



Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee

MEETING AGENDA

May 19, 2021

DATE: Wednesday May 19, 2021
TIME: 9:30 AM
LOCATION: HOST LOCATION Mariposa County Fire Department
4802 Highway 140, Mariposa, CA 95338.

Teleconference ONLY (see below for call in participation information)

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1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of April 21, 2021

3. Public comments

4. Discussion and Possible Action:

- a. Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CCWPP)
 - i. Next steps for CWPP Implementation- CWPP ADHOC report. Work Plan.
 - ii. Community Plan Prioritization –Consolidation of “Communities” within broader Areas/Polygons
 - iii. Schedule for Board of Supervisor’s updates

Final CWPP is available here:

<http://www.mariposacounty.org/2448/Community-Wildfire-Protection-Plan>

- b. Grant Support Letters and County Legal Opinion
- c. Grant Applications Coordination- Who is applying for what?
- d. NEW Firesafe Regulations Update and Discussion
 - i. CALFIRE/COUNTY FIRE
- e. Education and Outreach - Ad Hoc Chair

5. Updates, Activity Reports and Future Items

- a. Members
- b. Any future agenda items

6. Adjourn

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MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday APRIL 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: John Morgan, Steve Engfer, Barbara Cone, Melinda Barrett, Dave Angelini, Alyssa Carroll, Steve Ward, Fadzayi Mashiri, Jeff Crandall, Supervisor Tom Sweeney, and Russ Marks. Meeting called to order at 9:35.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of March 17, 2021 Minutes approved on consensus.
ACTION- Minutes approved.

3. Public comments - none

4. Discussion and Possible Action:

Possible action on CWPP workplan and related to the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Community Wildfire Protection Plan
 - i. Progress Report Action Plan and Implementation, CWPP Table 9. Pages 42-46
 1. Review Action Plan – In Progress (MCFAC Ad Hoc committee)
 2. Update and Maintain County's Wildfire Risk Assessment – In Progress (RCD Lidar data) Waiting for data to be QA/QC from USGS. Once data is released have U of Washington data collectors give presentation.
 3. Initiate Streamlined Development Review Process For Fire Mitigation – In Progress (County Planning Dept) RFP closes Friday. Evaluation Team will review until May 7th, then recommend top 3 software candidates. Team will dive deeper into those 3 and interview vendors. Many departments are represented on the Team.
 4. Implement Structure Ignition Zone – In Progress (County Fire Dept) Coordinated effort with State, some to start Jan 1, 2022 and others Jan 1, 2023.
 5. Promote and Educate Communities on Prescribed Fire – In Progress (PFA/UCCE) Hosting a Field Day next Friday and pursuing more funding sources.
 6. Update Existing Fuel Treatments – In Progress (FSC/RCD) Stumpfield in process. Submitted grant paperwork for Wagner Ridge, hope to break ground in January. Letters of support from this group are extremely helpful. Equipment grant requests are in process. After July 1 meet with SNC to review their new rules.
 7. Provide Information on PSPS for Homeowners – In Progress (FSC/RCD) Creating outreach materials in cooperation with PG&E. No meetings currently scheduled. Reach out to Michael Gaffney to schedule a local meeting for residents.
 8. Engage with local WUI Communities on local CWPPs – Planning has begun (RCD) Working with Yosemite West a Fire Wise community application. County Fire meeting with BOS on how to tackle. Midpines' document is in process and would like to work with this committee for input.



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9. *Engage with WUI Communities and Partner Agencies on Evacuation Plans – In Progress (County Fire & Sheriff's Office) Updates need to occur, but it is complete. Discussions on setting up trainings.*
10. *Develop County Fire Service Resource Capacity Sustainability Plan – In Progress (County Fire) Have identified response time and staffing. Working on alternatives to the strictly volunteer firefighter model for recruitment and retention. Next, solidify programs to bring to BOS for input and approval.*
11. *Initiate Local Home Retrofit Program – Started (RCD) Grant application for public education to be submitted May 19th. Looking for cost share opportunities.*
12. *Prioritize Mitigation of Critical Infrastructure – Not Started, but we do have a List to start from. Fewer shutdowns of power system and roads.*
13. *Support Local WUI Communities in Wildfire Preparedness Clean Up Days – In Progress (FSC) Fish Camp Annual Chipping Day(s), Foran Rd Assn, and Chamberlain Rd Assn events. Community or Road Assns are encouraged to reach out to FSC to assist in submission of grant applications.*
14. *Update and Renew Cooperative Response Agreements – Always In Progress (County Fire) Most Response Agreements have been renewed over the past few years, ongoing forever...*
15. *Develop Post-Fire Recovery Plan – no report*
16. *Create Visitor Education Campaign – In Progress (FSC) Printed and posted signage along roads for locals and guests. More roadside signs are ready to be posted. County Fire's Facebook page has 3600 followers and more than half are out-of-towners looking for local information, this is ongoing.*

ii. *Schedule for Board of Supervisors' updates*

Update Appendix 4 for update to Board. Key members participate to answer Board questions. Shooting for late May, early June timeframe.

iii. *Community Plan Prioritization*

Goal to have BOS recognize 15 (down from 38) communities in CWPP to get to a more manageable number. There will be some others that need clarification. How does that change severity ratings for those communities? Communities that already have a plan can be priority. Communities that don't have a plan need to organize themselves to create a CWPP and bring it to MCFAC for review. Provide a template for them to use so they know how MCFAC wants them done. Item 8 Ad Hoc committee will work on template and presentation for consolidation of communities to create their new plans.

b. *NEW Firesafe Regulations Update and Discussion.*

Still being reviewed at State level. Should be adopted by July 1, 2021 implementation. There are some major changes coming in this update, especially with roads and infrastructure for secondary egress in neighborhoods of 30 homes or more. More water storage, reflective signs, and defensible space around homes. MCFAC-type organizations will be required to bring suggestions to Boards.

c. *Governor's Budget Approval for Fire Related Activities*

Governor approved \$500M for CAL FIRE and Grants, and will result in higher amounts on grants.



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d. Grant Applications Coordination

- i. Action to authorize the MCFAC Chair, or Vice Chair, to sign letters of support for grant opportunities when the support is within the purpose of MCFAC and does not commit the County resources. (Commitment of resources being financial or personnel.)
- ii. As letters of support are requested does MCFAC authorize the Chair Steve Ward and/or Vice Chair Steve Engfer to sign them? Letters can only be signed as long as they do not commit County dollars for anything. Do in-kind donations need a letter? County Counsel says a letter for in-kind needs to come from the Board.

ACTION: Motion to authorize MCFAC Chair, or Vice Chair, to sign letters of support for grant opportunities when the support is within the purpose of MCFAC and does not commit the County resources. – APPROVED

e. Education and Outreach – Ad Hoc Chair

Butterfly Festival coming up July 3 & 4. County Fire working toward having a presence there.

f. Committee Membership

- i. Citizen seats – Action – Request to direct staff to publish for appointments for all unfilled citizen seats.
- ii. Out of 5 seats, 4 are available. What is the best way to acquire interested parties? Use Board Clerk process. Steve Engfer to start the process.

ACTION: Motion to request direct staff to publish for all 4 unfilled citizen seats. – APPROVED

5. Updates, Activity Reports and Future Items

a. Members

John Morgan has accepted position with State Fire Marshalls Office as Asst Chief in Charge of Defensible Space Program on statewide level. He will be able to keep us informed on Defensible Space, Structure Ignition Zones, and Home-hardening things coming down the line as he creates them. Create a statewide organization similar to MCFAC.

Mariposa Creek Parkway received \$5M Grant. Master Gardeners are helping to identify invasive species and what to replace them with. Within 2 years it will be a clear and safe place.

John C Fremont owns the two parcels in the back by the imaging trailer. Work is being done to get them cleared and safe again.

PG&E Corey Peters coming back into Mariposa County to do clearance on overhead transmission lines.

Tub-grinder will be working at landfill for the next two weeks.

b. Any future agenda items

Need new Ad Hoc committee lead to replace John Morgan keeping the Sharepoint form up. Steve Engfer volunteered to take this role and continue to work on it.

6. Adjourn

Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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