



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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