



The mission of the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council is to preserve Grizzly Flats' natural and manmade resources by informing, educating and mobilizing all residents and landowners to make their homes, properties, neighborhoods and the community fire safe, supporting emergency response efficiency, and to provide area-wide cooperation, innovation, and action in an effort to buffer the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council's Sphere of Recognition from catastrophic wildfire.

Minutes– November 2, 2024, 9:30 a.m. Meeting  
Location:

Zoom

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**1) Call to Order**– Please make sure your comments and discussion are appropriate to the particular agenda item that we're discussing. Anything not related to a specific agenda item should be brought up during Council Member Comments, if it's related to Council business. If it's not related to Council business, it needs to be brought up during Public Comment. Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes and there will not be any discussion or interaction following each comment. –The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chairman Mark Almer.

**2) Flag Salute**– The flag salute was led by David Manske.

**3) Roll Call**– The attendance was taken by Chairman Mark Almer.

**4) Timekeeper Volunteer**– Timekeeper was David Manske.

**5) Approval of the November 2, 2024 Agenda**– A motion was made by Mel Kelley to approve the agenda as amended. A second was made by David Manske. The motion passed unanimously.

**6) Approval of the October 5, 2024 Minutes**– A motion was made by Roy Rodgers to approve the minutes as submitted. A second was made by Mel Kelley. The motion passed unanimously.

**7) Treasurer's Report**– Treasurer Mark Almer gave a report of the treasurer's report. Report linked here: [☰ GFFSC Treasurer's Report 11022024](#) . Mark Almer shared the council's policies related to the treasurer and accounting in an effort to be transparent and accountable to the public.

## **8) Agency Reports**

- A. Pioneer Fire Protection District– PFPD Chief Dave Whitt/Fire Marshal Ken Earle– not present

- B. Report Information from Pioneer FPD meeting/GFFSC Information to be shared at PFPD Board Meeting– David Manske/Robin Kelley– David Manske did not attend the recent meeting.
- C. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office / OES– Deputy Scott Bare/Deputy Greg Almos/Deputy Kris Kersmarki– no updates
- D. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council– Ernie Lory reported the minutes from the recent meeting.
- E. California Highway Patrol– Public Information Officer Andrew Brown– not present
- F. El Dorado Resource Conservation District– Mark Egbert– not present
- G. U.S. Forest Service– Placerville Dist. Ranger Andrew Mishler– not present
- H. CALFIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit–Battalion Chief Josh Vickers / Public Information Officer Wendy Oaks– not present
- I. Community Services District– Mel Kelley– Mel Kelley has been approved to be the council's non-district member to report out. Mel Kelley provided an update about the current work on the tank and debris removal from the reservoir which is scheduled to be done in spring of 2025. The two water treatment modules have been purchased and will be installed in June 2025. Update on the hazard tree removal along Eagle Ditch: the trees have been felled and the removal of these and debris and brush will be completed; the USFS funded brush mastication in the Eagle Ditch area.

## 9) Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

- 1. Aukum/Fairplay– not present
- 2. Omo Ranch– Shiela Triebull provided an update on their container placement at the fire station and the fire station repairs. Shiela Triebull reported that one of their FSC members recently passed.
  - a. South County Fire Defense Coalition - Shiela Triebull– Shiela Triebull reported about a recent Omo Ranch Fire Safe Council event and an update on the slide presentation.
- 3. Sand Ridge– not present

## 10) Old Business

- A. Time Sheet Submittal– David Manske– Discussion/Action– David Manske shared that he has been receiving timesheets.
- B. Cemetery Clean-Up, Part 2, November 16, 2024– Mark Almer– Discussion– Mark Almer gave an update of this event that will be on November 16th at 9:00 am and confirmed the list of volunteers. Mel Kelley brought up the idea of clearing up the Catholic cemetery. Mark Almer shared that the cemetery commission advised that clean ups at cemeteries may be low liability within the bounds of the cemetery but the access can be problematic.
- C. CWPP Update– Ernie Lory– Ernie Lory provided an update on the status of the council's CWPP submission and what we have determined as the highest priorities. Ernie Lory also shared that the CWPP in the future will include more emergency assets.

## 11) New Business

- A. Sphere of Recognition Boundary Adjustment – Mark Almer/Ernie Lory – Discussion/Action– Mark Almer began the discussion about the Aukum/Fairplay FSC agreeing to expand east to the GFFSC border to ensure there wouldn't be residents not covered by an FSC with an overview of GFFSC's border evolution, see linked document here with current AFFSC agreement:
- [☰ GFFSC History of Sphere of Recognition \(SOR\)](#) Mark Almer added that the Aukum/Fairplay FSC has a board member who lives in the Casa Contenta which was previously part of the GFFSC and now will be in the AFFSC sphere of recognition. During the discussion the fact that the area AFFSC will take over has vegetation more in alignment with their FSC vs GFFSC. Mark Almer also requested that the council approve to help out Aukum/Fairplay FSC to send out letters to the parcels who will now be in their sphere of recognition. He proposed as part of the motion that we also authorize the expense of \$100 for printing and postage for these letters to inform of this change of sphere of recognition. David Maske stated that the letter should include the reasons for this change. A motion was made by Mel Kelley to transfer the sphere of influence including providing the funding of \$100 for the mailer. A second was made by David Manske. The motion passed unanimously.

## 12) Committee Reports

- A. Public Education– Mark Almer– Mark Almer shared that he has updated the bulletin board at the GF post office, removed the “no burning” signs, and updated the Smokey the Bear sign's level of fire risk.
- B. Defensible Space– David Manske / Liz Lawless / Matt Nunley/ Robin Kelley– David Manske provided a brief update on requests for evaluation and the next year's assessor training.
- C. Grants– Ernie Lory / David Manske– Ernie Lory gave an update on the RCD's Grizzly Flat Project. See the map linked here: [PDF RCD EFRT Map .pdf](#) Ernie Lory shared that this map also includes the status of RCD obtaining ROEs. Ernie Lory has connected with the USFS Placerville Ranger District about the USFS Placerville Ranger District Caldor Fire Restoration Projected Boundary. Ernie Lory and Mark Almer wrote a letter to them that included the numbered items on the linked map:
- [☰ USFS Placerville Ranger District Caldor Fire Restoration Projected Boundary.](#)
- D. Fundraising–David Manske/ Robin Kelley /Kelly Krohn– David Manske shared that he and Kelly Krohn will be meeting to discuss fundraising ideas.
- E. Website– Deirdre Girardi / Kelly Krohn / Robin Kelley– Deirdre Girardi provided an update on the website.

**13) Public Comment**– Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda– none

**14) Council Member Comments**– Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda– Kelly Krohn shared that she went to the recent West Slope wildfire preparedness event. She highly recommends people attend because she found this event very helpful and engaging.

**15) Public Announcements**– none

**16) For the Good of the Order**– Mark Almer shared that this is the last council meeting of 2024 and our next meeting will be January 4, 2025 and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

**17) Adjourn**– Mel Kelley motioned and David Manske seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:51. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deirdre Girardi*

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Secretary