



El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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Board Meeting Agenda June 17, 2026 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

American Legion
4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Sign In
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Consent Calendar - **Board Action Item**
 - a. Meeting Agenda: 06/17/2026
 - b. Board Meeting Minutes: 5/20/2026
5. New Business
 - a. Elections - **Board Action Item**
 - b. Renewals - **Board Action Item**
6. Old Business
 - a. Office Space Update - Angel
7. Executive Board Reports:
 - a. Chairman's Report & Communication: Ken Pimlott
 - b. Vice-Chair Report: Dorothy Fine
 - c. Parliamentarian Report: Paul Penn
 - d. Secretary Report: Angel Ball
 - Governance and New Council Formation
 - e. Treasurers Report: Janet Barentson
 - Treasurer Report 05/31/2026 - **Board Action Item**



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8. Partners Reports:

- a. **BLM:** TBA
- b. **CAL FIRE:** Jeff Hoag/Brian Pooley
- c. **Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience:** Tanya Harlow
- d. **EDC Fire Chiefs Association:** TBA
- e. **EDC FPO Association:** TBA
- f. **ENF:** Brad Stewart
- g. **RCD:** Courtney Jackson
- h. **SMUD:** Eric Brown
- i. **PG&E:** Mike Webb
- j. **EDSO:** Lt. Blake Braafladt
- k. **BOR:** Zarela Guerrero/John Hutchings

9. Program Reports:

- a. **Grants & Funding/Grants Committee:** Tamara Johnston
 - CWPP Planning Area Meetings
- b. **Assistance Programs:** Jessica Isabel
 - Chipping
 - Defensible Space
 - Hazard Tree Removal
- c. **Training Committee:** Elizabeth Standeven
- d. **Outreach & Education:** Dorothy Fine

10. Community Council Reports

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

12. Good of the Order

- a. A Brown Bag Session will be held at 12:30 following the meeting. **Breaking Down Silos – The Power of Partnerships hosted by Ken Pimlott**
- b. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – July 15, 2026

13. Adjourn



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Board Meeting Minutes-DRAFT May 20, 2026 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

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1. Meeting Call to Order

9:31am

2. Roll Call: Sign In

In Person: Pimlott, Council, Barentson, Pullin, Penn, Ball, Connelly, Fine, Johnston, Hess, Lory, Osgood, Rogers, Zelinsky, Wagner, Standeven Zoom: Boal, Hawk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Pimlott

4. Consent Calendar Board Action Item

- a. Meeting Agenda: 05/20/2026
- b. Board Meeting Minutes: 4/15/2026

Consent Calendar approved with no opposition

5. New Business

NONE

6. Old Business

NONE

7. Executive Board Reports:

- a. Chairman's Report & Communication: Ken Pimlott

No report so deferred to Vice Chair



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b. **Vice-Chair Report:** Dorothy Fine

Need additional volunteers to help set room up for board meetings right now Jason Jackson and Ken Rogers are helping. Last of the workbooks are available. We will be getting four more microphones from CA FSC grant to have in the American Legion Hall for our meetings. Ken Pimlott thanked Hugh Council for making the arrangements for the microphones.

c. **Parliamentarian Report:** Paul Penn

Mark your calendars for Sunday June 14, 2026, at 1pm for the Mid Year Social here at the hall. More information is coming soon.

d. **Secretary Report:** Angel Ball

- Nominations

Nomination period has opened and are being accepted now for Board of Directors and the Executive Board. Angel read the nominees. Asked if anyone would like to nominate themselves for these positions. No one stepped up for the board of directors. Friday May 22nd is the deadline for nominations. Ken has reminded people that every fire safe council can be represented on the board of directors. Angel reminded everyone we currently have 22 board of director members and 32 councils.

RENEWALS 14 received out of the 32 councils. June 14th is the deadline.

NEW OFFICE SPACE – Our office is currently negotiating with landlord and waiting on their response.

- Governance and New Council Formation

No Report

e. **Treasurers Report:** Janet Barentson

- **Treasurer Report 04/30/2026 - Board Action Item**
- **Budget FY 26/27 approval - Board Action Item**

Nothing new on fire safe council budget operations. Reviewed the report. There are grants being closed out and final balance will be in next month's report. All defensible space funding has been exceeded. We closed program until we receive more grant money.



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Treasurer's report approved as presented with no opposition. Audit should be finalized this week. ACH payments have been tested with Tamara Johnston and all is going well.

FY 26/27 Budget has no changes on proposal. Always requesting max amount of fiscal sponsor fees. FY 26/27 budget approved as presented with no opposition.

8. Partners Reports:

a. **BLM:** TBA

No Report

b. **CAL FIRE:** Jeff Hoag/Brian Pooley

No Report

c. **Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience:** Tanya Harlow

Gave a synopsis of the Diamond Springs evacuation drill. May 2nd was the CAL FIRE kick off of wildfire preparedness week with a Logtown resident receiving defensible space clean up. It was also their green waste and chipping day. Serrano and Coloma Lotus had great events as well. Ken Pimlott, Tanya Harlow and Jeff Hoag spoke at a utility wildfire mitigation conference with Ken Pimlott. Highlighted our good relationship with PG&E.

d. **EDC Fire Chiefs Association:** TBA

No Report

e. **EDC FPO Association:** TBA

No Report

f. **ENF:** Brad Stewart

No Report

g. **RCD:** Courtney Jackson

An update was given on all their current projects. Ken Pimlott mentioned the project by OWPR, El Dorado Water Agency and fire districts are undertaking to identify fire fighting water sources on the West Slope. Goal is to have data available on Tablet Command in emergency response vehicles.



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h. **SMUD:** Eric Brown

No Report

i. **PG&E:** Mike Webb

No Report

j. **EDSO:** Lt. Blake Braafladt

No Report

k. **BOR:** John Hutchings

Contracts in the works for the fuel reductions projects and goat grazing in Auburn Lake Trails or Folsom. November is projected date for contracts to be awarded and will be 5 year contracts. Hoping to complete an interim goat grazing contract in these areas. Folsom Lake shaded fuel break is being worked on and will be talking to Steve Willis on that project. MOU between BOR and fire agencies is coming soon and asked Ken Pimlott for his participation in the MOU. Ken agreed to talk with John.

9. Program Reports:

a. **Grants & Funding/Grants Committee:** Tamara Johnston

- CWPP Planning Area Meetings

Fully closed five CAL FIRE grants in March worth \$8M. Requested CAL FIRE to move grant money from chipping to defensible space so we can open the defensible space program back up. Thanked FSCs for proposals for grants in the amount of \$58k for FSC projects. Will add money for the home assessment program. Final request of \$120k anticipated start date is October 1st if we get grant. Gave update on grants we have applied for. Every time we apply for a grant we put in maximum amount of fiscal sponsor fees. CAL FIRE announced grants coming up will be submitting seven applications and might get two grants. South County planning meeting on May 5th had very good attendance. Dates and locations were given for the rest of the county planning meetings. Training for Colorado based coalitions and collaboratives is in the fall. Tamara will email dates for availability. Announced the candidates that will be at the Candidate forum today for our brown bag meeting. Candidates and audience are only allowed to talk about fire related topics.



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b. **Assistance Programs:** Jessica Isabel

Thanked FSCs that participated in community chipping events. Showed map of Sierra Springs chipping event and gave an overview of what the new software program will do.

- Chipping-YTD
Jobs Completed – 282
Acres Cleared – 416
Cubic Yards Chipped – 68,934
Total Spent - \$107,247.17
- Defensible Space-YTD
Parcels Evaluated - 156
Parcels Cleared - 112
Average Cost Per Parcel - \$1,349.80
Total Spent - \$174,593.40
- Hazard Tree Removal-YTD
Next Monday is the expected date to accept new applications
Parcels Completed – 104
Trees Identified – 36
Trees Cut – 104
Average Tree Cost - \$600.66
Average Job Cost - \$2,862.21
Total Spent - \$73,452.50

c. **Training Committee:** Elizabeth Standeven

Putting together a meeting to train assessors on the CAL FIRE field maps program. Apple devices are only ones that will work for this. Assessors will be getting email for two new forms. Field maps LE 100 forms have been revised, and an email will go out with the new form. Thanked all assessors for their help.

d. **Outreach & Education:** Dorothy Fine

Thanked Terri Nicholas and Shiela Trieball for coordinating the May 2nd Home and Garden event. May 2nd Placerville Wildfire Day was well attended. Cameron Park fireworks event is coming in July. The fair sign-up sheet is in the back of room. Would like more trained



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assessors for fair volunteers. Home hardening box came back half full from May 2nd events and we need the materials back for the box. Will be setting up two full boxes of home hardening materials.

10. Community Council Reports

Mark Almer, Grizzly Flats FSC – 2026 Firewise Day is Saturday July 18th 3pm-7pm at 7802 Hermosa Vista in Somerset. Food supplied by Burger Nights for food and there is also a silent auction fundraiser. April 30th logged into Columbia bank had an ATM transaction for a pet service charge that was disputed. Hugh gave a suggestion to get email anytime there is an ATM transaction to avoid that happening.

Lester Lubetkin, Oak Hill FSC – Our community day event was in April. For our Firewise report we had over 1,000 hours of work and over \$12,000 for purchases for doing home hardening and defensible space. Sierra Wildlife had a flyer for wildfire safe landscaping for animals.

Gary Boal, Rancho Del Sol FSC – We had our green waste event last weekend and we had 4 dumpsters filled within a day and a half. The first joint community event was last week with Fort Jim FSC and Camino FSC with great speakers and a great turnout. Thanked Courtney Jackson for organizing the event.

David Zelinsky, Placerville FSC - June 10th Steve Allen and I will be at the forest service building for a SOFAR cohesive strategy group presentation run by forest service. Caldor reforestation will be talked about. This event is part of the cohesive strategy collaborative and other fire safe councils will be there. Thanked Dorothy Fine, Angel and Greg Ball, and Karen Pullin for showing up at their wildfire event last month.

Jason Jackson Fort Jim FSC – Their collaborative FSC meeting had speakers from CA Dept of Insurance and El Dorado County fire and chief Cordero were there. We will have another collaborative community event with Camino & Rancho Del Sol FSCs on July 19th at Davies Family Inn on Fort Jim Road from 1pm-4pm.

Ken Rogers Logtown FSC – Was very impressed with the South County planning area meeting – there was a lot of good information. Thanked Tanya Harlow for having Tribal Fire participate in the Logtown neighbor helping neighbor event. 60+ yards of material were taken off the resident's yard. Over 400 yards of material were collected in 5 hours.

Jeanine Stiles, Greenstone FSC - Kit Veerkamp came with landscape information at their event. There will be a green waste day in July and will do mass mailing with the new workbooks.



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Bob Hess Coloma/Lotus FSC – 50 people showed up for their meeting. Kit Veerkamp spoke at their meeting at Sutter’s Mill school and recorded the meeting. They have a Coloma/Lotus YouTube channel. We will be having 3 green waste weekends in next three weeks.

Denise Romanek, Sand Ridge FSC – We had our green waste event and filled two 20-yard dumpsters. Over 15 parcels showed up. Watkins Forestry truck was filled up as well.

Mike Connelly Auburn Lake Trails FSC – Our community yard sale was last weekend had great attendance. Green waste day will be May 30th – grants are going well. Northern shaded fuel break is making good progress.

Karen Pullin, Mosquito FSC - May 30th we are hosting Ready Fest Evacuation and Wildfire Preparedness event at Dire Lake. Will be featuring EDSO OES. We are promoting unified on the divide thought process. We are introducing red flag warning. Will bring red flag warning materials to next meeting. Our new Mosquito Magazine will be released that is geared to the younger generation.

Corde Wagner, El Dorado Hills South FSC - El Dorado Hills fire will be at their next meeting on June 6. People in their community understand the idea of being prepared and have been doing well with defensible space.

Rich Langan, Serrano FSC – We had our first Firewise fair on May 16th. Very successful fair with over 100 people and insurance. OES for emergency evacuation showed up. Their HOA showed up to their event as well and was very beneficial. 26 assessments signed up.

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

Lester Lubetkin– El Dorado chapter of the Native Plant Society – they are developing a statewide wildfire policy for that organization.

Isiah Thompson new owner of El Dorado Forest Solutions explained a CAL FIRE grant their company is pursuing. He explained the need for a letter of support from EDCFSC.

David Zelinsky – Explained that he signed a letter of support for the SOFAR group as the chair of Placerville FSC.

Lester Lubetkin - Signed letter of support as chair of Oak Hill FSC for El Dorado County Forest Solutions. Please share policies for letters of support from AFSC. SOFAR has a document referring to letters of support – that we may be able to use as well.



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Ken explained work force reduction grants and letters of support. Everyone wants El Dorado Forest Solutions to get support for their needs. He stressed that no one is in trouble for signing letters of support.

Paul Penn mentioned Flag Day on June 14th as well as the Mid-Year Social. Complemented Tamara on getting the candidates for the candidates' forum. Introduced Bill Rice who has stepped up for our treasurer vacancy on the E-Board. Bill did an introductory speech about his background.

11. Good of the Order

- a. A Brown Bag Session will be held at 12:30 following the meeting. **The topic will be a Candidate Forum hosted by Tamara Johnston.**
- b. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – June 17, 2026

12. Adjourn

11:42am

Minutes typed by Carri Lueck, EDCFSC clerk

MAY 2026 YTD REPORT

CHIPPING PROGRAM

Jobs Completed: 374

Acres Cleared: 562

Cubic Yards Chipped: 103,432

Total Cost: \$144,732.44

DEFENSIBLE SPACE - REOPENING 7/1

RESIDENTS:

Parcels Evaluated: 156

Veterans: 24

Parcels Cleared: 112

Seniors: 100

Average Cost: \$1,349.80

Low-Income: 33

Total Cost: \$174,593.40

Disabled: 36

HAZARDOUS TREE - OPENED 5/25 - 185 NEW APPLICATIONS

Parcels Completed: 28

Trees Identified: 36

Trees Cut: 104

Average Tree Cost: \$600.66

Average Job Cost: \$2,862.21

Total Cost: \$73,452.50