the County. At this point is landlocked with no easement permission from neighboring business owners. Working through the process but currently in a standstill. There is options and Russ may have some ideas to help move access forward. MCRCD Melinda will start home hardening as soon as she gets Title III funds, working on a Technical Assistance Grant through CALFIRE to assist with Oak recovery in addition to what County is doing outside of the cleanup,*



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Bootjack tank grant project is completed and DWR gave evaluation of straight A grades with acknowledgement of finishing early and grant documentation was exceptional. This will be very beneficial for future grants for sure. Russ asked Barbara to remind folks to keep chipping piles off easements to allow for shoulder maintenance and Barbara agreed and will continue to support. Still waiting for confirmation of adopted Fire Safe Regulations to answer questions regarding access and secondary egress requirements. County got approval letter to purchase a masticator and awarded a grant to upgrade water system in Coulterville. Tanks will remain same size but system will be upgraded. Indian Council Tara site tour of priest allotment and looking for funding for fuel reduction out there as well as asking for monies to assist work development for their crew, committee chair mentioned that if Indian Council can show projects tied to the CWPP they may potentially give recommendation to the board to support those efforts. Fadzayi recruited a couple new Fire Advisors, 1st is Alison going out and trying to meet as many people as she can and learn the area. Also other advisor is Cindy Chan based in Tuolumne but covering Mariposa towards forest products for bio mass. No other report outs noted.

2. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM

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