



Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee

MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday MARCH 16, 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 Ward, Steve Engfer, Russ Marks, Barbara Cone, Dave Angelini, Tom Sweeney, Melinda Barrett, Chris Bernard, Hannah Harrison, Pat Lange SNF, Marshall Long and Laura Norman.

Meeting called to order at 9:39.

- 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 correct the date at the bottom of the resolution twice to be today. Approved.

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

- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of February 16, 2022.

ACTION- February Minutes approved.

ACTION- December & January Minutes tabled due to lack of attendees present.

- 4. Public comments** - none

5. Discussion and Possible Action:

- a. Adopted Uniform Advisory Committee Guidelines

- i. *Consideration and approve updated recommendations/edits to County BOS MCFAC resolution 2020-627 EXHIBIT A, unable to edit/recommend change in quorum for unfilled seats. All seats count. Submit within 90 days to be within Policy that was adopted in February.*

ACTION: Motion to recommend Ad Hoc to review Policy so we can vote at April meeting and be in conformity. Approved.

ACTION: Motion to vet all details of existing resolution compared to Policy where it may not work for MCFAC. Approved

ACTION: Take edited seating request to BOS prior to getting finalized. Approved.

- b. Discussion and direction regarding allowance of in person meetings.

ACTION: Motion to maintain teleconference for next meeting, either definitive direction from BOS or invite County Clerk or Counsel to attend to discuss hybridization of meetings (call and in person). Approved.

- c. Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

- i. *Progress Reports: Community mapping underway. Significant progress on community's boundaries. Goes to Ad Hoc next week. Reduced more than total communities by 10 for future development from 38 to 28. Chris Bernard will help where John was leading.*
- ii. *Next steps: Hannah's template for community plans making progress.*



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d. Grant Application Coordination updates

FSC PGE grant submitted for \$98,000 match. Stumpfield to Watt Rd project is done to the Chowchilla River. Mike Keyser met contractor to adjust. Mostly handwork left. Waiting for advances to proceed. Alta Vista has a forester working on it. Hard to get acreage for each parcel. Wagner Ridge contractor is knocking it out. USFS continues to add BMPs with more reporting requirements. Foran on-hold waiting for CAL FIRE money. Finally got movement a week ago. Gave contractor temporary stop work to go on other jobs until advance comes through. Barbara was a speaker on WFR&AP, hosted by UPH. Rosemarie working to create draft legislation to consider individual properties for insurance rather than by area.

RCD applied for CAL FIRE \$2M Forest Health Grant. Completing Project "Pick Up Stix"; waiting for final. Got 2nd forest health grant in last round for \$3M. Just submitted for 3rd round for \$4.9M. Brian Mattos was added to panel. Work continues on fire break with YNP and SNF along Park boundary to Fish Camp. USFS is taking a one year break. Yosemite West has a project at the wastewater treatment plant between County and YNP. Coordinating with residents and landowners. There are 4000 down trees from the Ferguson Fire.

6. Updates, Activity Reports and Future Items

a. Members –

Fire Prevention: Barbara got an extension; unable to spend all funds. Juggling advances and getting contractors paid is challenging. PGE Bootjack power upgrade in April, due to be completed end of April.

RCD: BLM Good Neighbor Authority to get work done in North County. Can take months or a year, but would be worth it. FEMA tanks – unresponsive.

County Fire: Fuel reduction equipment ordered, about 6 mos for delivery. The next request will be for implements and trailer to transport.

SWIFT: FSC and RCD are working together with SWIFT on a project.

b. Any future agenda items:

- Government release \$480M to CAL FIRE for vegetation management. How will that help County? Ask Deputy Director John Morgan or Captain Keyser for update.
- Status of Fire Safe regulations in Title VII? Public resources code development.

7. Adjourn

Adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

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