



El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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Board Meeting Agenda May 20, 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: 05/20/2026
 - b. Board Meeting Minutes: 4/15/2026
5. New Business
6. Old Business
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
 - Nominations
 - Governance and New Council Formation
 - e. Treasurers Report: Janet Barentson
 - Treasurer Report 04/30/2026 - *Board Action Item*
 - Budget FY 26/27 approval - *Board Action Item*
8. Partners Reports:
 - a. BLM: TBA
 - b. CAL FIRE: Jeff Hoag/Brian Pooley



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- 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. **The topic will be a Candidate Forum hosted by Tamara Johnston.**
- b. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – June 17, 2026

13. Adjourn



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Board Meeting Minutes-DRAFT April 15, 2026 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

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1. Meeting Call to Order

9:30am

2. Roll Call: Sign In

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Pimlott

4. Consent Calendar Board Action Item

- a. Meeting Agenda: 04/15/2026
- b. Board Meeting Minutes: 3/18/2026

Consent Calendar is approved as presented with no opposition.

5. New Business

- a. El Dorado Ready Campaign Endorsement/Support- Board Action Items - Paul Penn

El Dorado Ready Campaign was presented by Paul Penn. Discussion was held.

○ Item 1: Endorsement

El Dorado Ready Campaign – David Zelinsky made a motion to endorse the El Dorado Ready initiative; a second was made by Alice Cantelow. Discussion was held and a roll call vote was taken by the secretary, Angel Ball, with 18 ayes and 0 no's 2 abstain and 3 not present. The motion passes with a majority vote.



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○ **Item 2: Support**

Hugh Council made motion and a second by Elizabeth Standeven for the EDCFSC agreeing to support this initiative but is limited to volunteering, petition gathering, canvassing and speaking at events on behalf of the initiative. All the coordination will occur through Paul Penn to ensure we have consistent information sharing and provide appropriate support and direction for AFSCs. A roll call vote was taken by the secretary, Angel Ball, with 18 ayes 1 no 1 abstain and 3 not present. The motion for support passed.

b. **Proposed Office Space – Angel Ball**

Angel Ball gave an update on the new space with the wish list of items for the new office and the places that were visited. 344 Placerville Dr. Ste 10 is the location we are interested in.

6. **Old Business**

None

7. **Executive Board Reports:**

a. **Chairman’s Report & Communication:** Ken Pimlott

Deferred to Vice Chair

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

Program automation - hazardous tree applications are not being accepted yet. Jessica is running both new and old systems on defensible space and chipping to work through glitches. Thanked Jessica for all her work on the build out. As of July 1st Hugh Council will no longer be here to help set up and take down room and still need volunteers to help out.

c. **Parliamentarian Report:** Paul Penn

There is a mid-year social planned for the July timeframe. (Subsequently scheduled for June 14th). Stay tuned for more information.

d. **Secretary Report:** Angel Ball

- **Elections and Renewals**

The secretary recommends that the Chair appoint Angel Ball, Dorothy Fine and Karen Pullin with the assistance of the clerk to manage the election process. The Chair approved the nomination committee. Angel announced the positions up for election and the process in June for the elections.



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- Governance and New Council Formation
No new council formation

e. **Treasurers Report:** Janet Barentson

- **Treasurer Report 03/31/2026 - Board Action Item**

The treasurer gave a brief report on the treasurer's items as well as grants. The treasurer's report is approved as presented with no opposition. The 26/27 proposed budget was addressed as well. Reminded councils to change bank account information if their members change with the elections.

8. **Partners Reports:**

a. **BLM:** TBA

No Report

b. **CAL FIRE:** Brian Pooley

Thanked EDCFSC for the assessor training this week.

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

The El Dorado County Emergency Preparedness Handbook is almost finalized and ready to print for the fair. The current workbooks are available if needed. CAL FIRE is having a Wildfire Preparedness Week, and they are spending one day, along with other local agencies, at a residence in Logtown doing defensible space work. Logtown FSC will also have their green waste disposal and chipping services the same day. The inspection areas that were chosen are all up on the mapping tool on the OWPR website.

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

No Report

e. **EDC FPO Association:** TBA

No Report

f. **ENF:** Brad Stewart

No Report



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g. **RCD:** Courtney Jackson

Gave an update on the Caldor fire projects and they plan to start working on them mid-May. Announced the fuel reduction projects that have been completed as well as the upcoming projects to be starting. Sage map contest award ceremony is April 21, 2026, at 9am at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

h. **SMUD:** Eric Brown

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

k. **BOR:** Zarela Guerrero/John Hutchings

No Report

9. **Program Reports:**

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

Mentioned the close out of CAL FIRE grants and noted the grants that were applied for. Noted the CEQA and NEPA qualifications that were met in the application process in the planning areas. We will be applying for the outreach and education portion of the CA FSC grant. Tamara explained the process for the AFSCs to check in with Tamara with any questions.

- **CWPP Planning Area Meetings**
Explained what she needs for maps from the councils. An overview of the first planning meeting was explained. Gave the dates for the rest of the meetings.



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AFSC members noted their experiences from the first meeting. Explained the Coco grant training in October/November timeframe.

b. Assistance Programs: Jessica Isabel

We have four chipping events coming up and the process was explained for these events. Hazardous tree program is still closed until May 1st.

- Chipping – YTD
 - Jobs Completed - 128
 - Acres Cleared - 199
 - Acres Chipped - 36,008 cubic yards
 - Total Spent - \$57,044.26
- Defensible Space – YTD
 - New Parcels Evaluated - 106
 - Parcels Cleared - 78
 - Out Of 78 parcels:
 - Veterans - 16
 - Low Income - 24
 - Disabled - 25
 - Seniors – 68
 - Average Cost Per Parcel - \$1,327.62
 - Total Spent - \$120,446.08
- Hazard Tree Removal – YTD
 - Parcels Completed - 28
 - New 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

Elizabeth gave an overview of assessor training this week. Thanks to all that were involved in putting the training together. The next training will be in Spring 2027. Defining the clearance to external battery power stations was brought up to OWPR.

d. Outreach & Education: Dorothy Fine

May 1-3 is Home and Garden Show and Elizabeth Standeven and Terrie Nicholas from Mt. Aukum will be there to represent EDCFSC. May 2nd the Placerville FSC will represent



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EDCFSC at the Wildfire Safety Event at the Midtown Mall. The fair will be June 18-20 and there will be a sign-up sheet at the May meeting for volunteers.

10. Community Council Reports

Paul Penn, Diamond Springs FSC – This Saturday will be the community evacuation exercise at Union Mine H.S. The information on the El Dorado Ready Campaign will be put together to give to Angel Ball for distribution.

Tamara Johnston, Georgetown FSC – They had their 2nd annual Wildfire Expo on Saturday and thanked everyone involved for their help. They spent \$100 for one week on Facebook Ads for the event and felt it was worth spending that on advertising.

Bob Hess, Coloma/Lotus FSC – Liked Tamara's contest idea at her event for grand prize of defensible space work awarded to the winner. This Sunday at 3pm at Sutter's Mill School is their public meeting. Thanks to everyone involved with the assessor training.

Karen Pullin, Mosquito FSC – Encouraged people to attend the different AFSC events. Had their block party and had about 80 people in attendance. CAL FIRE was there to speak about their inspections and defensible space. They also encouraged our assessor program for defensible space. May 30th is their evacuation and wildfire preparedness event.

Jeanine Stiles, Greenstone FSC - May 12th Kit Veerkamp will be giving a seminar on native plants and fire-resistant plants. Jeanine will be stepping down as chair in November after the Firewise application is submitted.

Courtney Jackson, Fort Jim FSC – Gave a shout out to Tamara for her wildfire event. Also, gave a shout out to the clerk for her help with the website. Their public meeting will be at the Davies Family Inn on Fort Jim Rd. on May 14 from 1pm-4pm. Their first annual joint BBQ will be on July 19th with Camino and Rancho Del Sol FSCs to gain more help from members of the communities.

Hassan Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Sierra Springs FSC – Thanked Jessica for her help putting together their chipping event next week. May 2nd is the green waste day and there will be two dumpsters in the area. The PG&E grant project is moving along. Congratulated Tanya Harlow for making her debut on national public radio this morning.

Ken Rogers, Logtown FSC – Thanked Tanya for coordinating the neighbor-to-neighbor event they are having in coordination with their green waste day. Thanked CAL FIRE as well who will be participating in the event. They will have two dumpsters this year to avoid the overweight fee and will put the waste from the neighbor-to-neighbor event in it.



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Rich Langon, Serrano FSC - Doing first community wildfire event on April 16th and will have several speakers in attendance. They changed their website and it is now called Firesafe Serrano.

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

Cheryl Flagchester, an Outingdale resident, – Thanked everyone involved for their commitment to the EDCFSC. Looking for help from the EDCFSC on a federal lawsuit regarding a fire suppression system. She has an easement for the EID water withdrawal pumps on her property. Looking for a contact person to get help on the lawsuit.

Alice Cantelow – As a member of the California’s native plant society’s statewide wildfire community, she commended CAL FIRE for their grant as well as Tamara for including prescribed fire and maintenance in the grant.

12. Good of the Order

- a. There is no Brown Bag Session this month.
- b. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – May 20, 2026

13. Adjourn

12:44pm

Minutes typed by Carri Lueck Administrative Assistant

2026 YEAR TO DATE REPORT

CHIPPING PROGRAM

Jobs Completed: 282

Acres Cleared: 416

Cubic Yards Chipped: 68,934

Total Cost: \$107,247.17

DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Parcels Evaluated: 156

Parcels Cleared: 112

Average Cost: \$1,349.80

Total Cost: \$174,593.40

RESIDENTS:

Veterans: 24

Seniors: 100

Low-Income: 33

Disabled: 36

HAZARDOUS TREE

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