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

Board Meeting Minutes-FINAL

July 17, 2024

9:30am-12:00pm

1. Meeting Call to Order

9:32

2. Roll Call: Sign In

In Person: Pimlott, Council, Barentson, Pullin, Ball, Brown, Cantelow, Connelly, Fine, Hess, Johnston, Payne, Willis, Osgood **Zoom:** Penn, Boal, Gilchrest, Hawk, Lory, Zelinsky, Standeven

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Ken Pimlott

4. Approval of Agenda: 07/17/2024 **Board Action Item**

Approved as presented - no opposition.

5. Consent Agenda: 06/19/2024 Board Meeting Minutes **Board Action Item**

Approved as presented no opposition.

6. New Business - No new items

7. Old Business

a. Strategic Planning (Futuring) Task Group Update- Paul Penn

Steve Willis drafted duty statements. Presentation will be made to the E-Board.

b. Community Wildfire Protection Plan – Tamara Johnston

Three days of site visits were completed with Jensen Hughes (CWPP Consulting firm). Twenty-five AFSCs participated in the tours.

8. Information Items:

a. Chairman's Report & Communication – Ken Pimlott - No report

b. Vice Chair Report – Dorothy Fine

Reminder- the vice chair position is the representative for AFSCs at OWPR meetings. Continue to work on research for a website building company. Thank you to Paul Gilchrest and Lester Lubkin for their help with the process. We want to add a back door password for AFSCs and we will need a project data management system for the three assistance programs. We have had a few glitches with tech support currently and in the past. We are also looking to add an Arc GIS program if grant funding comes through. We also need to have a website that is ADA compliant with terms and conditions listed. Kris Payne offered his help and knowledge. We need to be ADA compliant no later than 2026 and we need this compliance when we apply for grants. We are getting quotes which we will bring back to the e-board and general board in August.

c. Secretary Report – Angel Ball

Reminder to complete and submit appropriate insurance forms to secretary@edcfiresafe.org prior to special events. It takes up to seven days to process requests so plan ahead.

d. Treasurers Report: Janet Barentson – **Board Action Item**

Treasurer's report covers through month 11. The next report will have finals for fiscal year 23/24. The AFSC's Profit and Loss (P&L) statements are due by end of month. Thank you to those AFSCs that have already turned in P&L's.

Treasurers report approved as presented with no opposition.

e. Partners Reports:

1. BLM – No report

2. CAL FIRE – Megan Scheeline

Started fuels treatment effectiveness reporting – success stories go to Sacramento. Defensible space very successful with 5000 inspections so far this year.

EDC OES Deputy Jeff Whitlock–Presented overview of Pay and Moccasin Fire evacuation efforts including statistics on public use of the Perimeter website.

3. Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience – Tom Meyer/Tanya Harlow

Tom - OWPR is now fully staffed. Jenny Milo, Sr. Administrative Analyst, introduced herself as the Project Manager for the Weber Creek project. El Dorado County is now on the Board of Forestry **Fire Risk Reduction Community** list for homeowner's insurance discounts under the Safer From Wildfire Initiative. Refer to guidance flyer and OWPR's website. Defensible Space Ordinance update becomes effective August 16, 2024.

Tanya Harlow – CA FSC is creating a Coordinator program video to be shown throughout the state describing how communities can engage. EDCFSC video shorts will be included. Tanya has been attending AFSC meetings and is available to attend other AFSC meetings upon request.

4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association – Tim Cordero

Thanked other agencies for their coordination efforts in fires. El Dorado County Fire and Diamond Springs annexation – working on SB 1240 to ensure Diamond Springs employees retain current benefits.

5. EDC FPO Association – Chrishana Fields

EDC FPO Association is following SB 1060 which requires insurers using risk modeling to include wildfire mitigation and home hardening. Bill passed the Senate and is currently in the Assembly.

6. ENF – Brad Stewart - No report

7. RCD – Courtney Jackson

South county fuel reduction contracts awarded and work will start when fire danger lowers. Georgetown RFP going out for fuels reduction in Spanish Flat to Chili Bar. Marshall project will start when fire danger lowers. Placerville Wildfire Resilience Strategy identified a technical assistance committee. Data being shared and activities coordinated with other planning efforts, including CWPP.

8. SMUD – Eric Brown

SMUD participated in the El Dorado County Chamber where watershed hydro generation activities, internship information and upcoming job opportunities were discussed. SMUD tree mortality flight in June observed low tree mortality and low insect activity. SMUD will be starting ground patrol with arborists, focusing on trees around electric assets. Forest Service Regional Forester participated in site visit to see SMUD activities.

9. PG&E – Mike Webb - No report

10. EDSO – Lt Morton - No report

11. BOR – Elizabeth Dyer - No report

9. Program Reports

a. Grants & Funding/Grants Committee– Tamara Johnston

Approved for \$100,000 CA FSC community education and outreach grant by September 1st. AFSC's will receive project info and budgets for this grant. Community Navigator Program grant application for \$53,000 was not approved.

Submitted \$100,000 PG&E grant application for D-Space.

A list of ongoing grant opportunities with deadlines will be made available. Contact Tamara for grant and project assistance.

b. Assistance Programs – Jessica Isabel

Chipping- YTD-Completed 273 jobs, cleared 439 acres, chipped 42,648 cubic yards and \$113,517 has been spent.

Defensible Space Services for Seniors, etc - YTD-Evaluated 68 new properties, cleared 54 properties, average cost per parcel is \$1,104.68, and spent \$67,291.87. We serviced 16 veterans, 46 seniors, 14 low income and 14 disabled. 20 evaluations per week.

Hazard Tree Removal - YTD-Assessed 86 new parcels, completed 136 parcels, identified 204 new trees, cut 323 trees, average cost per tree cut \$936.97 and spent \$345,655.50

c. Training Committee – Hugh Council

The group is reviewing information collected from the defensible space assessor surveys and will report back to the board soon.

d. Outreach & Education –Alice Cantelow

Building a Home Hardened house and looking for members with construction experience to assist. EDCFSC participating in El Dorado Community Foundation non-profit fair on August 29th. AFSC's are encouraged to submit a biography about their FSC to Alice. Ken McKinstry (Gallagher Road) and Alice are creating flying embers fire posters to put on AFSC community bulletin boards.

e. Governance and New Council Formation & Orientation – Angel Ball

There is interest in new FSCs but no details yet. More information next month.

10. Project Reports - No report

11. Community Council Reports

Alice Cantelow-Oak Hill FSC-Thanked CALFIRE and agencies for their response to Moccasin fire.

Bill Osgood Serrano FSC- Working on implementing Bylaws and developing website. We will be participating in the CSD National Night Out handing out fire safe information.

Bob Hess Coloma/Lotus FSC-Hosted a community event which included OES and CERA. We have partnered with Georgetown FSC to do a roadside fuel reduction project.

Hassan Ebrahimi-Nuyken Sierra Springs FSC–PG&E will start undergrounding. Community evaluations underway. Contact me for info on working with HOAs.

Jeanine Stiles-Greenstone Country FSC-Developed a survey to send out to our community in August. A banner will be posted by mailboxes, so they know we have a FSC and we are Firewise. We have 347 homeowners but have only done 28 assessments.

Tamara Johnston-Georgetown FSC-Working on a project that will give a packet to landowners after fuel reduction has been done on their property to encourage them to continue working on their defensible space.

Mike Connelly- Auburn Lake Trails FSC- 1,146 properties received Defensible Space evaluations beginning in June with a 90% pass rate. Doing another green waste disposal day this Saturday.

Sherry Hawk Gold Ridge Forest – Thanked agencies that approved logos for the banners going up that highlight defensible space. Will be doing an eblast about defensible space being homeowner’s responsibility.

Hugh Council-Texas Hill FSC– Surveyed residents in Texas Hill regarding the Pay fire and their responses to Perimeter, RAVE and evacuations. Will host a community meeting with our community to discuss. PG&E flagged Texas Hill for undergrounding in 1-2 years.

Jennie Burton-Volcanoville FSC-. Jennie introduced herself and indicated she is helping Mary Cornelison. Had a community meeting this past Saturday.

Ken McKinstry- Gallagher Road FSC-Thanked El Dorado Department of Transportation for working on evacuation route. They did a great job improving drainage.

David Zelinsky – Placerville FSC-Working on expanding FSC borders partnering with OWPR to fill in gaps that are not covered by FSCs.

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

Biomass/Cogeneration- Kris Payne - The county is waiting for USDA rural business development grant application to be processed. If awarded, there will be a contract with ECOSTRAT for a bio economy opportunity zone evaluation for El Dorado County.

13. Good of the Order

Hugh Council – There were 1,434 assessments year to date.

Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – August 21, 2024

Adjourned at 11:55a

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