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

Board Meeting

Minutes-FINAL

April 16th, 2025

9:30 am to 12:00

American Legion

4561 Greenstone Road,

Placerville

1. Meeting Call to Order

9:31am

2. Roll Call: Sign In

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Pimlott

4. Consent Calendar Board Action Item

- a. Meeting Agenda: 04/16/2025
- b. Board Meeting Minutes: 3/19/2025

Approved as presented with no opposition

5. New Business

None

6. Old Business

None

7. Information Items:

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

No Report - Deferred to Dorothy Fine

- b. Vice-Chair Report –Dorothy Fine

EDCFSC Website goes live tomorrow. Streamline will provide training to AFSC to design/setup their webpage. Dorothy will send this information out via email by April 18.

- c. Secretary Report – Angel Ball

- Elections

2025 26 elections begin today. Election committee is Fine, Ball and Pullin. Nominations for all E Board and Director positions are open and will be accepted until our EDCFSC May meeting. Election announcements will take place during our June meeting.

- **Policy and Procedure Update - Board Action Item**

Associate Council Bank Accounts – Article XVI

The satellite bank account procedure was approved with no opposition. Carri will post the approved procedures on the website.

Home and Garden event (May 3, 2025) is looking for volunteers.

EDC Fair FSC booth (June 12 to 15, 2025) volunteer sign-up sheet in the back of room. AFSC information binder is available, please review to ensure your council is accurately represented.

- d. Treasurers Report: Janet Barentson

- **Treasurer Report as of 2/28/2025 - Board Action Item**

Standard monthly financial reports were discussed including the closeout of the CAL FIRE chipping grant. All the money was spent except \$950.

Treasurer's report approved as presented with no opposition.

- Draft Proposed FY 25/26 Budget

Action will be taken on this draft budget in June. Let Janet know if you have questions. Draft includes a note for items that have increases. Janet noted the \$120k change for exec coord was approved by the board.

Home Assessment Stipend procedure: Since funds will be transferred from EDCFSC bank account to AFSC account, we will

have a transfer policy and procedure. This P&P is in process of being written.

e. Partners Reports:

1. BLM – TBA

No Report

2. CAL FIRE – Patrick McDaniel

Updates on multiple fuel reduction projects, including replanting, burning, and maintenance of fuel breaks. Working with RCD to make a proposal for RCD to maintain fuel breaks.

3. Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience –Tanya Harlow

Inspectors are working in Hanks Exchange and finalizing in the Gilmore area. CWPP is delayed and going through fine details. The Board of Supervisors adopted the Wildfire Awareness Season proclamation on April 4th. See FB or our website for the press conference video. Ken explained the OWPR budget cuts.

4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association – Tim Cordero

The Association is working with OWPR as they select areas for defensible space inspections. Tim will attend Placerville FSC's Wildfire event on April 26th. We are working on filling Lucas Shepard's position.

5. EDC FPO Association – TBA

No Report

6. ENF – Brad Stewart

No Report

7. RCD – Courtney Jackson

Placerville Community Wildfire Resilience Strategy report is on RCD website. This report will be presented to Sierra Nevada Conservancy, and people can contact Courtney for any questions. Provided overview of current grant projects. RCD will complete projects prior to deadlines. Janet explained the funding for contractors and what is going on with the county auditor's role in the payment process.

8. SMUD – Eric Brown

No Report

9. PG&E – Mike Webb

No Report

10. EDSO –Lt Morton

No Report

11. BOR – Zarela Guerrero

Zarela Guerrero Introduced herself as new point of contact. BOR will be burning 166 acres at Auburn Lake Trails in May. We are planning to have a shaded fuel break in Georgetown/Greenwood. There are plans to expand the Lakehills-Folsom shaded fuel break. There are also plans for work in the El Dorado Hills area.

8. Program Reports

a. Grants & Funding/Grants Committee– Tamara Johnston

There will be an update on the CA FSC grant in May. CAL FIRE chipping grant ended March 15th with a final report on April 14th. Submitted three proposals to PG&E for a vegetation management grant. Tamara will apply for the BLM \$300K NEPA grant when it opens.

b. Assistance Programs – Jennifer Turner

- Chipping

March - 90 jobs completed

YTD - 161 completed jobs completed

March - 15,818 cubic yards chipped

March - \$37,777 spent

- Defensible Space Services for Seniors, etc

March - 62 new parcels evaluated

- 57 parcels waiting for evaluation

- 46 jobs completed

YTD - 85 jobs completed

March - \$63,475 spent

YTD - \$121,687 spent

Serviced:

Low income - March 6 / YTD 12

Disabled - March 6/ YTD 13
Veterans - March 9/ YTD 21
Seniors - March 38/ YTD 63

- Hazard Tree Removal

Assessed 35 parcels
Spent \$8,750 March

Cut 163 trees
Spent \$81,531 March

Total spent \$86,031 YTD

c. Training Committee – Hugh Council

4 openings for April 23-24 class

May 19-20 class 11 openings

2 DSpace assessments for April

13 DSpace assessments for March

The Home & Garden show still needs more volunteers. There will be a wildfire ready corner with vendors and contractors.

d. Outreach & Education –Dorothy Fine

Alice and Lester were thanked for doing all their outreach and education work. Alice will still be a resource for information. Dorothy asked the FSCs that have Facebook pages to “like and follow” the EDCFSC and OWPR Facebook pages to help with outreach.

Alice announced that volunteers are still needed for April 26th Placerville FSC wildfire event. Alice will also continue to put out the fire flash newsletter.

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

No new councils. Councils have been adjusting boundaries. There will be one council changing their name that I will announce in June. Ken thanked Angel for all her work in helping us stay on track.

9. Community Council Reports

Ken Rogers, Logtown- Dan Cocoran from EID came to our meeting and spoke on water supply, hydrant capacity and hydrant maintenance. Next month we will have a green waste day.

Ernie Lory, Grizzly Flats-Green waste event with compost bag distribution on April 26th at the U.S. Post Office from 9-4. May 10th green waste day at community church from 9am-noon.

Corde Wagner, Heritage-Looking to expand our boundary including the Four Seasons neighborhood with 400 homes. Thanked Elizabeth for doing a defensible space assessment in their community which is looking to become a Firewise community. Also thanked Tanya Harlow and El Dorado Hills Fire for coming to speak in their community.

Tamara Johnston, Georgetown-April 5th we had the expo for wildfire prevention & preparation with Garden Valley and Georgetown fire. Tamara thanked all the speakers at the event. May 3rd is our next event with a focus on evacuation with animal control speaking.

Jeanine, Greenstone-May 14th from 5pm-7pm OES will be here to talk about evacuation. We will have green waste events in May, June and fall.

Bob Hess, Coloma Lotus-Jen Turner and Tanya Harlow attended their meeting for targeted grazing. We have videos that can go on the EDCFSC website. In the process of including a portion of Gold Hill area into our council as well as finishing two more Firewise communities.

Elizabeth Standeven, Sand Ridge-Green waste event on May 17th. Noted that homeowners can get the vent screening that is 1/8" or smaller from Amazon or Home Depot.

Mike Connelly, Auburn Lake Trails-Working with Bureau of Reclamation on pile burning. Thanked EDCFSC and partners for wildfire simulation exercise last month. Auburn Lake Trails homeowners received a home hardening brochure. May 31st is our green waste event.

Alice Cantelow, Oak Hill-Green waste day was on April 5th. Mike Davis with radio watch was there as well as a large animal rescue speaker.

Hassan, Sierra Springs-There will be a pancake breakfast this Saturday. A green waste day is scheduled for May 3rd. Thanked Jen Turner for getting them registered with Tech Soup. Mentioned email service through Tech Soup. Sierra Springs HOA had a change in mandatory evaluations to lessen parcels to evaluate.

Gary Boal, Rancho del Sol-We have a green waste event on May 3rd & 4th. Thanked Jen Turner for the Tech Soup sign up.

David Zelinsky, Placerville-April 26th is the Placerville wildfire event, and we will have a memorial table for Lucas Shepard for donations to the family.

Ken explained the current situation with Title III funds.

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

Mark and Sonya from Grass Valley spoke regarding their Fire Smart Community software for homeowners.

Alice Cantelow speaking for the Native Plant Society, thanked Patrick McDaniel for the maintenance work CALFIRE has done.

Kris Payne – gave information from Legistar on El Dorado County's budget.

Paul Penn announced the Green Room Social event April 23rd from 5pm-8pm. FSCs can come socially and interact with everyone to build community relations and give information regarding the councils.

11. Good of the Order

- a. There will be a Brown Bag meeting beginning 30 minutes after the adjournment of the EDCFSC meeting. The meeting topic will be: "Absentee Owners, Working together and donations". Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- b. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – May 21, 2025

Adjourned at 11:33am

Meeting minutes typed by Carri Lueck, Administrative Assistant, EDCFSC