



# El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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

## Board Meeting Minutes-FINAL

October 15, 2025

9:30 am to 12:00

American Legion

4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville

### 1. Meeting Call to Order

9:33am

### 2. Roll Call: Sign In

In Person: Pimlott, Council, Barentson, Pullin, Penn, Ball, Fine, Gilcrest, Johnston, Lory, Osgood, Payne, Rogers, Zelinsky Zoom: Boal, Hawk, Willis, Standeven

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Pimlott

### 4. Consent Calendar Board Action Item

- a. Meeting Agenda: 10/15/2025
- b. Board Meeting Minutes: 09/17/2025
- c. Bylaws section 14.04 - EDCFSC Approval of Associate Fire Safe Council Boundaries

Approved as presented - no opposition.

### 5. New Business

- a. Proposed Policy Addition – Article XXIV Title III AFSC Grant Policy – Board Action Item

Tamara Johnston explained this new policy in addition to the Title III rules. She explained the allocation and the process for reimbursement. Money needs to be spent during the calendar year and does not roll over to the next year. Discussions were held around green waste days, Title III funding and what will need to be covered by the individual councils.

Motion to approve was made by Hugh Council with a second by David Zelinsky. Motion passed with no opposition.

b. Proposed Policy Update – Article XVII Reimbursement Policy – **Board Action**

Janet Barentson explained how the policy was updated to provide a more detailed process.

Hugh Council moved to approve with a second by Kris Payne. Approved as presented with no opposition.

## 6. Old Business

None

## 7. Executive Board Reports:

a. Chairman's Report & Communication – Ken Pimlott

MOU with EDCFSC & El Dorado County will be presented at the November 19<sup>th</sup>, meeting. This is a mutual agreement but not a binding agreement. CA FSC is having an internal workshop and will be touring the County on October 29<sup>th</sup>, and will be meeting our partners as well.

b. Vice-Chair Report –Dorothy Fine

Nine of 32 councils sent their top two accomplishments. Please send write-ups by October 31st to [vicechair@edcfiresafe.org](mailto:vicechair@edcfiresafe.org). AFSC's web pages need to be ADA compliant and the flyers on your pages need to be compliant or they will be taken off.

c. Secretary Report – Angel Ball

- Governance and New Council Formation

Insurance policy was renewed. Carri will be accepting insurance requests from now on. Email to [clerk@edcfiresafe.org](mailto:clerk@edcfiresafe.org) with a cc to [secretary@edcfiresafe.org](mailto:secretary@edcfiresafe.org). Carri will add your event to the EDCFSC event calendar. Kris asked if the board has an E and O. Our insurance includes a director and officer policy, aka D and O.

d. Treasurers Report: Janet Barentson

- Treasurer Report 8/31/2025 - **Board Action Item**

Janet Barentson explained the treasurer's report as well as where we are with our grants. We are on top of reimbursement requests for our grantors. Report approved as presented with no opposition. If you have any outstanding expenses for green waste events, you need to submit for reimbursement asap. August 31st was the deadline to use the money. Audit is underway for 24-25 year.

**8. Partners Reports:**

a. BLM – TBA

No Report

b. CAL FIRE –Jeff Hoag

No Report

c. Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience – Tanya Harlow

Explained the MOU and how the relationship between El Dorado County and EDCFSC will continue when there are staff changes. Mentioned all the inspections OWPR is working on. Updated the Weber Creek project. Completed all their quarterly reports. Getting more inspections done and have been focusing more on home hardening. Tanya will be speaking next week at the CAFSC regional coordinator meeting and will be talking about the CWPP. Tanya will also be speaking at the CAFSC Conference and will be talking about this county coordinator program. There were discussions on Firewise and maps for applications as well as the process for applying for a Firewise certificate.

d. EDC Fire Chiefs Association – Tim Cordero

No Report

e. EDC FPO Association – Dustin Hall

The 2025 code process was completed. We are currently working on the WUI code as well. Working with Zone 0 which will be enforced for 2026 for existing homes.

f. ENF – Brad Stewart

No Report

g. RCD – Courtney Jackson

Explained RCD projects in the county. CAL FIRE and forest service partnering will continue when they come back.

h. SMUD – Eric Brown

No Report

i. PG&E – Mike Webb

No Report

j. EDSO –Lt Morton

No Report

k. BOR – Zarela Guerrero

Working on existing contracts. Goat grazing will start in the county.

**9. Program Reports:**

a. Grants & Funding/Grants Committee– Tamara Johnston

No word on CAFSC advance as their funding comes from the U.S. Forest Service. E-board voted to reimburse folks after cutoff. Explained grants that are completed and those we are waiting for approval. She will be applying for a grant that would provide funding for the home assessment program. Working on quarterly reports this month for CAL FIRE.

b. Assistance Programs – Jessica Isabel

- Chipping-YTD

Jobs Completed - 714  
Acres Cleared 1,209  
Cubic Yards Chipped – 118,511  
Total Spent - \$342,213.01

- Defensible Space Services for Seniors, etc-YTD

Parcels Evaluated - 492  
Parcels Cleared - 467  
Total Spent - \$656,847.03

Of the completed jobs:

113 - veterans  
424 - seniors  
114 - low income  
128 – disabled

- Hazard Tree Removal

Parcels Completed -141  
Trees Identified -641  
Trees Cut - 491  
Average Tree Cost - \$372.64  
Average job cost including assessment fees - \$1,945.36  
Total Spent \$285,481.50

RFPs for defensible space and chipping were launched  
October 24th & 27<sup>th</sup>.

c. Training Committee – Elizabeth Standeven

Home Assessment program is going well. The third quarter has finished up, and Carri is working on stipend funds. Started the quality control process late in the third quarter and will process what is there. Going forward she will be checking forms and will address issues with individual assessors. Elizabeth explained how Carri wants the files to be labeled. Created a fillable PDF LE100 form. You can find a sign-up sheet for assessments on the website to take to events. November's Brown Bag will be on assessments for a Zone 0 update or other assessment related items. Hugh Council noted that the LE100 on Field Maps it is back up working. Carri will send out the email noting the labeling of the files.

d. Outreach & Education – Dorothy Fine

Firewise reports have education & outreach which can be incorporated into Firewise plans. We have a table at the back of the room with handouts to take to your community which include home assessments and our three programs. We will always have flyers and workbooks at our meetings. Bruce Dickson, RDS FSC, mentioned several AFSCs are getting together to talk about public outreach. Jessica went to the Veterans Hall in Placerville to bring workbooks and information about our programs that they didn't know about.

## 10. Community Council Reports

**Jeanine Stiles, Greenstone FSC** - Had a green waste day. Sent survey for Firewise and had a 27% response rate. Had education town hall regarding the CWPP. The meeting went well with 27 people in attendance. We did 3 assessments in September.

**Ken Rogers, Logtown FSC** - Had our annual hotdog social and handed out workbooks and flyers. Attendance was down this year.

**Hassan Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Sierra Springs FSC** – November 8<sup>th</sup> is our green waste day funded by our HOA. The HOA will do a trunk & treat at our lodge with Les doing an informational talk. United Policy Holders meeting had a professor from UC Berkley Fire Research Lab attend and reinstate what everyone is doing does make a difference. Their research shows that when no mitigation is done you could expect 80% structure loss when do Zones 0 & 1 as well as home hardening the loss dropped by half.

**Denise Romaneck, Sand Ridge FSC** – Our annual picnic & fundraiser is October 26<sup>th</sup>. We are in the process of getting speakers.

**Paul Gilchrest, Greater Cameron Park FSC** - October 31st Shingle Springs/Cameron Park trunk or treat will be at Burke Junction.

**Paul Penn, Diamond Springs FSC** – We are working with the Sheriffs to do an evacuation exercise. Strategic Plan Brown Bag today will be talking about more it.

**David Zelinsky, Placerville FSC** – We did an event at Home Depot. Dorothy mentioned the public outreach working group can help with getting information out to Tribal Fire and U.S. Forest Service that David asked about.

**Hugh Council, Texas Hill FSC** – Next week CAL FIRE is having an event at Home Depot. You can contact Denise Sweeny from Diamond Springs as she works there. Tanya mentioned CAL FIRE is doing a home hardening event to showcase their home hardening isle at Home Depot.

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

Ted Gaines - lives in Shingle Springs and is the Chairman of the Board of Equalization. Thanked AFSCs for all we are doing. Impressed by the quick response by CAL FIRE this year. Ken explained why we had a good year with fires.

Kris Payne - Save the graves this Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm. Mentioned the strategic planning session brown bag today. Noted parking off site if no parking is available in the parking lot at 515 Main Street.

#### **12. Good of the Order**

- a. A **Brown Bag Session** will be held at 12:30 or no more than 30 minutes after the end of the meeting if it ends early. The topic will be

a review of the EDCFSC Strategic Plan (aka FutureFest) hosted by Paul Penn.

b. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – November 19, 2025

**13. Adjourn**

11:22am