



MEETING MINUTES

Upcountry Community Council was held at Veterans Hall, Pioneer on January 11, 2019

6:00 pm - **Call to order and Flag Salute** – Chairperson Jeff Brown

6:03 pm - **Approval of minutes** – Minutes approved and seconded

Reports

6:05 – **Battalion Chief Ryan Hamre, Fire Chief Amador Fire Protection District** – Reviewed stats on December Fire Agency calls. Two new firefighters have returned, one Pine Grove and one in Mace Meadows. Clearing debris from roads have been identified for reducing challenges of accessing fire.

6:10 – **Jeff Brown, UCC Chair** – Reviewed the previous Board of Supervisors meeting due to the January meeting mismatched dates. Mr. Brown reviewed the Boards he will be on.

6:19 pm -- **Rich Farrington of Amador Water Agency** – The Backwash plant at Buckhorn is finished, but is waiting for the final permit. This facility will save 14 million gallons a year, the facility off of Ridge Road will also save 67 million gallons, plus the third in lone will save water to make 99 million gallons a year total. The Gravity Supply Line and these projects will save AWA all PG&E electric expenses. Any additional electricity will be sold to the County.

6:30pm - **Benjamin “Benny” Ibarra – California Highway Patrol Officer/Public Affairs Officer** – Mr. Ibarra spoke regarding the numerous programs available through the CHP.

7:00 - **Richard Lockwood – Bylaw Committee** Bylaws were reviewed and updated. Copies were provided, and the bylaws are posted on the website.

7:15 pm **Transportation Report** – Dick Lockwood read the ACTC minutes provided by Gary Reinoel.

7:18pm **Jeff Brown, UCC Chair** – Informed us on the new wildland fire cameras being installed throughout Amador County. www.alertwildfire.org has the cameras to view.

7:30pm **Meeting Adjourned**