



El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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

Stakeholders Meeting Agenda

June 23, 2015

USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

1. Meeting Call to Order 1300

Welcome by Chair Dwyer. This is a very exciting time, lots of grants and support. This is an all volunteer organization except for some admin support and we have all been very successful in making our communities safer. El Dorado County is the number one county in state for SRA grants and number one in state for Forest Service grants, all the Forest Service grants are through EDC FSC. We have had great support from SMUD and PG&E.

2. Public Comment –*Time limit is 3 minutes per person.*

None

3. Special Presentation and Discussion:

County Wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

- Received grant from SRA to produce countywide WPP
- Have done smaller Community Wildfire Protection Plans
- Contract was awarded to SIG, Inc, this morning to produce the countywide WPP over the next 18 months

4. Fire Safe Council Grant and Project Status

a. GF-12 fuel reduction CCC

- No report

b. Wentworth Springs Road (PG&E)

- Grant from PG&E for approximately \$80,000 for fuel reduction work in county will be used for Wentworth Springs Road area

c. Weber Creek (PP-1)

- SRA grant for project outside of Pollock Pines

5. Agency Updates:

i. CAL FIRE – Tom Tinsley

- Burn ban went into effect June 22, no burning until further notice
- Fire activity has picked up
- Currently supporting incident in Alpine County
- Insect activity/tree mortality is moving north, have partnered with Forest Service to see where the activity is
- SRA contact is Patrick McDaniels for grants
- Green house gas reduction grant was finished last week, haven't heard outcome, expect to the next couple of months

ii. Fire Chief's Association – Tom Keating

- Thanks to FSC for all their work, great to see it running well again
- Latrobe Fire was annexed into El Dorado Hills Fire, Rescue Fire has a shared services contract with EDH
- Coloma station being rented to CalFIRE
- Georgetown Fire has lost full time engine crew, only staffed with volunteers during the day
- Anything FSC can do for fuel reductions is greatly appreciated
- 5 engines at Washington Fire outside Markleeville

iii. Fire Prevention Officers Association - Rob Combs

- No report

iv. US Forest Service - Duane Nelson

- No report

v. Office of Emergency Services (OES)-Todd Crawford

- Continuing to work with FSC of evacuation routes, preparedness, etc.

vi. El Dorado Irrigation District - Dana Strahan

- Received correspondence reporting that they are replacing a three mile section of ditch with buried pipeline, this is a potential opportunity to partner for fuel reduction

vii. Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) – Brandon Covert

- Covert oversees El Dorado County, patrolling lines
- CEMA has allocated funds to PG&E to go out and look for dead trees
- Could lose up to 25% of pine trees in California due to bark beetles
- There are 70 open positions to fill in California to survey trees, goal is to have survey completed by August 1
- Working with local FSCs

Let PG&E know if there are fuel reduction projects planned near their power lines they may be able to contribute funds for the projects

viii. Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) - Dave Crespo

- Have been active in wake of King Fire doing fuel reductions, did an Iowa Hill site fuel reduction
- Had 140 arborists look at joint power line fuel reduction area
- Have taken out 1.2 million board feet
- Pursuing a grant for transmission corridor clearing
- Efforts will be continuing over the years

ix. Sierra Pacific Industries - Rich Wade

- Involved with salvaging King Fire area
- Hope to extend fuel breaks in cooperation with Forest Service and clean up contingency fuel break near Park Creek Road made during King Fire
- Happy to hear of CWPP and Wentworth Springs projects, hope to tie in their projects
- Board of Forestry passed emergency exemption for harvest of drought downed trees

x. El Dorado County Transportation Division - Don Spear

- Nice to be involved in EDC FSC again, afternoon meetings are a good time
- Has worked with FSCs well over the years
- Definitely want to participate
- Talking with other agencies about partnership in projects, fall is best time

- xi. Resources Conservation District - Mark Egbert**
 - Has partnered with FSC since its inception
 - USDA appropriated \$2.8 million for fire recover for property owners
 - CalFIRE has many appropriations
 - Sierra Nevada Conservancy has healthy forest initiative, looking for collaborative based projects
 - County doing coordinated management plan led by Veerkamp
 - Grant applications in for King Fire and Sand Fire affected areas

- xii. El Dorado Disposal – Michael Peters**
 - Donated several dumpsters for community clean ups
 - Trying to get word out to neighborhoods for fire abatement projects
 - Got an extension from county for service with carts
 - Green waste carts are great way to clean up a little at a time
 - Doing three green waste cleanups for county, they will be in April, July and October

- xiii. Farmers Insurance -**
 - People have a lot of questions about why they are being cancelled or having premiums increased
 - ISO completed reviews and are now using only staffed stations not volunteer stations in determining ratings

- xiv. California Conservation Corps (CCC) - Brian Lussier, Mark Hansen**
 - Have a few teams focused on King Fire recovery, utilizing Proposition 1 funding
 - Lussier is working on Rim Fire team
 - Have some SRA funds for fuel reductions for shaded fuel breaks
 - Looking at putting funding to Logtown project
 - Several shovel ready projects being considered
 - Currently running six crews, one is special funded crew for drought relief projects
 - Also getting set up for another crew to do SRA fuel reduction work
 - Still have five standard crews for fuel reduction

- xv. California State Parks Gold Fields District - Rich Preston**
 - No report

- xvi. US Bureau of Reclamation - John Hutchin**
 - No report

- xvii. US Bureau of Land Management - Brian Mulhollen**
 - Mulhollen has been fuels management specialist since 2007, is now in fire mitigation battalion position
 - Many projects have been identified in the county
 - Main focus has been the Pine Hill Preserve in Cameron park
 - Working on Kanaka Valley Road
 - Working on fuel break in Kelsey Shoo Fly Road area
 - Large area of responsibility and is on the road a lot
 - Have been unfunded for any fuel management work for a couple of years, all fuels management related money in the west has been going to sage grouse habitat
 - Biggest hurdle is NEPA
 - Planning process for projects is about two years
 - Have done some goat grazing for botany reasons at Cronin, have had a burn project ready to go for several years but there has been no funding, need to have maintenance plan and funding

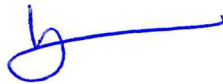
6. Announcements:

a. New Councils

- Three new councils in formation stage
- Coloma/Lotus council is closest to completion
- Cool and Georgetown Ridge are coming along
- Royal Equestrian council is starting to form

7. Good of the Order

Adjourn to the September 22, 2015 Stakeholders Meeting at 1412



Jodi Martin, Clerk to the Board