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"Public and Private Partners Working Together to Protect People, Homes, and Natural Resources"

Board of Directors Meeting
March 24, 2015, 9:30 am
USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville
Approved Minutes

1. Meeting Call to Order: 9:32 am, Pat Dwyer, Chairperson
2. Roll Call & Sign In: Pat Dwyer, Ken Hasse, Ernie Lory, Steve Willis, Bruce Dickson, Heather Campbell, Jim Stewart and Ray Griffiths present. Members absent: Bill Brandt, Dylan Thomas, and Richard Krek.
3. Approval of Agenda: At Steve Willis' request, agenda was modified to include item 11.h. Ongoing and Future Legal Support. Jim Stewart moved that the agenda be approved as amended, and Ernie Lory second. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Consent Agenda: Ken Hasse moved that the February 24 2015 minutes be approved as presented and Steve Willis second. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment –Chairman Dwyer introduced Brian Mackwood, the new Battalion 1 Battalion Chief. Chief Mackwood briefly described his professional experience and offered his full support to the council.
6. Chairman's Report:
 - a. Correspondence – We've received a letter from SMUD offering \$15,000 this year, and an additional \$5,000 per year for each of the next three years. They want to be involved in the formation of CWPPs and support our outreach programs. Dave Crespo indicated there is no expiration date on the funds, and advised us that SMUD can be extremely helpful with communications and marketing, and that he intends to help recruit other agencies' participation and funding. Chairman Dwyer announced that Pollock Pines was one of the 65 communities nationwide chosen to be awarded a \$500 grant from State Farm Insurance Company to hold a Community Wild Fire Preparedness Day Event.
 - b. Cohesive Strategy Source Selection Representative – Ernie Lory has volunteered to be our representative on this source selection team.

- c. Admin. Support Agreement – The contract for part time admin support via Rescue Fire has been reviewed and finalized. Still to be worked out are the details on tracking Jodi Martin’s time by project/grant. Ken Hasse added that the contract number, 2015-3-1, needs to be added to the contract. Jim Stewart moved that the contract be approved, as modified to include the contract number, Bruce Dickson second. Motion passed unanimously. It was also agreed that after the initial three month trial period, if this relationship works out, that Jodi will begin taking the minutes at the meetings beginning in July.
 - d. Chairman Dwyer reported that he had sent the letter to EPA regarding the proposed tightening of ozone restrictions. He also communicated to Supervisor Veerkamp’s office our concerns regarding the potential curtailment of residential burning and was assured the supervisor’s full support, but was told that no funding was available to expand the green waste or chipping programs.
7. Program Reports:
- a. Chipping – Ken Hasse reported that chipping continues to be a problem; the data base isn’t being kept up to date. He hopes providing additional training will solve the problem. There are 20 outstanding requests, some of which are over 2 weeks old. We’ve overspent this program by \$161, but have funding on hand to cover it. We’ve requested about half of the total grant amount of \$200,000, but the funding is being delayed, with no word on when it will come. If funding doesn’t arrive within a month, the program may have to be suspended.
 - b. Dumpsters – We have 16 dumpsters scheduled for the month of April, ten of which will be donated by Waste Connections, so we’ll only have to pay for six. The participating communities are Garden Valley, Logtown, Gold Ridge, Fair Play, and Silver Fork.
 - c. GF Fuel Reduction Projects – GF-12 is in the CEQA evaluation phase. Because one of the landowners chooses not to participate, they’re making a scope change to exclude that piece. GF-9, Phase II, which will utilize CCC is expected to begin approximately April 1st.
8. Treasurer’s Report: Ken Hasse reported that our bank balance is \$168,959.24, our P&L is still positive, and our donation balance is now over \$8,000. Year-to-Date we’ve spent \$19,000 of what was budgeted, but there are some big expenses coming up.
9. Governance Committee Report: Steve Willis reported that there are no active items right now, but he is accepting volunteers for the nominating committee.
10. Projects Committee Report: Steve Willis said that the next item on the agenda is to update Appendix M. Supervisor Veerkamp has requested more information on our outstanding projects, so we need to provide more detail in the Appendix M. A template/standard for project descriptions will need to be made. Bruce Dickson cautioned that we need to be continually aware of what activities other organizations are planning, so that we don’t fund projects that can’t be accomplished due to circumstances beyond our control, such as a county road closure.

11. New Business:

- a. Grizzly Flat CWPP Update – Ernie Lory said that at a meeting on March 12 they identified 18 new projects. Because all the projects identified in their CWPP have been accomplished, they need to update their CWPP, and he was asking how to coordinate that effort with the County-Wide CWPP. They'd like some SRA funding to pay for the update, but we can't spend any SRA related funding until we have a signed agreement, as any costs incurred prior to execution of the agreement are ineligible for inclusion under the grant. Tom Tinsley reported that the SRA applications are due April 30th, and the funding must be encumbered by June 30th, so we shouldn't have to wait very long.

12. Good of the Order: Because the guest speaker for the General Meeting was ready, the remaining agenda items were skipped, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Approved by the Board 04-28-2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Dwyer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Roger "Pat" Dwyer, Chairman