



Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee MEETING AGENDA April 20, 2022

DATE: Wednesday OCTOBER 16, 2019
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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Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee

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April 20, 2022

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 April 20, 2022 to May 18, 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:** December 15, 2021, January 19, 2022, no March Minutes available at time of agenda.

4. Public comments

5. Discussion and Possible Action:

- a. Status of Adopted Uniform Advisory Committee Guidelines to full MCFAC on any potential required amendments to existing MCFAC Resolution and Bylaws for conformance to Uniform guidelines and change to a working group vs committee.
- b. Discussion of a Pre-Fire Engineer county position (Extra Help or whatever) for the coordination of CWPP, LHMP, GIS coordination, Title III coordination, ect.
- c. County-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)
 - i. Presentation of draft CWPP Community Template to present to the board for community assessments (Hannah) *CWPP Community Template was not available at time of agenda*
 - ii. Presentation of a draft map to present to board for outlining and consolidating community areas. (Ward, Engfer, Ogren)
- d. Project updates or new grants filed for or received and any needed coordination.

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

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 APRIL 20, 2022 TO MAY 18, 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 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) MAY 18, 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 20th day of APRIL 2022, by the following vote:
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AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee

MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday DECEMBER 15, 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 Ward, Steve Engfer, Barbara Cone, Dave Angelini, Tom Sweeney, Russ Marks, Wes Smith, Chris Bernard, Ron Plummer, Hannah Harrison, Melinda Barrett, Mike Keyser, Marshall Long and Laura Norman.

Meeting called to order at 9:36.

- 2. Resolution:** At the beginning of each meeting we will vote on whether we want to have an all in-person meeting or only teleconference. The public will have the option to call in for either format.

ACTION- Motion to meet by teleconference on this day. Approved.

- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of November 17, 2021.

ACTION- Minutes approved.

- 4. Public comments - none**

5. Discussion and Possible Action:

- a. Consideration of the draft Mariposa Committee Policy and Resolution Ver 2.0.
René provided draft document and is looking for feedback by February. Chairmen will compare this document to the MCFAC Resolution to draft feedback for René. Will put it on the list of topics to bring up at the January 13th BOS meeting.
- b. MCFAC Membership: Recommend to BOS to add Sierra Tel to committee and appoint Laura Norman. Discussion about others that were supposed to be carried over from the Tree Mortality Task Force.

ACTION: It was moved and second to put Sierra Tel on MCFAC as a voting member with Laura Norman as representative. Approved.

Be careful adding members that will affect quorum when we have low attendance. Only filled positions count toward quorum. If the seat does not have an assigned representative it does not count.

Can a representative appoint a proxy to attend if they are not available? Steve E will review the policy to make sure there are no issues, and include if it is missing.

- c. Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)
 - i. Progress Reports: none
 - ii. Hannah Harrison has started on the template for community plans and town hall meetings, and has what she needs to complete them.
Working with GIS to reduce the communities from 38 down to a more manageable number, like 16 (without Yosemite West). Leverage work done by community groups. Align with Structure Defense maps for risk assessment to use during an emergency event.
JP from CAL FIRE is sending files to Ben @ County. FSC would like a copy for grant applications to brush and chip grants. Make sure they are not proprietary & confidential.



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When draft comes out from GIS it will be important for adhoc to review and make sure all areas are included.

Goal set of getting the GIS product to MCFAC in January or February, with Town Halls in April/May before fire season. That way we'll have the most public participation.

d. Firesafe regulations update

Changes to County Firesafe regulations have been posted. There are 76 pages of edits to the draft. BOS hopes to have updates approved in about 6 months. Challenge will be on single building permits and secondary access. There are many components to keep in mind.

e. MCFAC update to the BOS on December 7th.

Went well. We have some targets to work on. A lot of recommendations will go back to BOS. If you want details, listen to the recording.

f. Grant Application Coordination updates

County Fire: CCI Grant may be in conflict with Public Works. (PW equipment is only used on roads.) Next round of Fire Prevention Grants close on February 9th. County is funded for an excavator and chipper. They would like to buy heads to stay in Mariposa County. If one breaks down they have a backup. Grants are broken into 3 categories: Equipment, Implementation, and Community Education. Be sure groups target separate categories. Ward hopes to submit FEMA grant today for PPE.

FSC: Stumpfield stuck @ 80% due to Workman's Comp issue with contractor. Faran is 90% complete. Wagner work had 6 applications submitted. Waiting for land terms from Feds in mid to late January. Hope to break ground in February. Brush & Chip grants end in February. Putting out awareness radio ads to spend the rest of the money. Resubmitting Brush & Chip apps for more money. Some homeowner insurance companies are now requiring 200 foot clearance.

CAL FIRE: Lushmeadows HOA wants to team up to write grants for ladder fuels to be removed and defensible fuel break outside by Darrah Rd and other drainages to NW by Macready.

Melinda: Bootjack water tanks will be delivered in next couple of weeks. Project will be done by March. Working on 4 Fuels Reduction Grants: 2 Forest Health and 2 Wildlife Conservation Board. Community work to be done in spring, hopefully. Generally, money is available for Fire and Water projects and applications window is open now. FEMA OES grant for water tanks should be coming to County soon. May need help applying to everything.

USFS: Lots going on, nothing that ties to MCFAC at this time.

6. Updates, Activity Reports and Future Items

- a. Members - none
- b. Any future agenda items – none

Next meeting discussion for January 19th.

7. Adjourn

Adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee

MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday JANUARY 19, 2022
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, Wes Smith, Fadzayi Mashiri, Jason Schroeder BLM, Dan Buckley YNP and Laura Norman.
Meeting called to order at 9:38.

2. Resolution: At the beginning of each meeting we will vote on whether we want to have an all in-person meeting or only teleconference. The public will have the option to call in for either format.
ACTION- Motion to meet by teleconference on this day. Approved.

3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of December 15, 2021.
ACTION- Tabled due to lack of members who attended.

4. Public comments - none

5. Discussion and Possible Action:

- a. Consideration of the draft Mariposa Committee Policy and Resolution Ver 2.0.
Lock in quorum definition. And be careful not to violate Brown Act for Ad Hoc committees.
Send further comments to Steve Engfer and Steve Ward so they can be forward to René.

ACTION- Motion to edit resolution 2020-627 EXHIBIT A to correct name and date at bottom of section 5 to reflect today's date. Approved.

- b. Annual committee position nominations and approvals for 2022 calendar year. Recommend changing the length of term for committee officers to two years, allowing for staff changes as they happen.

ACTION- Motion to extend current officers for a second year, provided Steve Ward accepts. Approved.

- c. Introduction and project updates Mariposa Trails Executive Director Bill King
Mariposa Trails is a local non-profit that maintains foot trails on the USFS federal lands. Trails have been severely impacted by drought and fires. They create shaded trail breaks with funds collected. A good example is the Jerseydale Skelton Creek Trail where there was cooperation on the fuel break and they removed 120 trees in a ¾ mile stretch.
In an effort to align Mariposa Trails with MCFAC it was asked if they would consider trail development from the Creek Project to Bumguardner Ridge, west of town. Mariposa Trails would need a funding source to accomplish this.

ACTION- Reiterate motion from last month's meeting to add Sierra Tel, but not Mariposa Trials, with officer term changed to two years. Approved.

- d. Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)
 - i. Progress Reports: Draft of Community Plan template is underway. More edits are required. Making good progress.
 - ii. Hannah Harrison is working to get Mapping group together to look at packet @ February meeting. Next Ad Hoc meeting is Weds January 26th @ 1:00pm.

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e. Grant Application Coordination updates

Public Works: Asking for letter of support for purchase of mastication equipment. Grant deadline is February 9th. May not be enough time to get it done. The letter could be a duplication of County Fire Grant letter recently received, with the difference being the Public Works equipment will be only for use along County roadways.

FSC, RCD, UCCE, County Fire and Public Works are all applying for funding. Items are on Board of Supervisors agenda for letters of support. All are cooperative with each other, which strengthens the requests.

ACTION- Motion to approve letters of support for all 5 applicants from MCFAC to the BOS. Approved.

ACTION- Request BOS to authorize County Fire to write a letter of support for 4 applicants (excluding County Fire). Approved.

6. Updates, Activity Reports and Future Items

a. Members –

FSC: Lake County CLERC (Clear Lake Environmental Research Center) created after Lake County legalized cannabis. They now have money to handle fire coordination projects. California State Fire is using Mariposa County as an example of good things that can happen with coordination. Wagner Ridge work starts next week. Foran contractor was allowed to stop work while MCFSC is waiting for reimbursement from the state to pay the invoice. The Alta Vista contract was executed with the state. Writing a grant for Bullion Ridge. Because it has a complete environmental assessment it is shovel ready. After Alta Vista Fuel Break environmental work is done, and the contractor work starts, it will be happening at the same time as Bullion Ridge Fuel Break. The combination of the two fuel breaks will go from 140 to Bagby.

PW: Finish Ferguson Fire mitigation around Yosemite West. Hopefully start in May on Access Rd and Sewer Plant. There are about 2000 trees to be removed.

YNP: Working on burn piles at Hetch Hetchy, Mariposa Grove, Merced Grove, and Crane Flat. Issued letters to Wawona and Yosemite West home owners to allow for 100-foot defensible space on to Park land. Next round of CCI funding to include Yosemite West and Wawona. Need help with pile of debris near the water tank in Yosemite West.

b. Any future agenda items – none

Next meeting discussion for February 16th.

7. Adjourn

Adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-115
RESOLUTION OF THE MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ESTABLISHING A NEW POLICY SPECIFYING GUIDELINES, PROCEDURES, AND
STANDING RULES FOR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND
COMMITTEES

WHEREAS the County of Mariposa depends on many discretionary and non-discretionary boards, commissions and advisory committees (hereinafter collectively referred to as “committees” and individually referred to as “the committee”), to conduct the public business and to comply with applicable statutory mandates; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of public interest, the Board of Supervisors deems it advisable to establish guidelines for the establishment, dissolution, and operation of committees, as well as to clarify procedures and standing rules for the committees, the members of these bodies, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS these guidelines are applicable to all discretionary and non-discretionary committees established by the Board of Supervisors, regardless of whether formation was via resolution, ordinance, or other Board action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, does hereby establish the Policy Specifying Guidelines, Procedures, and Standing Rules for County Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County on this 15th day of February, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, SWEENEY, LONG, FORSYTHE, MENETREY
NOES: NONE
EXCUSED: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

René LaRoche, Clerk of the Board

Steven W. Dahlem, County Counsel



Policy Specifying Guidelines, Procedures, and Standing Rules for County Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees

1. PURPOSE

The County of Mariposa depends on many discretionary and non-discretionary boards, commissions, and committees (hereinafter collectively referred to as "committees" and individually referred to as "the committee") to conduct the public business and to comply with applicable statutory mandates. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors deems it advisable and a matter of public interest to establish guidelines for the establishment, dissolution, and operation of committees, as well as to clarify procedures and standing rules for the members of these bodies, as well as for staff, and the public.

2. POLICY INTENT

These guidelines are intended to be applied to all committees established by the Board of Supervisors regardless of whether creation was via resolution, ordinance, or other Board action.

3. POLICY LIMITATIONS

This policy is not meant to change any statutory authority or requirement. Where a conflict exists between statutory authority and this policy, the statutory authority shall prevail.

4. DEFINITIONS

○ Ad hoc Committee

A sub-committee that is created for a particular project or task and/or for a specific limited timeframe, and which is normally dissolved upon completion of the project or task, or automatically when the specified timeframe has elapsed.

○ Discretionary Committees

Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees that are not mandated by State or federal law or regulation.

○ Majority

- Committees with a set number of committee members (as established upon committee creation or as amended by action of the Board of Supervisors)

One-half of the number of committee members (filled or unfilled), plus one, unless defined otherwise by law.

- Committees with a floating number of committee members (those with a range of minimum and maximum number of members, as established upon committee creation or as amended by the Board of Supervisors.)

One-half of the number of appointed committee members, plus one, unless defined otherwise by law.

○ Quorum

One-half of the committee membership, plus one, unless defined otherwise by law.



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- Standing committee
A permanent committee that meets regularly.
- Sub-committee
A small group of people composed of some members of a larger committee, and which reports back to the larger committee. A sub-committee can be established in the bylaws or by committee approval, which is clearly noted in the minutes. A sub-committee can be a standing committee or an ad hoc committee.
- Sunset Date
The date on which a committee's authorization to function expires, unless a Board action is taken to extend it another term.
- Unscheduled Vacancy
A vacancy that occurs for any reason prior to the end of a member's term.

5. ESTABLISHMENT AND DISSOLUTION OF DISCRETIONARY COMMITTEES

- 5.1 To conserve County resources, the Board of Supervisors may direct the use of Ad hoc committees, advisory councils, or town hall meetings prior to establishing a new discretionary committee.
- 5.2 New discretionary committees shall be established by a resolution of the Board which includes:
 - A) A statement of purpose.
 - B) Membership requirements, if any. (Demographics, experience, etc.)
 - C) Membership term lengths.
 - D) Member compensation.
 - a. A clause noting that members serve without compensation; or
 - b. A clause that addresses compensation, stipends reimbursement of mileage or other expenses.
 - E) A "sunset date," or other date of dissolution, for the committee which is no more than four years from the date that the Board creates the committee.
 - F) Designation of the administering County Department to liaise with the committee and provide advice, oversight, and committee support, as needed, including submission of minutes to the Clerk of the Board.
- 5.3 No committee shall have powers other than advisory to the Board of Supervisors or Planning Commission except as may be contained in the Mariposa County Code.
- 5.4 Initial sunset dates, staggered across four years, are hereby established for existing committees via Appendix 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.



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- 5.5 A committee shall cease to exist upon the accomplishment of the special purpose for which it was created, upon reaching an unextended sunset date, or when dissolved by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors may dissolve a committee prior to a discretionary committee's established sunset date.
- 5.6 The Board of Supervisors shall retain discretion to remove any committee member as it deems necessary, for any cause.

6. APPLICATION AND APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES

- 6.1 County committees are meant to inform policy regarding the needs of Mariposa County residents. Consequently, committee members must reside or work within Mariposa County, unless otherwise defined by the establishing authority.
- 6.2 All new committee members must submit a completed County Committees application to the Clerk of the Board, along with answers to any supplemental questions, prior to any advertised deadline. The Clerk shall log valid applications and forward them to the administering department to vet qualifications and prepare a Board item. Applications received after the deadline are invalid and will not continue in the process.
- 6.3 In the event that multiple applications are submitted for a position, applications may be vetted by a committee composed of the Board liaisons for that department, the department head, and the Clerk of the Board, with a recommendation made to the Board of Supervisors. Any such recommendation will be presented to the Board of Supervisors along with all valid applications, redacted to protect sensitive personal information.
- 6.4 No committee member will be appointed/reappointed to a term longer than four years, except as otherwise provided herein.
- 6.5 Committee members, except for those who have resigned or been removed, may continue to serve until an appointment or reappointment is made.
- 6.6 Members of committees who wish to continue serving in their appointed capacity for additional terms are required to complete and submit a new application, or may update and resubmit their original application if no pertinent information has changed. All qualifying applications for the vacancy will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors along with any recommendation from the administering department.
- 6.7 In the event of a resignation by a committee member, it is the responsibility of the resigning member to communicate the resignation to the Clerk of the Board or the administering department.
- 6.8 In the event of an unscheduled vacancy on any discretionary committee, a Notice of Special Vacancy shall be posted in the Clerk of the Board's office, and on either the County's website or at the library designated pursuant to California Government Code



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Section 54973 et seq. (the Maddy Act). In the case of At Large vacancies, a press release may also be sent to the local newspapers, at the discretion of the head of the administering department. Final appointment to the committee may not be made by the legislative body until at least 10 working days have elapsed since the posting of the notice in the Clerk's office.

- 6.9 Applicants for District appointments may be nominated by the District Supervisor, but require concurrence and approval by a majority vote of the full Board.
- 6.10 When a vacancy exists on a committee and no applications have been submitted by the deadline, the vacancy will be continued by the administering department until such time as an appointment can be made. The Board of Supervisors may, at any time, move to continue an appointment to a subsequent date.
- 6.11 Upon initial appointment, and at each reappointment, committee members shall receive a copy of all County policies provided to new hires, and shall acknowledge their receipt. The administering department shall be responsible for providing the policies, obtaining signed acknowledgements, and for keeping all acknowledgements until two years past the member's resignation or removal from the committee.

7. NEPOTISM

The role of advisory committees is to provide diverse and impartial input from throughout the county. Consequently, no more than one family member may serve on the same committee.

For purposes of this policy, family members are defined as spouse, child, step-child, parent, stepparent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, legal guardian, significant other, or any other member of an individual family household, or that have such familial relationships as are specifically identified above that live in separate households.



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8. ORIENTATION

Each committee shall have an orientation packet for new members which includes:

- A. A copy of this Board Policy.
- B. Copies of any laws, regulations, and/or other applicable Board policies pertaining to the operation of County committees in general, as well as those specific to the committee, including the establishing authority, By-Laws, and plans and goals of the committee.
- C. A copy of County Counsel's memorandum regarding duties, responsibilities, and requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.
- D. Copies of the last three (3) committee minutes and recent reports prepared for Board review, as well as a schedule of meetings if one exists.
- E. A copy of the committee's rules of procedure, whether Rosenberg's Rules or Roberts' Rules of Order.
- F. A roster of all current committee members, as well as the County staff which regularly interacts or presents to the committee.
- G. Information regarding any Ad-Hoc or subcommittees including, but not limited to, descriptions, list of Ad-Hoc or subcommittee members, or other pertinent materials.

It shall be the responsibility of County staff to assemble the orientation packet and to convey it to the Committee Chairperson. The Committee Chairperson, or his or her designee, shall provide these orientation materials to new committee members prior to their being seated as a member. County staff shall be responsible for supplying updated rosters to the Chair and the remaining committee members.

9. BY-LAWS

- 9.1 Each committee, whether created by resolution or ordinance, shall prepare By-Laws which shall, at a minimum, contain the sections and information contained in Appendix 2, attached hereto, and must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Committees have the flexibility to add additional by-laws provisions providing that they do not conflict with, or negate, the required provisions contained in Appendix 2 of this policy.
- 9.2 Newly formed Committees shall have adopted By-Laws approved by the Board of Supervisors within 90 calendar days of the committee's first meeting.
- 9.3 Existing committees named in Appendix 1, attached hereto, shall have adopted By-Laws approved by the Board of Supervisors not later than 90 days after the committee's next scheduled meeting that occurs after the adoption of this policy.

10. REPORTING AND REVIEWS

- 10.1 Each committee shall select a member to prepare and maintain meeting Minutes.



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- A. Minutes shall, at a minimum, contain the information noted in "Appendix 3 – Minutes." However, committees are at liberty to add additional information to their minutes.
 - B. For committees that meet quarterly or less frequently, draft Minutes shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board within thirty days of each meeting. For committees that meet more frequently, adopted Minutes shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board within thirty days of each meeting. In turn, the Clerk of the Board shall prepare an informational agenda item to submit the minutes to the Board of Supervisors. The Clerk of the Board may attach multiple committee minutes to a single consent item.
 - C. If the selected committee member fails to produce the meeting Minutes within the required timeframe, then it will be up to the Committee Chair to immediately prepare and submit the Minutes.
- 10.2 Each committee shall prepare and submit an annual written report to the Board of Supervisors, through the Clerk of the Board, by April 1st of each year, beginning in 2023, that includes a summary of their activities and accomplishments during the last year, as well as committee goals and initiatives for the next year.
 - A. Each annual report shall minimally include the following information:
 - A. An overview of the Projects/Issues/Topics considered by the committee in the preceding year
 - B. How the Projects/Issues/Topics fall within the committee's purpose.
 - C. Any issues impeding committee effectiveness
 - D. Goals and objectives for the next year
 - B. Committees are at liberty to add additional information to reports as they see fit.
- 10.3 It is the intent of this policy that written reports are communications between the committees and the Board of Supervisors and will, consequently, be written and prepared by the committee members rather than staff.
- 10.4 Written reports should be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors who will schedule and prepare a Board of Supervisors item in coordination with the committee chairperson.
- 10.5 Committees that do not submit a report by May 1st of each year shall be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors and appropriate actions, including dissolution of the



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committee prior to the sunset date, may be considered.

- 10.6 An agenda item for a mid-term review of each committee shall be scheduled and prepared by the Clerk of the Board before the Board of Supervisors in the second year of the committee's four year term.
- 10.7 Agenda items for Sunset Reviews shall be scheduled and prepared by the Clerk of the Board before the Board of Supervisors in the last year of the committee's four year term, but prior to its sunset date, to allow the Board to consider the committee's purpose, effectiveness, and possible sunset date extension.
- 10.8 Mid-term and Sunset Board Reviews will nominally include consideration of the annual reports, and will provide the committee members the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the committee's objectives relative to its purpose, as well as to allow the Board to provide direction.

11. STANDING RULES

- 11.1 All committee members shall take the loyalty Oath of Office, found in Appendix 4, upon appointment or reappointment and prior to voting on any matter presented to the committee on which they serve. Oaths of Office may be administered by the Clerk of the Board, or the head of the administering department.
- 11.2 Any committee members who receive any type of compensation, salary, stipend, or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties, are required to complete Ethics Training as required by California Government Code Title 5, Chapter 2, Article 2.4, Sections 53234-53235.2.
- 11.3 Committees and their members are responsible for conducting public business for the County of Mariposa and are, therefore, subject to provisions of California Government Code Section 54950 et seq. (the Ralph M. Brown Act), which mandates open meetings for local legislative bodies.
- 11.4 Committee members shall be responsible for having a working knowledge of the establishing ordinance, resolution, by-laws, federal or state mandates, or any other governing regulations that define and set forth the intent and purpose of their assigned committee, and shall only represent and take action on matters related thereto.
- 11.5 Meeting Minutes can only be approved by members who attended the meeting, or by those who have reviewed existing meeting audio.
- 11.6 If the committee membership changes enough to prevent a set of Minutes from being approved by original members in a number that equals or exceeds a quorum of the committee, and if no recording exists for new members to review to become qualified



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to vote on the Minutes, then Minutes may be deemed approved and marked as a "Technical Approval" under this policy.

- 11.7 Draft and Approved Minutes are to be posted to the agenda management system by County staff.
- 11.8 Comments, decisions, or actions by discretionary committees are wholly advisory and it is not the responsibility, or within the authority, of an advisory committee to make decisions, manage, or direct the delivery of services or facilities.
- 11.9 Committee members represent the County of Mariposa and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety, and shall not use their appointed position to further their own financial/pecuniary gain or for any other purpose not directly related to the governmental function they have been appointed to perform.
- 11.10 Committee members shall not misrepresent the scope of their influence or authority in matters assigned to their committee or represent recommendations of their respective advisory body as official County policy until such time as formal action, such as adoption of a resolution, has been taken by the Board of Supervisors.
- 11.11 Committee members shall not represent the committee before any other committee, commission, outside agency, to the press, or the general public unless authorized as the designated spokesperson by the Committee.
- 11.12 The County is committed to providing a safe and dignified environment for all employees and volunteers, alike. Consequently, committee members are subject to all County Human Resource policies including, but not limited to, the Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment in the Workplace and the Injury, Illness, and Prevention Program. All new and returning committee members are responsible for understanding these policies and for conducting themselves in a professional and inclusive manner. Zero Tolerance will be exhibited in any instance where a committee member is found to be out of compliance with any County Human Resources policy.
- 11.13 In the event that any committee member fails to adhere to one or more County Human Resource policies, staff shall document the issue, whether observed or reported by others, and submit the matter to the Human Resources division for investigation.

Written documentation shall specifically address the following:

- A. The allegation of misconduct or wrongdoing in detail.
- B. Citation of relevant policy, if known.
- C. Dates, times, and places where event or events occurred.
- D. Names of the people involved, as well as their contact information where available.
- E. Any other relevant information which would help determine whether there is a basis for any charge of misconduct, wrongdoing, or policy noncompliance.



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- 11.14 Upon receipt of a complaint against a committee member, the Human Resources division shall so inform the department head of the administering department as well as the Board of Supervisors, and shall commence an investigation. The committee member in question shall be automatically suspended from his or her committee duties while the investigation is being conducted.
- 11.15 The Human Resource division shall conclude its investigation within forty-five (45) days, and shall issue a Finding.
- 11.16 Any Finding of noncompliance shall result in automatic removal of the committee member from all County committees upon which the member serves.

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APPENDIX 1 – INITIAL SUNSET DATES

COMMITTEE	ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT	INITIAL LENGTH (YEARS)	SUNSET DATE	COMMENT
1 YEAR				
Community Recreation Facility Advisory Committee	Administration	1	10/31/2023	Inactive. Created in 2019. No appointments made.
Housing Rehabilitation and Loan Advisory Board	Administration	1	11/30/2023	Inactive
Housing Program Advisory Committee	Planning	1	8/31/2023	Inactive
Surface Mining Technical Advisory Committee	Planning	1	9/30/2023	Inactive
Town of Mariposa Transit Center Feasibility Study Citizens Advisory Committee	Planning	1	10/31/2023	Inactive
Yosemite West Planning Advisory Committee	Planning	1	11/30/2023	Inactive
Coulterville Cemetery Ad Hoc Committee	Public Works	1	10/31/2023	No current members. Last appointment expired on 12-31-2019
Catheys Valley Cemetery Ad Hoc Committee	Public Works	1	10/31/2023	All committee members expired on 12-31-2021
Mariposa Town Cemetery Ad Hoc Committee	Public Works	1	11/30/2023	Inactive
2 YEARS				
Agricultural Advisory Committee	Planning	2	8/31/2024	
Connect Mariposa Advisory Board	Administration	2	8/31/2024	
El Portal Planning Advisory Committee	Planning	2	9/30/2024	
Fire Advisory Committee	Fire	2	11/30/2024	
Local Child Care Planning Council	HHSA	2	11/30/2024	
Parks and Recreation Commission	Public Works	2	9/30/2024	
Wawona Town Planning Advisory Committee	Planning	2	10/31/2024	
3 YEARS				
Business Assistance/Microenterprise Loan Advisory Board	Administration	3	8/31/2025	
Child Care Task Force	Administration	3	8/31/2025	
Coulterville Planning Advisory Committee	Planning	3	9/30/2025	

Fish Camp Town Planning Advisory Council	Planning	3	9/30/2025
Greeley Hill Planning Advisory Committee	Planning	3	10/31/2025
Historic Sites and Records Preservation Commission	Planning	3	10/31/2025
Mariposa County Commission on Aging	HHSA	3	11/30/2025
Mariposa County Solid Waste AB939 Local Task Force	Public Works	3	11/30/2025

4 YEARS

Airport Advisory Committee	Public Works	4	11/30/2026
Behavioral Health Board	Clerk of the Board	4	11/30/2026
Catheys Valley Community Planning Advisory Committee	Planning	4	8/31/2026
Code Compliance Advisory Committee	Planning	4	11/30/2026
Creative Placemaking Strategy Advisory Committee	Planning	4	9/30/2026
Law Library Trustees	County Counsel/Risk Mgr	4	11/30/2026
Midpines Planning Advisory Committee	Planning	4	9/30/2026
Merced River Trail	Planning	4	10/31/2026

COMMITTEES NEEDING APPROVAL BY THE BOS SITTING AS A DIFFERENT ENTITY:

Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board	APCD
Coulterville Service Area No. One Advisory Board	CSA-1
In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee	IHSS Public Authority
Local Transportation Commission Technical Advisory Committee	LTC
Social Services Transportation Advisory Council	LTC
Water Agency Advisory Board	Mariposa County Water Agency
Yosemite West District Advisory Committee	Yosemite West District Board of Directors

COMMITTEES NOT SUBJECT TO THIS POLICY:**INTERNAL OR OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES/ENTITIES**

Mariposa County Planning Commission	
Community Corrections Partnership	Dept: Probation
Disaster Council	Dept: Sheriff
Emergency Medical Care Committee	Dept: HHSA/Health
Mariposa County Safety Committee	Dept: County Counsel/Risk Manager

APPEALS BOARDS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - Function differently than advisory committees

Medical Services Program Appeal Board	HHSA
Building Department Advisory and Appeals Board	Building
Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) Hearing Panel	HHSA/Environmental Health
Wawona Appeals Board	Planning

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APPENDIX 2 – BYLAWS

Article 1 – Purpose and Authority

Section A – The committee is established under authority of <State Code, Ordinance, Board Resolution with date, or Joint Powers Agreement with date.>

Section B – Its purpose is <as set forth in the establishing authority.>

Section C – The <Advisory Committee's name> is advisory to the Board of Supervisors (or the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors) and, as such, shall not take part officially in, nor does it lend its influence to, any political causes or issues.

Section D – <Advisory Committee's name> is advisory to <list department(s), Planning Commission if appropriate> and the Board of Supervisors only. Committee recommendations are advisory only and are meant to inform the decisions of decision-makers who may accept, modify, or reject them. The <Advisory Committee's name> is not empowered by ordinance, establishing authority, or policy to render a decision of any kind on behalf of the County of Mariposa, or its appointed or elected officials.

Article 2 – Membership and Term of Office

Section A – The <Advisory Committee's name> is limited to <number> members in accordance with the establishing authority. (Add membership categories, if necessary.)

Section B – Each term is for a period of <as set forth in the establishing authority.>

Section C – If a member of the <Advisory Committee's name> is absent from three successive regular meetings of the Advisory Board without reasonable cause, as determined by the committee chair, the office becomes vacant automatically. The Advisory Board shall immediately notify the Board of Supervisors of the vacancy so that advertising and recruitment of a replacement can commence.

Article 3 – Officers

Section A - The advisory committee shall elect a Chairperson, and a Vice-Chairperson annually at the first meeting of the calendar year (or other time period as defined by the committee), and a Secretary.

Section B – The Chairperson provides general supervisory guidance to the advisory committee and presides over its meetings. The Chairperson may assign coordinating duties to the Vice Chairperson, as necessary. The Chairperson is the sole official spokesperson for the advisory committee unless this responsibility is delegated in writing.

Section C – In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson assumes the duties and responsibilities of that office.

Section D – The Secretary records the minutes of all advisory committee meetings and handles committee correspondence. The Secretary keeps the roll, certifies the presence of the quorum,

maintains a list of all active representatives, and keeps records of actions as they occur at each meeting. County staff assigned to the advisory committee shall be responsible for posting all meeting notices and agendas as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act, and to keep a record of such postings, and to reproduce and distribute the advisory committee notices, agendas, and minutes for all meetings, if needed

Article 4 – Meeting Procedures

Section A – All meetings, meeting notices, agendas, and meeting actions must be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, the American's with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.), and all other laws and policies. County staff shall be responsible for posting meeting agendas on the County's agenda management system, at the meeting location, and other applicable publicly accessible places, no less than 72 hours prior to each regular meeting, or 24 hours prior to each special meeting. Additionally, notices or agendas shall be mailed upon written request.

- 1) As County-affiliated entities, the tops of all committee agendas shall display the County emblem in compliance with the County Branding Policy.
- 2) The bottoms of all agendas shall provide a contact for A.D.A. assistance similar to "In compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is required to participate in this meeting, please contact the <Name of Person or Position and contact information if not given elsewhere on the agenda.>

Section B – Meetings that are not noticed correctly under the Ralph M. Brown Act, as noted in Section A above, may not occur and must be rescheduled to a future date.

Section C – Meetings may only occur when a quorum of committee members is present. A quorum, unless otherwise defined by the establishing authority, is a majority of the members, normally calculated as half the membership plus one. If a quorum is not present within ten minutes of the advertised meeting start time, committee members are to exit the meeting place and disperse to avoid an accidental, unauthorized meeting.

Section D - All meetings of the advisory committee and any subcommittees shall be open to the public to the extent required by the Brown Act. Meetings are to be held in public places which are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Section E – The Chairperson shall be the Presiding Officer at all <Advisory Committee's name> meetings and is responsible for the maintenance of order and decorum at all times. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside.

Section F – Rosenberg's Rules of Order <or, alternatively, Robert's Rules of Order> shall govern the operation of the committee in all cases not covered by these by-laws. The advisory committee may formulate specific procedural rules of governance when required by resolutions, ordinances, or laws.

Section G – Each voting member has one vote and no proxy.

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APPENDIX 3 – MINUTES

(This Appendix is provided merely as a guide of the minimal things that must be captured in Action Summary Minutes. Committees are at liberty to add more information to suit their needs.)

<Committee Name>

<Meeting Date> ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

Location of Meeting:

Present at Meeting:

Seeing a quorum, the regular meeting of the <Committee Name> was called to order at <time A.M or P.M> by Chair <Name>.

The committee proceeded to consider the agenda and the following actions were taken or direction given:

Item 1. (Number each item) <Description from the agenda>

Record the meeting ACTIONS. Narrating the discussion that led to the action is not necessary.

For a motion:

By a unanimous vote *(if not unanimous, define the vote, for instance: 5 ayes, 2 nays, with Smith abstaining)*, the committee approved the motion of <Name of Person>, with a second by <Name of Person>, to <describe the motion.>

Alternate format:

On the motion of <Name of Person>, with a second by <Name of Person>, the committee approved the motion to <describe the motion.>

AYES: Name1, Name2 <last names only, typically listed in alphabetical order>; NAYS: Name3; ABSTAIN: Name4

For direction *(usually requests for some kind of follow-up action at a future meeting):*

<Name of Person> was requested to research the issue of <define what was requested> and return with a report at the <date> meeting.

<TIME A.M. or P.M.> There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned *(either by the Chair, or on a motion, second, and vote – depending on the committee’s procedures.)*

Minutes submitted by,

<Name of Person who Prepared the Minutes>

**DRAFT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Resolution
No. 2022-XXX

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mariposa County Code Chapter 2.96, entitled Mariposa County Fire Department, the Board established the Fire Department and Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, the Board directed the Fire Department to form an ad-hoc committee in the fall of 2018 to consider an update to the Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CCWPP) and other related overarching fire issues; and

WHEREAS, the County Fire Department convened the fire ad-hoc committee to consider the CCWPP plan and other relevant issues; and

WHEREAS, the ad-hoc fire advisory committee concluded that an ongoing arrangement for a fire advisory committee was needed to assist in the work on various tasks including the important CCWPP update, ongoing maintenance of the plan and to ensure stakeholder collaboration on all relevant fire related issues; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the review of the CCWPP the ad-hoc committee also assisted the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council in preparation of the Community Wildfire Prevention Grant to CALFIRE for the update of the CCWPP; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2018 the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2018-601 approving a letter of support to the Mariposa County Firesafe Council for the submittal of the grant to update the CCWPP; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2018-601, the Board recognized the importance of updating the CCWPP and potential inclusion within the Strategic Fire Plan of the MMU; and

WHEREAS, the Community Wildfire Prevention Grant was subsequently awarded for the update of the CCWPP; and

WHEREAS, the ad-hoc committee recommended that the Board of Supervisors establish the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee as key to insuring the involved agencies and partners benefit from the CCWPP cohesive work plan and related fire programs and to continue the important work to which partners and public will benefit; and

WHEREAS, at their meeting of June 4, 2019 the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2019-303 Establishing the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, at their meeting of July 16, 2019 the Board of supervisors adopted clarification to Resolution No. 2019-303, Exhibit A, 3. Term and Manner of Appointment, as shown in Resolution No. 2019-415; and

WHEREAS the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee has conducted meetings on a monthly basis since establishment, and as a result has recommended amendments to the resolution Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa does hereby adopt this resolution amending and clarifying the terms of the establishment of the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee (MCFAC) as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors with purpose, functions, and procedures as described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.

ON MOTION BY Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, this resolution is duly passed and adopted on, March 15, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

EXCUSED:

ABSTAIN:

Rosemarie Smallcombe, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Keith Williams
Interim Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Approved as to Form:

Steven W. Dahlem
County Counsel

EXHIBIT A

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Resolution No. 2022-XXX
Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee**

Article 1 – Purpose and Authority

Section A – The committee is established under authority of Resolution 19-303

Section B – Its purpose is as follows:

1. Formulate, design, implement and participate in stakeholder engagement to ensure full participation by the committee in the establishment of recommendations for fire related issues to the Board of Supervisors, which will facilitate the implementation and ongoing maintenance of the Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CCWPP) and other needed fire plans, strategies, goals and documents;
2. Identify, evaluate and recommend the implementation of feasible fire related projects, programs, and policies pertinent to the County and stakeholders;
3. Incorporate a holistic approach in considering and making recommendations on important topics such as pre-fire coordination, fire prevention education, fire risk reduction and resource resiliency to both the County Fire Chief and Board of Supervisors;
4. Support the work of staff and others in the conduct of fact finding and data gathering necessary to (1) identify existing fire related resources and opportunities, (2) recommend projects, programs, and policies needed to efficiently implement the County's fire-related activities, plans and program goals, and (3) ultimately realize the recommendations contained in the Board of Supervisors approved fire codes, policies and relevant plans; and
5. Provide periodic assessment, evaluation of, and feedback to the Board of Supervisors regarding the success of Mariposa County Fire and Fire Advisory Committee efforts.

Section C – The Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee is advisory to the Board of Supervisors and, as such, shall not take part officially in, nor does it lend its influence to, any political causes or issues.

Section D – Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee is advisory to and the Board of Supervisors only. Committee recommendations are advisory only and are meant to inform the decisions of decision-makers who may accept, modify, or reject them. The Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee is not empowered by ordinance, establishing authority, or policy to render a decision of any kind on behalf of the County of Mariposa, or its appointed or elected officials.

Article 2 – Membership and Term of Office

Section A – The Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee is limited to nineteen (19) ~~thirteen (13)~~ members in accordance with the establishing authority.

1. Representatives ~~shall~~ ~~should~~ be selected from or represent the following agencies and groups in Mariposa County:

- CALFIRE
- Mariposa County Fire Safe Council
- Mariposa County Resource Conservation District
- Two (2) United States Forest Service
- Sierra and Stanislaus National Forest
- Bureau of Land Management
- Mariposa County Planning Department
- Mariposa County Public Works Department
- American Indian Council of Mariposa County
- Yosemite National Park
- Mariposa County Sheriff (OES)
- SouthWest InterFace Team (SWIFT)
- Up to five (5) ~~Two (2)~~ Public Members
 - Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E)
 - University of California Cooperation Extension (UCCE)
 - Caltrans
 - Sierra Tel

2. The committee may call upon representatives of other organizations and the general public as resources on certain topics related to fire such as resiliency, land management, economic development, and resource conservation; and

3. Two (2) Ex-Officio (non-voting) members from the Board of Supervisors.

Section B – Each term is for a period of Term and Manner of Appointment

1. Advisory agency and group membership seats are standing committee seats for continuous terms requiring no Board appointment.

2. Appointments of the ~~two (2)~~ public members to the MCFAC shall be made by the Board of Supervisors based on the joint recommendation of the Fire Chief or designee and MCFAC.

3. ~~The two (2)~~ public member terms shall expire two (2) years from the date of appointment.

4. The Board of Supervisors may remove at any time and without cause any member of the MCFAC.

Section C – Participation By Member Required, Vacancy

1. If any member of the Advisory Committee is absent (unexcused) for two (2) consecutively scheduled meetings, then that member may be removed from the MCFAC by the Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Supervisors shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

2. The Board of Supervisors shall fill any Public Member vacancy in the MCFAC membership for the unexpired term.

Section D – Selection of Officers

1. At its first meeting, the MCFAC shall elect a chair, vice chair, and secretary to serve a term of one (1) year or until the successor of each is appointed.

Section E – Duties of Officers

1. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the MCFAC and shall perform all of the duties necessary or incidental to the office, including approval of the agenda topics for the meeting. The vice chair is chair in the absence or inability of the chair to act. The secretary shall maintain notes and prepare minutes for the approval of the MCFAC

Section F – Meetings and Quorum

1. The MCFAC shall hold its first meeting at the call of the County Fire Chief or designee. The MCFAC shall establish a meeting schedule deemed necessary by the MCFAC to accomplish its purpose.

2. A quorum shall be a majority of those appointed as voting members. A quorum is required to transact any MCFAC business at a regular meeting or special meeting.

3. The Fire Chief or designee may supplement required notification in any manner deemed appropriate for the content of the proposed agenda.

Section G – Administration and Support

1. County staff shall provide support to the MCFAC. The County Fire Chief or designee shall be the lead member of County staff responsible for supporting the MCFAC. The County Fire Chief or designee shall be empowered to call upon appropriate departments to provide information required to assist the MCFAC in carrying out its designated responsibilities.

2. The County Fire Chief or designee shall be responsible for meeting notices, preparation and distribution of meeting support materials, and coordinating the meeting arrangements.

3. In the event that the MCFAC does not appoint a secretary, the County Fire Chief or designee shall be responsible for recording the meetings, archival storage of electronic recordings, and preparation and publication of minutes for MCFAC approval.

Section H – Attendance

1. If a member of the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee is absent from three successive regular meetings of the Advisory Board without reasonable cause, as determined by the committee chair, the office becomes vacant automatically. The Advisory Board shall

immediately notify the Board of Supervisors of the vacancy so that advertising and recruitment of a replacement can commence.

Article 3 – Officers

Section A - The advisory committee shall elect a Chairperson, and a Vice-Chairperson annually at the first meeting of the calendar year, and a Secretary.

Section B – The Chairperson provides general supervisory guidance to the advisory committee and presides over its meetings. The Chairperson may assign coordinating duties to the Vice Chairperson, as necessary. The Chairperson is the sole official spokesperson for the advisory committee unless this responsibility is delegated in writing.

Section C – In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson assumes the duties and responsibilities of that office.

Section D – The Secretary records the minutes of all advisory committee meetings and handles committee correspondence. The Secretary keeps the roll, certifies the presence of the quorum, maintains a list of all active representatives, and keeps records of actions as they occur at each meeting. County staff assigned to the advisory committee shall be responsible for posting all meeting notices and agendas as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act, and to keep a record of such postings, and to reproduce and distribute the advisory committee notices, agendas, and minutes for all meetings, if needed

Article 4 – Meeting Procedures

Section A – All meetings, meeting notices, agendas, and meeting actions must be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, the American's with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.), and all other laws and policies. County staff shall be responsible for posting meeting agendas on the County's agenda management system, at the meeting location, and other applicable publicly accessible places, no less than 72 hours prior to each regular meeting, or 24 hours prior to each special meeting. Additionally, notices or agendas shall be mailed upon written request.

1. As County-affiliated entities, the tops of all committee agendas shall display the County emblem in compliance with the County Branding Policy.
2. The bottoms of all agendas shall provide a contact for A.D.A. assistance similar to "In compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is required to participate in this meeting, please contact the Mariposa County Fire Department (209) 966-4330.

Section B – Meetings that are not noticed correctly under the Ralph M. Brown Act, as noted in Section A above, may not occur and must be rescheduled to a future date.

Section C – Meetings may only occur when a quorum of committee members is present. A quorum, unless otherwise defined by the establishing authority, is a majority of the members, normally calculated as half the membership plus one. If a quorum is not present within ten minutes of the advertised meeting start time, committee members are to exit the meeting place and disperse to avoid an accidental, unauthorized meeting.

Section D - All meetings of the advisory committee and any subcommittees shall be open to the public to the extent required by the Brown Act. Meetings are to be held in public places which are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Section E – The Chairperson shall be the Presiding Officer at all Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee meetings and is responsible for the maintenance of order and decorum at all times. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside.

Section F – Rosenberg’s Rules of Order shall govern the operation of the committee in all cases not covered by these by-laws. The advisory committee may formulate specific procedural rules of governance when required by resolutions, ordinances, or laws.

Section G – Each voting member has one vote and no proxy.

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APPENDIX 4 – OATH OF OFFICE

(Some committees may require signed Oaths. Please check with the Clerk of the Board's office.)

I, [State your Name], do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the
Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all
enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of
the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation
freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully
discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan

DRAFT PROPOSED COMMUNITIES

25 Proposed Community Polygons vs. 37 Existing Polygons

