I. Introductions - There were a total of 21 attendees, including individuals from the following AFFSC neighborhoods:
   - Fairplay
   - Outingdale
   - Showcase
   - Shenandoah
   - Perry Creek
   - Aukum

In addition, there were attendees from the Omo Ranch and Cedar Creek areas. Fire Chief Mark Matthews, Pioneer Fire Protection District, was also in attendance.

II. John Hess briefly discussed the AFFSC history and purpose.

III. Ken Pimlott discussed the Risk Assessment and Action Plan completed by the AFFSC. Copies of each were provided. Based on these efforts and the application to the National Fire Protection Administration (NFPA), the AFFSC has received its Firewise USA designation, which is important for future grant submittals, and may be accepted by some insurance companies for homeowner’s insurance discounts. Copies of the Firewise USA certificate were made available.

IV. Ed Matwich discussed the purpose of recording time spent on council meetings, community outreach events (such as this meeting) and individual property fuel reduction work. The Firewise USA requires at least 1 hour annually for each inhabited parcel to maintain their certification. Additionally, this information is important to show community involvement for current grant efforts and future grant purposes. Copies of the current AFFSC timesheet was provided. There was discussion that timesheets could be provided back to July 2019 for data collection purposes. There was further discussion about modifying the timesheet to be less directed to council members, and more towards any volunteer.

V. Ken Pimlott identified what a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is, and its purpose (use for project prioritization and supporting grant requests). The El Dorado Fire Safe Council (EDFSC) last prepared a plan in 2017, however, since then, there have been a significant increase in the number of local fire safe councils which created a need for an updated plan. The current effort is being conducted by Deer Creek Resources, a contractor hired by the EDFSC for this purpose.
VI. Ken Pimlott provided an overview of different project types, including shaded fuel breaks, broadcast/understory burning, roadside clearance, and thinning and pruning. He then discussed what we want to get from this meeting, which are the high risk/high priority projects identified by members of the community. This information will be included with other information from fire organizations and others when the contractor meets with the AFFSC in March.

VII. Ken Pimlott discussed the fire history and fire hazard risk maps for the council area.

VIII. Ken Pimlott discussed the CAL FIRE Amador El Dorado Unit’s Fire Plan, which includes projects identified as high priority throughout the Unit. The current Fire Plan does not include any projects in the AFFSC, however, we are waiting for the Unit to identify its priorities for defensible space inspections, which may lead to future work.

IX. Ken Pimlott and Chief Mark Matthews reviewed the Pioneer Fire Protection District’s priorities for fire prevention work in the Council Area, specifically the following:

- Rocky Bar – Slug Gultch to Grizzly Flats Road
  - Improve ingress/egress
- Outingdale
  - Improve ingress/egress. Reduce fuel loading along roads and overhead tree canopy
  - Support fuel break(s) along western edge of community above Cosumnes River drainage
- Perry Creek – Paradise and Ant Hill Ranch Road
  - Improve ingress/egress
- Boon Docks – Slug Gulch/Silent Path
  - Improve ingress/egress
- Coyoteville/Mt Aukum
  - Improve ingress/egress

X. The group discussion of risk areas and projects centered around the following:

a. Coordinate Fire Safe Council or local organization (road committees or HOA) road maintenance activities in conjunction with PG&E activities. Take targets of opportunity to leverage disposal of green waste materials.

b. Sponsor and highlight community chipping and clean-up days. Use projects as demonstration projects to foster more involvement within the community.

c. The group in attendance agreed that the highest and most immediate risk community in the Council area is Outingdale. In addition to defensible space and roadway clearance, a strategic fuel break on the west side is needed.

d. The group all agreed that improving ingress and egress on our roads throughout the Council area is critical. This included reopening secondary exit routes that are overgrown, and ensuring that all road shoulders are clear of vegetation.
Although fire exit roads are not necessarily a component of fire safe grant opportunities, it is important to search for or support other opportunities to assist in construction and maintenance of these roads.

e. Ken Pimlott and John Hess discussed the risk and safety concerns of individual homeowners sheltering in place during a wildfire. The first priority is always to evacuate to a safe location. Recent fires, including the Camp Fire in Paradise, have demonstrated that there is potentially a need in a community to have a safe location to shelter residents that can be supported and protected by public safety officials. In our community, this includes Pioneer Park Community Hall, the Pioneer Elementary School, and several local churches. Although specific projects were not identified, projects should be considered for fuel breaks, infrastructure hardening, and other fire safe activities in and around these campuses.

f. In order to maintain the continuity of community after a disaster, it is important to consider critical businesses that will be essential to maintain the population post-disaster. For example, this includes the Mt Aukum General Store, which supplies food, gasoline, and livestock supplies, all of which are critical to support living in the community. We need to consider strategic projects to protect these core community assets.

g. John Hess noted that all the cell tower infrastructure has been identified within the Council area and evaluated for fire hazard. We need to ensure that future projects are coordinated with cell providers to protect this infrastructure.

h. Availability of fixed water supplies, such as fire hydrants attached to municipal systems, was discussed. Outingdale is the only community in the Council area with such a system. The majority of the Council area utilizes individual property owner well water with storage tanks. One fire department storage tank is located on Bertone Road in the Aukum Neighborhood. Future projects to increase water storage capacity for firefighting activities should be considered. This includes more storage tank availability and identification of other water sources, such as ponds and lakes.

XI. Ken Pimlott discussed what’s next in this CWPP process. All of the input will be consolidated and presented to Deer Creek Resources when the Council meets with them in early March. There will be a number of opportunities in the coming months to provide additional information to the contractor as this process goes forward. As project activities are further developed, the Council will ensure this information is shared back to the group.