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

Board Meeting Agenda

July 17, 2024

9:30 am to 12:00

American Legion

4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Sign In
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda: 07/17/2024 **Board Action Item**
5. Consent Agenda: 06/19/2024 Board Meeting Minutes **Board Action Item**
6. New Business
7. Old Business
 - a. Strategic Planning (Futuring) Task Group Update- Paul Penn
 - b. Community Wildfire Protection Plan – Tamara Johnston
8. Information Items:
 - a. Chairman's Report & Communication – Ken Pimlott
 - b. Vice Chair Report – Dorothy Fine
 - c. Secretary Report – Angel Ball
 - d. Treasurers Report: Janet Barentson – **Board Action Item**
 - e. Partners Reports:
 1. BLM – TBA
 2. CAL FIRE – Megan Scheeline/Jeff Hoag
 3. Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience – Tom Meyer/Tanya Harlow

4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association – Tim Cordero
5. EDC FPO Association – Lucas Shepard
6. ENF – Brad Stewart
7. RCD – Mark Egbert
8. SMUD – Eric Brown
9. PG&E – Mike Webb
10. EDSO – Lt Morton
11. BOR – Elizabeth Dyer

9. Program Reports

- a. Grants & Funding/Grants Committee– Tamara Johnston
- b. Assistance Programs – Jessica Isabel
 - Chipping
 - Defensible Space Services for Seniors, etc
 - Hazard Tree Removal
- c. Training Committee – Hugh Council
- d. Outreach & Education – Alice Cantelow
- e. Governance and New Council Formation & Orientation – Angel Ball

10. Project Reports

11. Community Council Reports

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

13. Good of the Order

- a. Brown bag lunch FSC networking forum @ **12 noon** at the American Legion following the Board Meeting.
- b. CWPP update meeting hosted by OWPR @ **1 PM** at the American Legion following the Board Meeting.
- c. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – August 21, 2024



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Board Meeting Minutes-DRAFT

June 19, 2024

9:30 am to 12:00

Diamond Springs / El Dorado Firefighters Association Memorial Hall
3734 China Garden Road, Diamond Springs

1. Meeting Call to Order

9:32am

2. Roll Call: Sign

In Person: Pimlott, Council, Barentson, Pullin, Boal, Ball, Cantelow, Connelly, Dwyer, Fine, Gilcrest, Johnston, Hess, Lory, Payne, Willis, Zelinsky Zoom: Wynia, Hawk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Pimlott

4. Approval of Agenda: 06/19/2024 Board Action Item

Approved as presented-no opposition.

5. Consent Agenda: 05/15/2024 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item

Approved with one amendment (deleted Kim off 6. B) as presented.

6. New Business

a. Change in meeting location – Ken Pimlott

The Firefighters hall will no longer be available on the 3rd Wednesdays. Beginning July 17th, meetings will be held at the American Legion Hall, 4561 Greenstone Rd, Placerville. The cost will be \$2200/year compared to current \$1200/yr. The new facility will be better suited for parking. Thank you to the Diamond Springs/El Dorado Firefighters Association and fire department for supporting our location during the last several years.

b. Elections – Hugh/Karen – **Board Action Item**

20 out of 21 ballots were returned and we met the quorum for voting. General Board of Directors are Pimlott-Aukum/Fairplay FSC, Council-Texas Hill FSC, Barentson-Aukum/Fairplay FSC, Pullin-Mosquito SC, Penn-Diamond Springs FSC, Boal-Rancho Del Sol FSC, Ball-Strawberry FSC, Brown-SMUD, Cantelow-Oak Hill FSC, Connelly-ALT FSC, Dwyer-Logtown FSC, Fine-Camino FSC, Gilchrest-Greater Cameron Park FSC, Hawk-Gold Ridge Forest FSC, Johnston-Georgetown Divide FSC, Hess-Coloma/Lotus FSC, Lory-Grizzly Flats FSC, Payne-Patterson Ranch FSC, Willis-Lake Hills FSC, Wynia-Omo Ranch FSC, Zelinsky-Placerville FSC and Osgood-Serrano FSC. Executive Board is comprised of Pimlott-Chair, Fine-Vice Chair, Penn-Parliamentarian, Barentson-Treasurer, Ball-Secretary. Karen thanked everyone for all the help within the council as well as thanking Angel for taking on the new Secretary position. Ken thanked Karen Pullin and Hugh Council for all the work they have put in on the E-board. Hugh also thanked everyone within the council for all their participation. Motion made by Ken Pimlott to ratify voting ballots for Board of Directors and E-Board as presented by Karen Pullin. Motion passed with no opposition.

c. Associate Council Renewals – Karen Pullin – **Board Action Item**

The following ASFSC's have been renewed: Auburn Lake Trails FSC, Aukum/Fairplay FSC, Camino FSC, Cedar Grove FSC, Coloma/Lotus FSC, Cool/Pilot Hill FSC, Diamond Springs FSC, Fort Jim FSC, Gallagher Road Landowner Association FSC, Georgetown Divide FSC, Gold Hill Estates FSC, Gold Ridge Forest FSC, Greater Cameron Park Area FSC, Greenstone Country FSC, Grizzly Flat FSC, Lake Hills FSC, Logtown FSC, Mosquito FSC, Oak Hill FSC, Omo Ranch FSC, Patterson Ranch FSC, Placerville FSC, Rancho Del Sol FSC, Rescue Community FSC, Royal Equestrian Estates FSC, Sandridge FSC, Serrano FSC, Sierra Springs Regional FSC, Strawberry FSC, Texas Hill FSC, Volcanoville FSC, Wrights Lake/Dark Lake FSC. Karen stated she received the following paperwork for the FSCs: application, agreement, conflict of interest. All documents are in hand ready for Carri to scan. Ken made a motion to accept all paperwork for the FSCs to be renewed. Approved with full vote and no opposition.

d. Training Committee Charter– Hugh Council - **Board Action Item**

Explained objectives for the committee. EDCFSC does have the majority vote in the Charter. The Charter is approved as presented.

e. Website Redesign – Ken Pimlott – **Board Action Item**

Ken explained that our current vendor Lanitech has been difficult to work with and cost about \$6000 in 2023. The E-Board received a presentation from a website vendor, Access Design Studio. The proposal included a privacy policy, website design meeting ADA compliance and a secure site for AFSC access. Proposed cost is \$225 a month for EDCFSC website maintenance and \$15,000 for a website redesign.

Paul Gilchrest mentioned several AFSC's as well as County Fire utilize Streamline for website work and may be less expensive and more reliable. Ken asked for people to research additional options and bring proposals back to the E-Board. Paul made a motion to form a technology ad hoc committee and David Zelinsky seconded the motion. Ken amended the motion to be a group not a committee Paul Gilchrest accepted amendment. Janet Barentson seconded the motion. Dorothy Fine agreed to represent E-Board on the ad hoc group. Motion was approved to create an ad hoc group.

7. Old Business

a. Strategic Planning (Futuring) Task Group Update- Steve Willis

The group did outreach to the AFSCs and they are sorting through information to have positions and structure for EDCFSC. They will present the information they gathered to the board once they have it put together.

b. Community Wildfire Protection Plan – Tamara Johnston

The next monthly steering committee meeting is tomorrow. The site visits for consultants are next week that will be all around western slope of El Dorado County. Workshops will be offered as community outreach. There will be a meeting here at 1pm today for feedback and questions.

8. Information Items:

a. Chairman's Report & Communication – Ken Pimlott

Deferred to Hugh Council

b. Vice Chair Report – Hugh Council

Continue to attend meetings. The Defensible Space Ordinance passed the first reading with the Board of Supervisors and the second reading is in July. If that

passes it will become effective in August. I will continue to work with the defensible space committee.

c. Secretary Report – Karen Pullin

Angel Ball and I will be meeting soon to go over insurance information.

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

Reimbursement and advance were received from CA FSC. Defensible space is getting caught up. Received 2022-23 Title III checks from El Dorado County. 100% of County allocation dedicated to EDCFSC -\$140,000. We have grown since 2020 when our operating cost was \$29,000. The current budget proposes \$119k with 171k proposed for next year. Explained line items for the increase in expenses. We have 5 years of funding at \$171k per year. Tamara explained some admin fees are paid through grants. Monthly treasurer's report was approved as presented. Budget was left out of the board packet by mistake. Kris Payne made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Ken Pimlott will send missing budget document out to board members. Treasurer's report approved as presented-no opposition. Proposed budget approved-no opposition.

e. Partners Reports:

1. BLM – TBA

No report

2. CAL FIRE – Megan Scheeline/Jeff Hoag

All burning has been suspended, including Tahoe basin. Returning fire fighter training is ongoing and on Monday CAL FIRE AEU will be fully staffed. First C130 will come in late August. Pay attention to red flag warnings. Defensible space inspections are continuing with 1000 more defensible space inspections this year than last year. It is recommended to do defensible space before 10am. CAL FIRE posts on Nextdoor when and where they are doing defensible space inspections.

3. Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience – Tonya Harlow/Jenna Patri

Tom Meyer introduced Tanya Harlow as the new fire safe coordinator, and she introduced herself and her experience. She will serve as a liaison with fire safe councils and the county. She will also be assisting Ritchie Galvin with Firewise. Tom thanked all the FSCs for engagement in the planning process of the CWPP. They will be touring the county for three days for the CWPP planning. They will have a website launched in July. The Weber Creek project is moving forward and hopes to have FEMA clearance in 2-3 months. The Board of Supervisors accepted BLM grant and we hope to

have \$100k in funding available in July slated for public outreach. Mid-August effective date for defensible space ordinance. We had the Crystal Blvd. public workshop last week and inspections will start in July. Four OWPR positions were allocated and slated to start in July.

4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association – Tim Cordero

Lucas Shepard for Chief Cordero - Fire season is here. Make sure you are signed up for evacuation reports and be cognizant of what you are doing. Active shooter drill was performed along with law enforcement.

5. EDC FPO Association – Lucas Shepard

No June meeting. In May we had the office of the State Fire Marshal and defensible space was presented. Recorded presentation on their Zoom link that he will send to Ken. Had booth at fair and went very well with public outreach. Updating firesafe plan list.

6. ENF – Brad Stewart

No report

7. RCD – Mark Egbert

Courtney Jackson with the El Dorado and Georgetown RCD's reported for Mark. She gave a shout out to Jenna at OWPR for her work at the fair that was very successful. Roadside hazardous tree removal along Hwy 50 was done by Team Rubicon. They removed fuels and hazardous trees in Grizzly Flat as well. Information will be forwarded to the community regarding the work they performed. Grizzly Flat is hosting the anniversary of their FSC this Saturday.

8. SMUD – Eric Brown

No report

9. PG&E – Mike Webb

Elizabeth and Ken talked about PG&E issues with cleaning up after they do tree clearing. We were not satisfied with answers from PG&E. Elizabeth mentioned new Board of Forestry guidelines would regulate PG&E work to chip and remove everything they drop and would solve problems. Sherry Hawk is having problems in Gold Ridge Forest with PG&E. She will send out information to all the councils she has about her complaint with PG&E.

10. EDSO – Lt. Morton

No report as he is working on active shooter drill.

11. BOR – Elizabeth Dyer

No report

9. Program Reports

a. Grants & Funding/Grants Committee– Tamara Johnston

This month I submitted a grant application to PG&E's innovation program for \$100k for FSCs to do defensible space assessments.

CA FSC grant was submitted for \$100k for education and outreach and is still pending supposed to hear in June.

A \$54k grant was submitted to support the seven additional community workshops for the CWPP.

Our application for the \$6.6 million community wildfire defense grant from the U.S. Forest Service was denied.

b. Assistance Programs – Jessica Isabel

- Chipping
YTD completed 188 jobs, cleared 323 acres, 20,622 cubic yds, \$84,693 spent.
- Defensible Space Services for Seniors, etc
YTD we evaluated 44 properties, cleared 11 parcels, spent \$12,141.10 and the average cost per parcel is \$1,084.93. We have serviced 4 veterans, 9 seniors, 3 low income and 5 disabled. This breakdown is only for parcels that have been completed YTD, not for all applications received.
- Hazard Tree Removal
Assessed 62 new parcels, completed 129 jobs, identified 131 new trees, cut 304 trees and spent \$322,878K. We are spending an average of \$1,083.01 per tree.
Jessica, Ken & Tamara explained the process for this program. The number for Mason, Bruce & Girard for assistance with this program is 530-786-0399.

c. Training – Hugh Council

Ordered 7,000 new workbooks so call Carri to make arrangements to pick them up from the office on Main Street. Elizabeth is running defensible space training. She explained what the group is working on, including standardized form for assessments, figuring out the best way to connect with public so homeowners can ask for assessments, consistent handouts and tool kit for assessors and better support for assessors after they have been trained.

Outreach & Education –Alice Cantelow

Fair went well. Shared location information on associate councils with maps. Thanked volunteers for the work at the fair. August 4th event is still happening with the Ag department.

d. Governance and New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen Pullin

I still need current officer information in order to distribute new FSC contact list. No new councils to vote on. Talked with Gregory Clark who lives on Paso del Diablo Court in Placerville about interest in forming a FSC. I talked to Jill Keith to see if they can join Placerville's FSC. Mark Musgrove who lives by Chili Bar is looking to form or join a council because they are a small area.

10. Project Reports

- a. USFS SOFAR Project–David Zelinsky
July 10th 1:30pm Zoom meeting. October 24th biomass meeting.
- b. EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project) – David Zelinsky
In person meeting on July 9th at forest service. Two insurance companies were at the meeting yesterday giving information for discounts.
- c. County Biomass Working Group – Kris Payne

No report

11. Community Council Reports

Ernie Lory Grizzly Flat FSC -20th anniversary for our council this Saturday. A history book was generated of their council.

Jeanine Stiles-Greenstone FSC- We had our Firewise Fiesta in May and received more interest in assessments which they put in their newsletter. We received a call from Sleepy Hollow with interest in joining their FSC and they will be at their next meeting.

Dorothy Fine-Camino FSC-Gave a shout out to Ritchie Galvin and Placerville FSC for helping close a gap of no FSC coverage.

Hassan Sierra Springs FSC–Started evaluations for defensible space inspections. Attended a WRAP meeting via Zoom and presented questions to them. Also mentioned it would be good to have communication with insurance companies' representatives who will now be doing defensible space inspections. Clear Creek Road is being widened and within the next month there will be road restrictions in that area.

Paul Gilcrest-Greater Cameron Park FSC- Teamed up with BLM to clear 200 feet for defensible space for a preserve near them.

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

Scott Helmund founder & CEO of Redline Safety headquartered in Greenwood. Presented information about his company that develops advanced wearable technology for firefighters. They received funding for a pilot program in El Dorado County. WA & CO are interested in his product, but he would like to work with CA.

13. Good of the Order

Adjourned at 12:04pm

- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – July 17, 2024, at our new location at American Legion Hall, 4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville, CA.

Year to Date Expense Report -6/30/2024

FSC Operations	Beginning Balance	June	Actual YTD Balance 10 months	Total Balance YTD	% of Budget
FSC Operations Opening Balance (Assets)	\$ 135,050	\$ 34,704	105,343	\$ 140,048	104%
Total Available	\$ 135,050	\$ 34,704	\$ 105,343	\$ 140,048	104%
Expenses	Budget	June	Actual YTD Balance 10 months	Total YTD	% of Budget
5010 · Contract Support	\$ 52,500	\$ 6,787	38,604	\$ 45,391	86%
5030 · Giveaway Items	\$ 0			\$ -	0%
5040 · Internet Access & Website	\$ 4,000		3,393	\$ 3,393	85%
6100 · Advertising & Marketing	\$ 1,000			\$ -	0%
6115 · Bank Service Charges	\$ 600	\$ 285	725	\$ 1,010	168%
6120 · Business License & Fees	\$ 100		225	\$ 225	225%
6130 · Admin Services	\$ 24,940	\$ 2,500	25,420	\$ 27,920	112%
6141 · Computer Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 15	1,834	\$ 1,849	185%
6142 · Conference Fees	\$ 250		250	\$ 250	100%
6155 · Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 700		816	\$ 816	117%
6180 · Insurance	\$ 14,000		14,127	\$ 14,127	101%
6320 · Telephone	\$ 1,488	\$ 148	1,860	\$ 2,008	135%
6255 · Postage, Delivery & PO Box	\$ 200	\$ 3	75	\$ 78	39%
6265 · Printing and Reproduction	\$ 150		129	\$ 129	86%
6275 · Professional Fee	\$ 0		-	\$ -	0%
6276 · Legal Fee	\$ 5,000		-	\$ -	0%
6277 · Accounting Fees	\$ 5,000	\$ 770	4,794	\$ 5,564	111%
6295 · Rent	\$ 5,400	\$ 350	7,250	\$ 7,600	141%
6310 · Office Supplies	\$ 800		145	\$ 145	18%
6330 · Travel	\$ 610		610	\$ 610	100%
6336 · Meeting Expense	\$ 1,000		609	\$ 609	61%
6580 · Storage	\$ 1,200	\$ 100	1,100	\$ 1,200	100%
Total Expense Overhead	\$119,938	10,958	101,966	\$ 112,924	94%

Active Projects Monthly Report

Report as of 6/30/2024

TITLE	GRANT END DATE	GRANT AWARD	CASH RECEIVED	CASH EXPENDED	REMAINING CASH	GRANT BALANCE NOT REC'D
Fuels Treatment						
USFS Stevens Auth Sierra Springs SS-2 (20-CA-11050300-013)	9/15/2025	\$ 250,000	198,400	195,549	2,851	\$ 51,600
USFS Stevens Auth Sierra Springs SS-2 (22-CA-11050300-015)	9/15/2025	\$ 309,000	1,382	402	980	\$ 307,618
USFS Stevens Auth Grizzly Flats GF-18 (20-CA-11050300-013)	9/15/2025	\$ 180,000	172,478	172,339	139	\$ 7,522
USFS Stevens Auth Grizzly Flats GF-18 (22-CA-11050300-015)	9/15/2025	\$ 150,000	-	-	-	\$ 150,000
USFS Stevens Auth Gold Ridge GRF (20-CA-11050300-013)	6/18/2025	\$ 150,000	149,625	148,847	778	\$ 375
USFS Stevens Auth Volcanoville (22-CA-11050300-015)	6/18/2025	\$ 132,000	694	278	416	\$ 131,306
USFS Stevens Auth Mosquito (22-CA-11050300-015)	6/18/2025	\$ 200,000	3,588	2,106	1,482	\$ 196,412
BLM Georgetown Fuel Break BLM L20AC00468	9/22/2025	\$ 990,000	559,798	559,798	-	\$ 430,202
CAL FIRE South County Fuel Reduction Project 5GG21199	3/15/2026	\$ 2,079,887	115,007	143,585	(28,578)	\$ 1,964,880
CAL FIRE Georgetown Marshal Road Fuel Reduction 5GA2129	3/15/2026	\$ 278,700	35,583	35,583	-	\$ 243,117
CAL FIRE Fuel Red for Critical Rds-Coloma Lotus 5GG21200	3/15/2026	\$ 705,670	249,381	249,381	-	\$ 456,289
CAL FIRE Residential Hazardous Tree Removal 5GG21198	3/15/2026	\$ 1,252,790	526,586	412,544	114,042	\$ 726,204
CAL FIRE Spanish Flat North Fuel Reduction Project 8GG21600	3/31/2026	\$ 4,890,440	84,249	81,116	3,133	\$ 4,806,191
TOTAL, FUELS TREATMENT		\$ 11,568,487	2,096,772	2,001,530	95,242	\$ 9,471,715
Defensible Space						
CA Fire Safe Council (Senior, Low Income, Disabled)	12/31/2024	\$ 500,000	191,316	119,659	71,657	\$ 308,684
SMUD (Senior Vereran, Low Income)	12/31/2024	\$ 20,000	20,000	-	20,000	\$ -
Title III 2014/2016 D-Space Allocation		\$ 70,000	70,000	64,870	5,130	\$ -
TOTAL, DEFENSIBLE SPACE		\$ 590,000	281,316	184,529	96,787	\$ 308,684
Chipping						
USFS Stevens Auth Chipping (20-CA-11050300-013)	6/18/2025	\$ 300,000	-	-	-	\$ 300,000
AQMD Chipping Grant	12/31/2026	\$ 355,000	150,000	12,854.03	137,146	\$ 205,000
CAL FIRE El Dorado Chipper 5GG20100	3/15/2025	\$ 987,289	728,020	732,602	(4,582)	\$ 259,269
TOTAL, CHIPPING		\$ 1,642,289	878,020	745,456	132,564	\$ 764,269
Miscellaneous Grants						
Title III 2022-23	9/1/2024	\$ 140,141	140,141	-	140,141	\$ -
Title III 2021/22	9/1/2023	\$ 16,447	16,448	16,799	(351.72)	\$ -
Title III 2021/22 Green Waste Days	9/1/2023	\$ 51,000	51,000	29,358	21,642.21	\$ -
Title III 2014/2016		\$ 24,273	24,273	14,320	9,953	\$ -
West Slope Foundation - Aukum Fairplay FSC		\$ 5,000	5,000	-	5,000	\$ -
West Slope Foundation - Grizzly Flats FSC		\$ 5,000	5,000	4,137	863	\$ -
TOTAL, MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS		\$241,862	\$241,862	\$64,615	\$177,247	\$0
Grant Total Grants		\$ 14,042,638	3,497,971	2,996,130	501,841	\$ 10,544,667