



Fire and Emergency Services Committee
Tuesday, May 4, 2021
5:30 p.m.

TELECONFERENCE ZOOM MEETING

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Meeting ID: 827 7864 1112

(Teleconference/Electronic Meeting Protocols are attached)

Agenda

Members: Chair Director Sidney Bazett (SB), Vice Chair Director Monique Scobey (MS)
Alternate Director Eric Aiston (EA)

Staff: General Manager Jill Ritzman, Chief Sherry Moranz, Chief Jed Gaines

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF CONFORMED AGENDA

OPEN FORUM

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DEPARTMENT MATTERS

- 1. Report Back – Draft Resolution To Acknowledge The Value Of Collaboration With Bureau Of Land Management To Enhance Cameron Park’s Resiliency To Wildfire (J. Ritzman, S. Moranz)**

2. **CCI Grant Presentation** – (J. Gaines)

3. **Staff Updates**
 - a. Fire Department Report – (J. Gaines – oral report)

4. **Items for June and Future Committee Agendas**

5. **Items to take to the Board of Directors**
 - Resolution regarding collaboration with BLM

MATTERS TO AND FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS & STAFF

ADJOURNMENT



Teleconference/Electronic Meeting Protocols

Cameron Park Community Services District

(Effective April 2, 2020)

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsome proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, March 17, 2020, Governor Newsome issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending parts of the Brown Act that required in-person attendance of Board members and citizens at public meetings; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsome issued Executive Order N-33-20 directing most individuals to shelter at home or at their place of residence.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cameron Park Community Services District will implement the following protocols for its Board and committee meetings.

The guidance below provides useful information for accessing Cameron Park Community Services District (“District”) meetings remotely and establishing protocols for productive meetings.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- **Attendance.** Board and Committee Members should attend District meetings remotely from their homes, offices, or an alternative off-site location. As per the Governor’s updated Executive Order N-29-20, there is no longer a requirement to post agendas at or identify the address of these locations.
- **Agendas.** Agenda packages will be made available on the District’s website. They will also be sent by email to all Board and Committee Members. Note that under the circumstances, District staff may not be able to send paper packets.
- **Board and Committee Member Participation.** Meeting Chair(s) will recognize individual Board and Committee Members and unmute their device so that comments may be heard or will read comments if they are provided in writing only.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- **Attendance.** The District’s office will remain closed to the public until further notice. Members of the public will be able to hear and/or see public meetings via phone, computer, or smart device. Information about how to observe the meeting is listed on the agenda of each meeting.
- **Agendas.** Agendas will be made available on the District’s website and to any members of the public who have a standing request, as provided for in the Brown Act.
- **Public Participation.** The public can observe and participate in a meeting as follows:
 - **How to Observe the Meeting:**
 - **Telephone:** Listen to the meeting live by calling Zoom at (669) 900-6833 or (346) 248 7799. Enter the Meeting ID# listed at the top of the applicable Board or Committee agenda followed by the pound (#) key. More phone numbers can be found on Zoom’s website at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/91011220920> if the line is busy.
 - **Computer:** Watch the live streaming of the meeting from a computer by navigating to the link listed at the top of the applicable Board or Committee agenda using a computer with internet access that meets Zoom’s system requirements (<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362023-System-Requirements-for-PC-Mac-and-Linux>)
 - **Mobile:** Log in through the Zoom mobile app on a smartphone and enter the Meeting ID# listed at the top of the applicable Board or Committee agenda.
 - **How to Submit Public Comments:**
 - **Before the Meeting:** Please email your comments to admin@cameronpark.org, with “Public Comment” in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the agenda item number and title, as well as your comments. If you would like your comment to be read aloud at the meeting (not to exceed 3 minutes at staff’s cadence), prominently write “Read Aloud at Meeting” at the top of the email. Emails running longer than the time limit will not be finished. All comments received at least 2 hours prior to the meeting on the day the meeting will be held, will be included as an agenda supplement on the District’s website

under the relevant meeting date, and provided to the Directors/Committee Members at the meeting. Comments received after that time will be treated as contemporaneous comments.

- **Contemporaneous Comments:** During the meeting, the Board President/Committee Chair or designee will announce the opportunity to make public comments. If you would like to make a comment during this time, you may do so by clicking the “raise hand” button. You will be addressed and un-muted when it is your turn to speak (not to exceed the 3 minute public comment time limit).

FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS:

- **Get Connected:** Please download Zoom application for your device and familiarize yourself with how to utilize this tool. There is no cost for using the application.
- **Ensure Quiet.** All audience members will be muted during the meeting until they are addressed by the Board/Committee as their time to speak. Please make every effort to find a location with limited ambient noise. Please turn off the ringer on your phone and other notification sounds on your devices to reduce interruptions.

We anticipate that this process of moving to remote meetings will likely include some challenges. Please bear with us as we navigate this process.

Cameron Park Community Services District
2502 Country Club Drive
Cameron Park, CA 95682



Fire and Emergency Services Committee
Tuesday, April 6, 2021
5:30 p.m.

TELECONFERENCE ZOOM MEETING
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87626342002>

Meeting ID: 876 2634 2002

(Teleconference/Electronic Meeting Protocols are attached)

Conformed Agenda

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Alternate Director Eric Aiston (EA)

Staff: General Manager Jill Ritzman, Chief Sherry Moranz, Chief Jed Gaines

CALL TO ORDER – 5:30pm

ROLL CALL – MS/SB

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA - *Approved*

APPROVAL OF CONFORMED AGENDA - *Approved*

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DEPARTMENT MATTERS

1. Greater Cameron Park Area Fire Safe Council Resolution – Discussion (S. Moranz)

- *Fire Department and County Representative do not support this Resolution; it's not about the money, it's about the plants and wildlife; they would like to continue to use Grant money to fund fuel reduction projects, work with BLM and Growlersburg/Cal Fire Crews.*
- *Community Member requested additional time to speak*
 - *MS/SB Approved the additional time to speak*

2. Staff Updates

- a. Collaborative Training Opportunity (S. Moranz)
 - *Fire Department has been offered the use of an old abandoned apartment complex as a training opportunity, located off of Cameron Park Dr & Green Valley Rd (Off of Starbuck and Dunbar); El Dorado Hills Fire Department would be funding this training opportunity*
- b. Fire Department Report – (J. Gaines) (Written Report Hand Delivered)
- c. CCI Grant – (J. Gaines) (Oral Report)

3. Items for May and Future Committee Agendas

4. Items to take to the Board of Directors

MATTERS TO AND FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS & STAFF

- *MS: Enjoyed being the Easter Bunny*
- *KR: In talks with EID & DOT to plan on some hydrant clearing*
- *JG: Update on the 31 acre overgrown empty lot; multiple owners that live out of the country, the law firm is in San Diego; in communications with the law firm to remedy the situation; Training tower should be done before the solar project starts*

ADJOURNMENT – 6:40pm

Conformed Agenda Prepared by:

Conformed Agenda Approved by:

Jill Ritzman, General Manager
Board Clerk

Director Sidney Bazett, Chair
Fire & Emergency Services Committee



Agenda Transmittal

DATE: May 4, 2021

FROM: Jill Ritzman, General Manager
Sherry Moranz, Fire Chief

AGENDA ITEM #1: **RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE VALUE OF COLLABORATION WITH BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TO ENHANCE CAMERON PARK'S RESILIENCY TO WILDFIRE (DRAFT)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review and Discuss, Forward to the Board of Directors

BACKGROUND

In April, the Fire Committee reviewed and discussed the Greater Cameron Park Area Fire Safe Council Resolution 2021-01 (Attachment 1A). The Fire Safe Council requested the Cameron Park Community Services District consider a Resolution to support the Fire Safe Council's Resolution. The Committee asked staff to return with a proposed Cameron Park Community Services District Resolution.

DISCUSSION

A draft Resolution *To Acknowledge The Value Of Collaboration With Bureau Of Land Management To Enhance Cameron Park's Resiliency To Wildfire* is attached for the Committee's review and comment (Attachment 1B). In meeting with Bureau of Land Management, staff felt it was important to recognize several key elements in this Resolution:

1. Pine Hill Preserve contributes to the Quality of Life in Cameron Park.
2. The Preserve's guiding management policy is embedded in a recently approved Environmental Assessment, which dictates land management protocols to protect the endangered plants and their habitats.
3. Funding for the operations is limited by the federal government on an annual basis.

Staff feels that this Resolution strikes a balance between a fire safe community and protecting the Preserve's conservation contributions.

Attachments:

1A – Greater Cameron Park Area Fire Safe Council forwarded Resolution 2021-01

1B – Draft Resolution To Acknowledge The Value Of Collaboration With Bureau Of Land Management To Enhance Cameron Park's Resiliency To Wildfire

BOARD RESOLUTION No. 2021-01

OF THE

GREATER CAMERON PARK AREA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

A RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT** MOTHER LOAD FIELD OFFICE PERFORM *ANNUAL* WILDFIRE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT IN THE PINE HILL PRESERVE CAMERON PARK UNIT AND INCLUDE THIS REQUIREMENT IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT.

A resolution from the Greater Cameron Park Area Fire Safe Council that the Bureau of Land Management amend EA number DOI-BLM-CA-C080-2020-001 to include performing **annual** vegetation management and fuel reduction mitigation in and around the Pine Hill Preserve Cameron Park Unit.

The Governing Board of the Greater Cameron Park Area Fire Safe Council finds and resolves as follows:

Whereas Federal, State & Local policies associated with land management have allowed unnecessary and massive fuel loads to accumulate over decades which constitute a public hazard;

Whereas these massive fuel loads present unprecedented risk to life, limb and property to the point that private insurance carriers are no longer able to accept or manage the risks, cancelling or refusing to renew fire insurance policies due to the threat such massive fuel loads present;

Whereas California is further experiencing unprecedented wildfire risk to life, limb and property due to catastrophic wild fire from wildland urban interface like the Pine Hill Preserve Cameron Park Unit, where massive fuel loads have also been allowed to accumulate;

Whereas performing **annual** vegetation management and mitigation is a best practice and reduces wildfire risk to the tens of thousands of citizens and residents living within a one-mile radius and beyond from the Pine Hill Preserve Cameron Park Unit boundaries;

Whereas the area surrounding the Pine Hill Preserve Cameron Park Unit presents a very unique wildfire urban interface unlike any other such area in the State, best practices in vegetation and fuels load management must occur on an annual basis, and all levels of government must follow the same statutory rules government places on its residents and citizens.

Whereas the people living in Pine Hill Preserve area expect all levels of government to adhere to the same ordinances and laws placed upon the people by government agencies;

Now Therefore, It Is Resolved that the Board of Directors of the Greater Cameron Park Area Fire Safe Council hereby requests and recommends that the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Mother Load Office, 1) adopt the **Fire Safe Council’s resolution 2021 – 01** as part of the Environment Assessment associated with managing the Pine Hill Preserve, and 2) adopt, incorporate, embrace, and follow **EL Dorado County Ordinance No. 5101 – Vegetation Management and Defensible Space**, into its Environmental Assessment for the Pine Hill Preserve and to all other units within the Pine Hill Preserve, thus obviating ,or at least reducing, the risk to loss of life, limb and property through *annual wildfire vegetation management*.

CERTIFICATION

INTRODUCED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Cameron Park Area Fire Safe Council on December 8, 2020.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND ADOPTED at the February 2021 session of the Board of Directors of the Greater Cameron Park Area Fire Safe Council, by the following roll call vote:

PAUL GILCHREST	AYE
GARY CAMPBELL	AYE
LAURA LYONS	AYE
GARY KLOPFENSTEIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM ROBY	AYE
TOM ROMERO	AYE
GARY ANDERSON	AYE

Ayes 6
Nays 0
Abstain 0
Absent 1

Chairman

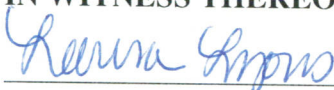


Paul Gilchrest

I, LAURA LYONS, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

1. That I am the duly elected Secretary of The Greater Cameron Park Area Fire Safe Council; and
2. That the foregoing constitutes a Resolution of the Board of said Greater Cameron Park Area Fire Safe Council, as duly adopted by the Board of Directors thereof.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 26th day of February, 2021.



LAURA LYONS, Board Secretary

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-XX
of the Board of Directors
of the Cameron Park Community Services District
May 19, 2021**

**RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE VALUE OF COLLABORATION WITH
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TO
ENHANCE CAMERON PARK'S RESILIENCY TO WILDFIRE**

WHEREAS, The Cameron Park Community Services District (District) values making improvements in our community to be resilient to wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the District secured funding from the California Climate Investment program, a state grant managed by CAL FIRE, to educate, outreach and implement projects to enhance our communities awareness and resiliency to wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the District collaborated with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to implement projects at the Pine Hill Preserve to protect both Cameron Park and the Pine Hill Preserve because the location is considered a High Fire Hazard Severity Zone; and

WHEREAS, the District respects BLM's efforts to find balance between fire fuel reduction projects and protecting federally protected species; and

WHEREAS, the Pine Hill Preserve is home to unique soils and several rare plants that exist nowhere else in the world. The plant diversity in this area accounts for 10% of California's native flora diversity; and

WHEREAS, the Pine Hill Preserve with its open space and unique native species contributes to the Quality of Life in Cameron Park by providing low impact recreation opportunities such as hiking and wildlife viewing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Cameron Park Community Services District:

- Commits to collaborate with BLM to identify, prioritize and respond to fuels reduction in critical wildfire risk areas within the Pine Hill Preserve.

- Requests BLM to continue seeking and securing sustained funding sources, such as grants and revenue allocations, to maintain fuels reduction projects according to the 2019 Environmental Assessment for fuels management at Pine Hill Preserve.
- Commits to working collaboratively with BLM, CAL FIRE and other local, state and federal agencies to maintain fuels reduction projects finding balance between protecting Pine Hill Preserve’s unique habitat values while maintaining fire resiliency in Cameron Park.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Cameron Park Community Services District, at a regularly scheduled meeting, held on the 19th day of May 2021, by the following vote of said Board:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Director Eric Aiston, President
Board of Directors

Jill Ritzman, General Manager
Secretary to the Board