



## MEETING MINUTES

Upcountry Community Council was held at Veterans Hall, Pioneer on September 10, 2018

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 Aaron Watkins, Amador Fire Agency** – One engine was sent out of county to help in a mutual aid response. New recruit academy will start in October. Even though we are in October and have had rain, we are well into the fire season. Fire Chief Walter White was introduced. Call report is available on [uccamador.org](http://uccamador.org).

6:10 – **Dylan George, Dave Gabbard, Brandy Merlo, PG&E** - Wildfire Safety has increased and PG&E has a heightened respect for safety for our communities. Risk Mitigations are being watched, such as flying helicopters over communities, clearing vegetation, watching weather and implementing weather stations. Fire threat maps have been used to prioritize and make Tiers for managing risk areas. The use of Real Time Monitoring and meteorology team is helping lower our communities for risks. Powerlines and within 12 feet of trees are being removed so not to be a fire hazard. Crews are surveying the Pioneer area and will be coming door to door advising residence of the work that needs to be done on their property. The trees are being removed, but it is ultimately the responsibility of property owner to remove, but PG&E has committed to taking the branches and removing debris. The Microsite on Hwy 88 allows PG&E's teams to check in and have safety checks before going out to their designated job sites. The duration of this lengthy project has not been determined due to it's enormous size and scope.

6:50 – **Mike Blake** – No on Measure A facts and argument.

7:10 – **Jared Critchfield** – Yes on Measure A history and factual information.

7:50 - **Lynn Morgan Supervisor D3** – A summation of Board of Supervisor Agenda for tomorrow's Board of Supervisor meeting. November 3 is the second Community Cleanup, located at Mace Meadows golf course parking lot.

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7pm – **Rich Farrington, Director AWA** – Awa is working with the School District for making lead levels are “0” in water supplies. Shasta area was deemed a disaster area, which makes the State a disaster area. This may make us eligible for grants for the new water tanks and generators during possible PG&E outages.

7:12 pm - **Highway 88 Safety Committee Mark Biernacki and Richard Lockwood:** Nothing to report. Traffic Safety Investigation is still pending for the Buckhorn/Hwy 88 corridor.

7:15 pm **Gary Reinoehl, - Transportation Report:** Full report available on [www.uccamador.org](http://www.uccamador.org)

8:10 pm **Amador County Planning Commission – Caryl Callsen:** Summation of the single issue for Planning Commission for October 9.

8:15pm **Meeting Adjourned**