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

Board of Directors Meeting

August 26, 2014, 9:30 am

USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA

Final minutes as approved September 23, 2014

1. Special Presentation – The Sand Fire
 - a. Linda Colombo, Sandridge FSC – Linda spoke briefly about the two grant/ten year project they completed in the Sandridge area. She also described one of their efforts, location signs, that didn't pan out, as the signs were removed by locals.
 - b. Mike Webb, CAL FIRE, the Sand Fire Experience – Mike Webb introduced Dave Wood, the first responder to the Sand Fire, Brian Estes, Deputy Chief, Tom Tinsley, Darin McFarlan, and Jim Byers, EDSO OES. Brian Estes showed maps of major fires, described the Sand Fire, and described all the resources (manpower and equipment) involved in working the fire. Mike Webb advised that the 100' defensible space requirement is the minimum, with increased separation required commensurate with the increase in grade. Jim Byers then spoke on the evacuation, and how well that went.
 - c. Danny Marquist, Natural Resources Conservation Service – Danny Marquist and Dave Krietemeyer spoke on the one-on-one restoration consultation services that they provide to landowners post-fire. Susie Kocher, a UCD Forester, offered that they are planning post-fire educational workshops, and Amy Phillips from El Dorado County said that the county is putting together a brochure of resources for victims of the fire, and said there is already a lot of information on the county website. All in all, much useful information was provided.
2. Roll Call & Sign In: The meeting was officially called to order at 11:10. Pat Dwyer, Ken Hasse, Ernie Lory, Steve Willis, Ray Griffiths, Jim Stewart, Heather Campbell, Bruce Dickson present. Members absent: Bill Brandt, Richard Krek, and Dylan Thomas.
3. Approval of Agenda: Due to the late start of the meeting Jim Stewart moved that we only take care of statutory business today and postpone all else to the September meeting. Bruce Dickson second the motion, with one exception, a decision on the insurance policy, as that action is time sensitive. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment –

- a. Linda Colombo offered her services to the council to help other fire safe councils get started. The board will consider the addition of this paid position.
 - b. Dave Wood, CAL FIRE, asked the Council's support for the procurement and installation of "Forest Watch" cameras. PG&E has a grant to pay for the cameras, but needs a non-profit fiscal sponsor. Dave Wood described two separate systems that were being considered. Whichever system is chosen, it must be up and running by 31 Oct 2014, when the funding expires. Jim Stewart made a motion to go forward with a letter of endorsement. Bruce Dickson second the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent.
5. Program Reports – GF Fuel Reduction, approve GF 15 sponsor: After some discussion of the fiscal sponsor fee for the PG&E/Grizzly Flat grant, Ray Griffiths made a motion that we approve the proposal as presented. Jim Stewart second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. New Business –
- a. Select insurance provider – Bruce Dickson moved that the Board accept the policy that Steve Shortes, Mother Lode Ins, presented. Ray Griffiths second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Steve mentioned that other councils that are not satellites will get a discount with Mother Lode Ins.
 - b. Chipper contract with PG&E – PG&E offered \$30,000 to restart the chipping program. Ray Griffiths moved that we approve the contract with PG&E. Ken Hasse second the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent.
 - c. Approve Associate Councils – Chairman Dwyer listed the five associate councils to be approved: Pollock Pines, Logtown, Pleasant Valley, Lakehills, and Grizzly Flat. Jim Stewart moved that the five associate councils be approved. Bruce Dickson second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Dumpster Policy –
 - i. Signs – Ernie Lory suggested that we put our logo on the dumpster signs, and that we need more than two signs. Ernie made a motion that we purchase 4 signs, with our logo on them. Ray Griffiths second the motion. Motion passed unanimously, with the agreement that signs would not be purchased until grant funds are received.
 - ii. Dumpster Policy – It was suggested that #2 on page 2 of the Dumpster Policy, under Community Responsibilities, be revised to say that the box for the completed forms be a "lockable" box. It was also requested that the Phone Number and Email fields on the User Match Form reflect that this information is optional. The policy will be amended to reflect these changes. Jim Stewart moved that the policy be approved as changed. Ernie Lory second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Dwyer went on to explain the test program being conducted by El Dorado Disposal in which they provide a garbage

truck to collect green waste in specific communities. If their test proves to be effective, we may add a garbage truck green waste pickup to our program.

7. Ratification of \$500 donation to Sand Fire fund – The council made a \$500 donation to the Sand Fire Fund. Jim Stewart moved that the donation be ratified. Ray Griffiths second the motion, which passed by unanimous vote. It was mentioned that the Logtown Fire Safe Council donated an additional \$500.
8. Board Member/Associate Reports –
 - a. Chairman Dwyer reported on a meeting with Supervisors Briggs and Veerkamp. He said the meeting went well, especially when he provided information on all the unfunded CWPP projects. The Supervisors asked for a county-wide map showing all of the projects. Chairman Dwyer will work on the map.
 - b. Ernie Lory reported that the church that was planned as a meeting site for the October EDCFSC meeting is not available, so we will continue to meet in our usual place.
 - c. Bruce Dickson reported on a presentation the Pleasant Valley Grange provided at their last meeting regarding the Sand Fire. He provided a copy of their brochure, and reported that they had a good turnout.
9. Good of the Order – Meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Approved by Board action September 23, 2014



Pat Dwyer, Chair