



Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee

MEETING AGENDA

September 15, 2021

DATE: Wednesday September 15, 2021
TIME: 9:30 AM
LOCATION: HOST LOCATION Mariposa County Fire Department
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1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes for July 21, 2021 and August 18, 2021.

3. Public comments

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.
- b. 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
 - iii. Discussion on public outreach and recommendation to BOS on town hall meeting discussions.

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

- c. Discussion on fuel load reduction and management activities around the Town of Mariposa including the creek areas.
- d. Discussion and committee direction on Public Education Adhoc
- e. Discussion and committee direction on membership and participation
- f. Grant Applications Coordination updates

6. Updates, Activity Reports and Future Items

- a. Members
- b. Any future agenda items

7. Adjourn



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MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday JULY 21, 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, Steve Ward, Dave Angelini, Supervisor Tom Sweeney, Patience Good, Melinda Barrett, Allen Johnson, Chris Bernard, Marshall Long, Frank Johnson, Jeff Crandle and Laura Norman.
Meeting called to order at 9:30.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of March 17, 2021 (revised) and May 19, 2021. *Minutes approved.*
ACTION- Both sets of Minutes approved.

3. **Public comments** - none

4. **Guest Speaker Julianne Sims, Division Director Human Services Mariposa County HHSA: Presentation – HHSA Fire and Emergency Related Activities and Programs**

- a. Work closely with American Red Cross during disasters. ARC sets up shelters and HHSA provides staff to run sites.
- b. Connect evacuees to benefits like food and medicine.
- c. GIS has developed a map for internal use where homebound and most vulnerable residents live that would need transportation for evacuation. Utilize SAFE and encourage people to register for calls. Also keep tabs on people in IHSS and Foster Care systems.
- d. Provide Behavioral Health support for those who suffer losses from the emergency.
- e. Home Safe program – Adult Protective Services identified for neglect or abuse. Perform a lot of cleaning properties (junk removal). Would like help from Fire Safe Council to identify these homes with residents 65+ years of age. Governor renewed this program and has increased the funding.
*Tom Sweeney recommends volunteers to do the clean-up.
- f. PSPS events can cause food spoilage. HHSA can provide funds for food replacement.
*Fire Safe Council can take care of chip & brush under CARE and Area12 programs.

5. **Discussion and Possible Action:**

- a. Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan
 - i. *Report out CWPP Implementation progress – CWPP ADHOC report. Work Plan.*

Public Outreach & Education continues with radio spots and newspaper ads. There has been improvement to County Fire response. They still need more help. County Fire has increased the diversity of equipment available with new Type 3 vehicles and outfitting of Type 5 & 6.

Educational interview with KRYZ this afternoon. CAL FIRE to award grants at the end of August.

Discussion on Wagner Ridge and Stumpfield projects.

Proceeding with ROP for planning software. A vendor was elevated to the next level. Deeper research and due diligence going on now.

Task 16 – Wildfire Conservation Board Grant received for Fish Camp through the Park. Money to do a 20-minute video combining Yosemite & Sequoia research on sequoia mortality. May turn into a 60-minute film. Waiting on Home Hardening Grant. In August the Infrastructure Water Tanks project for Bootjack will get rolling.



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ii. *Next steps for CWPP Implementation – CWPP ADHOC report. Work Plan.*

ADHOC will have polygons recommendations together for August MCFAC meeting in preparation for quarterly BOS report.

iii. *Updated BOS on CWPP implementation and discussion on recommendations.*

BOS accepted recommendations to reduce the number by Consolidation of Communities and template for Community Appendices. 1) Get template appendices established. 2) Identify polygons

iv. *Discussion on public outreach and recommendation if warranted at this point to BOS on town hall meeting discussions.*

BOS wants to know what they can do to help. Are we ready for Town Hall meetings to educate communities about MCFAC? Where will we have them?

Marshall – Catheys Valley, Hornitos, BOS Hall. Each Supervisor host at least one in each District.

Sweeney – North County, Lake Don Pedro (Hacienda), Greeley Hill, Coulterville with SWIFT.

Decide on talking points so MCFAC is the intent. Provide resources County can give property owners to protect them. Teach about fire, both good and bad aspects. Prescribed burn will help, like grazing does. Inform citizens of programs available to owners.

Wait for COVID and fire season to calm down. Take time to plan and make it content rich. Late winter to early spring timeframe. Create a quality presentation. Follow up with an All Hands booth at the 2022 Mariposa Fair to share information.

v. *Community Plan Prioritization – Consolidation of Communities within broader area/polygons, coordination with Ben Ogren GIS.*

Steve Engfer will work on report for BOS quarterly update in August/September.

vi. *Direction to ADHOC for items ii and iv as a priority. No Priority changes made.*

b. Discussion and committee understanding of Grant Support Letters and County Legal Opinion.

BOS prefers enough time for whole Board to review, not to rush things through.

c. Grant Applications Coordination updates

Not expecting results on Cooperative applications until late August. \$600k SNC Wagner Ridge.

IRWIM Grant for Bootjack Fire Station pushed from August to March. 165,000 gallon steel water tank.

Cal OES to provide 3 additional water tanks; contract in September. All in North County: Greeley Hill, Hornitos, and Woodland Park. The goal is 10 tanks. Need some in Hunters Valley.

Forest Health Grant cooperative between Mariposa and Yosemite is almost complete.

d. Education and Outreach – Ad Hoc Chair

This committee needs members and more direction. They would like clear expectations of what they need to do. And put out a call for volunteers to all MCFAC participants. Discussion about whether we need this committee at this time.

6. Updates, Activity Reports and Future Items

a. Members

Fire Safe Council – Foran bids close tomorrow. Work will start soon.

County Fire - Grupe burn is underway. VMP vegetation management 10 yr plan to include all 10,000 acres. July 22 from 10am to 2pm IRWIM meeting. LIDAR vendor will be presenting tools and data.

b. Any future agenda items

7. Adjourn

Adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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DATE: Wednesday AUGUST 18, 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, Supervisor Tom Sweeney, Allen Johnson, Russ Marks, Marshall Long, Fadzayi Mashiri, Mike Keyser, representative SNF and Laura Norman.* Meeting called to order at 9:32.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of July 21, 2021 tabled to September meeting.
ACTION- Tabled.

3. Public comments - none

4. Discussion and Possible Action:

a. Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan

i. *Report out CWPP Implementation progress – CWPP Ad Hoc report. Work Plan.*

Ad Hoc committee met and worked on polygons to be done this summer. Got GIS folks together. Ben setup Webmap system to evaluate existing polygons in plan. Map viewer is up and available for people with access. Ben, Steve E and Steve W established geographic boundaries. Made good progress, but had to put on hold with fire deployments. Template for community plans need to be rolled out. There is work that needs to be done to meet the end of September goal.

ii. *Next steps for CWPP Implementation – CWPP Ad Hoc report. Work Plan.*

iii. *Discussion on public outreach and recommendation if warranted at this point to BOS on town hall meeting discussions.*

Town Hall discussion for after fire season.

b. Discussion and committee direction on Public Education Ad Hoc.

Fadzayi would like to join Education committee. Send out an email asking for other volunteers.

c. Discussion and committee direction on membership and participation

d. Grant Applications Coordination updates

Written report from Melinda (attached)

CAL FIRE grants have not been awarded yet. They are asking for heavy equipment.

FEMA grants for water tanks are close to receiving money. NEPA and CEQA are completed.

Wagner Ridge waiting on BLM and USFS land tenure agreements to be signed.

Fadzayi's CAL FIRE grant didn't get submitted on time. Will submit on next round.



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a. Members

SWIFT Wagner Ridge/Tuolumne side working on National Resiliency grant. USFS will take care of Federal land. Hopefully CAL FIRE will cover private land.

b. Any future agenda items

- Melinda's request to pursue funding from SNC for Hwy 49 Fire Safe Roads project.
- Creek Parkway progress report from Mikey

6. Adjourn

Adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

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Steve Engfer

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Subject: 9/9/2021 Allen Johnson Memorial Update

All,

Just a quick note for now as I know it has been a few days since I have provided an update. The Forest (with the help of many) is beginning to work on plans and details for the memorial service to remember and honor Allen. The date of the memorial service has been confirmed – **Sunday, September 26, 2021**. At this time, no other details are available to share.

Please watch for another update in the next few days. Thank you to some awesome assistance from Allen's - CA Incident Management Team #14, we will soon have a facebook site for 'all things' information-wise regarding Allen. Once live, you will be able to enjoy memories of Allen through many of the photos folks have shared! Thank you! As more details regarding the memorial service are available, they will be posted along with information on making a contribution, memorials and condolences. Again, please give us a few more days!

Thank you for your patience as we continue our planning efforts. We have started to reach out to several of you who have offered to help!

On behalf of the Care Team – and Martha and family - thank you for embracing Martha. The compassion and care provided through your sympathy and words are providing great comfort at this time.

Take care and be well.

Beth



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