



# Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee

## MEETING AGENDA

April 21, 2021

**DATE:** Wednesday April 21, 2021  
**TIME:** 9:30 AM  
**LOCATION:** **HOST LOCATION** Mariposa County Planning Department  
5100 Bullion Street, 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 March 17, 2021

### 3. Public comments

### 4. Discussion and Possible Action:

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

- a. Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CCWPP)
  - i. Next steps for CWPP Implementation- CWPP ADHOC report. Work Plan.
  - ii. Schedule for Board of Supervisor's updates
  - iii. Community Plan Prioritization

Final CWPP is available here:

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

- b. NEW Firesafe Regulations Update and Discussion
- c. Governor's Budget Approval for Fire Related Activities
- 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).
- e. Education and Outreach - Ad Hoc Chair
- f. Committee Membershiop
  - a. Citizen seats- Action- Request to direct staff to publish for appointments for all unfilled citizen seats.

### 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 MARCH 17, 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, Allen Johnson, Laura Norman, Melinda Barrett, Dave Angelini, Patience Good, Mike Keyser, Alyssa Carroll, Steve Ward, Lisa Worthington, and Fadzayi Mashiri.

Meeting called to order at 9:35.

- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of February 17, 2021, and Special Meeting March 3, 2021  
Minutes approved on consensus. ACTION- Minutes approved.

- 3. Public comments - none**

- 4. Guest Presentation:** The Caltrans seat on MCFAC has been filled. Lisa Worthington is the representative. Mariposa County is in Caltrans District 10 out of Stockton. Lisa works out of the Sacramento headquarters office. This is her first invitation to participate on a Fire Advisory Committee. She is the first ever Fire & Fuels Manager for Caltrans Division of Maintenance. In this role she brings statewide perspective and intends to truly partner with locals.

Caltrans has spent \$207M to repair highways from fire damage since August 15, 2020. At the State our own Rosemarie Smallcombe is on the Roadways Committee representing all 58 counties with Lisa and one other Supervisor. Next winter Lisa plans to offer workshops in Mariposa. May use prescribed fire along Hwy 140 in the lowland grass areas, like was done successfully on Hwy 41.

There are 3 avenues for grant funding; plans to pursue all for diversification. With regard to Maintenance Fuel Reduction the need is Immediate (now to 2 yrs), Mid-point (5 yrs), or Long-term (10 yrs). Spent \$260M to remove 180,000 trees with emergency funds.

### **5. Discussion and Possible Action:**

- a. Community Wildfire Protection Plan
  - i. Received additional marching order and clarification. BOS is "owner", County Fire is designee, recommendations from MCFAC with quarterly updates at minimum; they are open to more often. Prioritization of Action Plans: currently High to Low, looking for ordinal 1, 2, 3. Possible budget impact. Funds may be available for an outside agency to create specific plans. County resources are needed to keep plans moving.
  - ii. Next steps for CWPP Ad Hoc committee is scheduled. They will get moving on Part 4 Action Items. The final adopted Plan is uploaded and available.
- b. NEW Firesafe Regulations Update and Discussion. Dovetails nicely with CWPP. Standards are very important. A lot of changes and revisions coming. Nothing too extreme. For example, reflective address signs are now required.



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*Board of Forestry revisions to form 4290 will result in drastic changes for Planning. They require more access and a secondary means of access. Mariposa will be adopting the changes July 1<sup>st</sup>.*

- c. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to establish the MCFAC Chair as a non-voting member. *Wide range of members on MCFAC, more than just citizens. Chair becomes non-voting member.*

**ACTION:** *Motion to make MCFAC Chair a non-voting member. – APPROVED*

- d. Election of MCFAC Officers: *discussion of duties*
  - i. Chair – *Steve Wade*
  - ii. Vice Chair – *Steve Engfer*
  - iii. Secretary – *Laura Norman*

**ACTION:** *Each officer was nominated and voted on individually. – APPROVED*

- e. Education and Outreach – Ad Hoc Chair

*Fire extinguisher video in production for in homes, describing types of extinguishers, types of fires, and how to use. Plan to be done in April. Next videos will be Defensible Space and Prescribed Burn.*

- f. Grant Applications Coordination

- *Forest Health Program – Mariposa County Phase II application multi-partner large landscape grant. Yosemite National Park wants to go to Phase II and include Yosemite West. Phase I was roadside fuel reductions. Would like to continue to collaborate on a new project.*
- *Fire Prevention Grant – FSC and UCCE submitting. RCD working on Home Hardening and County Fire Equipment grant.*
- *Fire Safe Council – AltaVista section of brush removal from William Sell Bridge to Countyline.*
- *Prescribed Burn Assn – working to get 1-2 people certified.*

- g. Map Project – BOS Item Preparation – *no update*

- h. Committee Members

- i. *John Schroeder has resigned from MCFAC. We thank him for his good service.*
- ii. *Lisa Worthington has joined for Caltrans. Thank you for a great presentation!*

### 6. Updates, Activity Reports and Future Items

- a. Members

- *County Fire – Rosemarie Smallcombe would like potential community projects to be routed through MCFAC in the future. Good outreach opportunity.*

- b. Any future agenda items: *CWPP Ad Hoc Committee – seeks projects*

### 7. Adjourn

*Adjourned at 11:35 a.m.*

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