



El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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

General Directors Meeting
March 24, 2015, 11:00 am
USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville
Approved Minutes

1. Meeting Call to Order: 11:12 am, Pat Dwyer, Chairperson.
2. Public Comment: Cecil Ringgenberg, representing "The Solutions Committee" of the Tea party, said that since the BOS has declared the King Fire area an emergency, the Sheriff is permitted to go to Mr. Crabtree and declare the forest unsafe, and insist that clearing be done, to include the cutting of trees into the National Forest. He's been told, however, that there is no program to actually accomplish this. Chairman Dwyer encouraged him to remain for the rest of the meeting, as our guest speaker, Mr. Crabtree, would be addressing this issue.
3. Special Presentation and Discussion: Mr. Laurence Crabtree, Supervisor of the El Dorado National Forest spoke to the group about the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy, which is a strategic push to work collaboratively among all stakeholders and across all landscapes, using best science, to make meaningful progress towards the three goals:
 - a. Resilient Landscapes
 - b. Fire Adapted Communities
 - c. Safe & Effective Wildfire ResponseThen Duane Nelson, ENF District Ranger, described some of the initial activities upon which they intend to focus, including the development of permanent fuel breaks along the edge of the King Fire and the Hwy 50 corridor ("Fire Adapted 50"), and fuel breaks at the Cleveland, Icehouse, and Pelican Plantations. Mr. Crabtree emphasized that this is a "long journey", and that some of these places will never be completely safe, but their goal is to find a balance between reforestation, clearing, and preserving wildlife habitat.
4. Fire Safe Council Grant and Project Status: Chairman Dwyer reported that El Dorado County received more SRA grants than any other area in the state, approximately \$1,000,000, with Placer County being second with about \$700,000.
5. Agency Updates:
 - a. RCD – Mark Egbert let everyone know that Dr. Richard Harris will be holding a webinar on April 3rd. He's a forester, and will be describing CAL FIRE's approach greenhouse gas

calculating methodology. He encouraged everyone to tune-in. He also said that Supervisor Veerkamp's office has asked them to bring together a local collaborative of the South Fork American River Watershed group to identify local resource concerns and priorities, and funding opportunities. This meeting will be on April 22 or 23.

- b. SMUD – Dave Crespo reported that SMUD is applying for a \$2.5m grant for fuels reduction at Union Valley Reservoir leading up to Loon Lake and he's looking to the Council for community support.

6. Good of the Order: Chairman thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Approved by the Board 4-28-2015

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Pat Dwyer', written in a cursive style.

Roger "Pat" Dwyer, Chairman