



El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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Board Meeting Agenda February 18, 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: 02/18/2026
 - b. Board Meeting Minutes: 1/21/2026
5. New Business
6. Old Business
7. Executive Board Reports:
 - a. Chairman's Report & Communication: Ken Pimlott
 - b. Vice-Chair Report: Dorothy Fine
 - c. Secretary Report: Angel Ball
 - Governance and New Council Formation
 - d. Treasurers Report: Janet Barentson
 - Treasurer Report 01/31/2026 - *Board Action Item*
8. Partners Reports:
 - a. BLM: TBA
 - b. CAL FIRE: Jeff Hoag
 - c. Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience: Tanya Harlow
 - d. EDC Fire Chiefs Association: Tim Cordero
 - e. EDC FPO Association: TBA



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- f. **ENF:** Brad Stewart
- g. **RCD:** Courtney Jackson
- h. **SMUD:** Eric Brown
- i. **PG&E:** Mike Webb
- j. **EDSO:** Lt Morton
- k. **BOR:** Zarela Guerrero

9. Program Reports:

- a. **Grants & Funding/Grants Committee:** Tamara Johnston
- b. **Assistance Programs:** Jessica Isabel
 - Chipping
 -
 - Defensible Space
 -
 - Hazard Tree Removal
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- 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 if it ends early. The topic will be an overview of OWPR website and online mapping tool presented by Tanya Harlow.
- b. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – March 18, 2026

13. Adjourn



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Board Meeting Minutes-DRAFT January 21, 2026 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

American Legion
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1. Meeting Call to Order

9:32am

2. Roll Call: Sign In

In Person: Ball, Barentson, Cantelow, Council, Fine, Hess, Johnston, Lory, Osgood, Payne, Pimlott, Pullin, Standeven, Rogers, Zelinsky, Wagner

Zoom: Boal, Penn, Willis, Hawk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Pimlott

4. Consent Calendar **Board Action Item**

- a. Meeting Agenda: 01/21/2026
- b. Board Meeting Minutes: 11/19/2025

Consent Calendar approved as submitted.

5. New Business

- a. Article V. Procurement System: Policy, Procedures and Records - Update – **Board Action Item**

Jessica Isabel explained grammatical changes that were made. Article V approved as presented by Angel Ball and Jessica Isabel.



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b. Fiscal Process Modernization – Accounting Zebra Proposal – **Board Action Item**

Janet Barentson used the Power Point slides to explain her manual process as treasurer. She also emphasized Accounting Zebra would only take over a portion of the treasurer's/bookkeeper's duties. The E-board has discussed this process over several of their meetings and supports this proposal. If approved today the contract will start quickly and retain our current bookkeeper until the conversion has been made.

Kris Payne & Greg Ball made motions to approve hiring Accounting Zebra to take over some of the treasurer's duties. Motion approved as presented with no opposition.

c. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with El Dorado County – **Board Action Item**

Ken Pimlott explained that this MOU is a commitment for EDCFSC to work together with OWPR and is not a legally binding agreement. Tanya Harlow explained what the MOU entails between the County and EDCFSC. This document was prepared by OWPR. Ken Pimlott made a motion to move forward with the amendment presented by Chuck Schnell for the EDCFSC to periodically review the MOU. Bob Hess made a motion with a second by Ken Rogers to approve the MOU. Motion approved with no opposition.

d. CWPP/Project Pipeline Presentation

Tamara Johnston's Power Point presentation explained the CWPP Project Planning Process.

6. Old Business

a. Strategic Plan Follow Up

Paul Penn explained key points that were discussed from previous E-board meetings. Ken Rogers requested a plan review every 90-120 days and offered his help if needed. Paul agreed to discuss timing with E Board. Gina Posey spoke to how great this organization is.

7. Executive Board Reports:

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

No Report

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

In November we voted to automate the assistance programs through ProWest. Jessica Isabel and Dorothy Fine are working on the buildout and have been in weekly meetings with ProWest. Chipping program will launch first, with a goal to be up and running by the



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February 18th board of director's meeting. We are looking into the possibility of tying in Zebra Accounting into the automated process. The Latest News tab on our website will have the AFSC Spotlight reports. In October 2026, Dorothy will be asking for the AFSC's annual reports of their accomplishments were.

c. **Secretary Report:** Angel Ball

- Governance and New Council Formation

Bob Worrell, from Happy Valley, was introduced. He is interested in learning more about what our organization does.

d. **Treasurers Report:** Janet Barentson

- **Treasurer Report 12/31/2025 - Board Action Item**

Janet Barentson explained the Treasurer's Report and gave an overview of the grants as well as Title III funds.

Treasurer's Report was approved as presented with no opposition.

8. **Partners Reports:**

a. **BLM:** TBA

No Report

b. **CAL FIRE:** Bryan Pooley

Explained the South Placerville Fuel Break near Weber Creek drainage area. There will be a presentation with more details at the Town Hall in Placerville, 549 Main Street, at 6pm on January 29th.

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

Gave an overview of annual report from last year on defensible space inspections. The different agencies that do inspections was explained. Went over compliance rate numbers. Gave an overview of Firewise communities. The Brown Bag meeting will go over the Firewise process. Explained the Weber Creek project funded by a FEMA grant and everyone involved in this project. The final draft of the CWPP is on the OWPR website. Public comments can be made at the Board of Supervisors meeting, after Tanya Harlow's presentation, on February 3rd.



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d. **EDC Fire Chiefs Association:** Tim Cordero

No Report

e. **EDC FPO Association:** Chrishana Fields

FPO Association is waiting for the State's decision on Zone Zero. IBHS has guidelines for additional protections for the home and are getting neighborhoods certified with IBHS. The Stone Canyon community in Cameron Park has an unveiling tomorrow at 9am.

f. **ENF:** Andrew Mishler

Continuing prescribed burning in Georgetown today and on Icehouse Road near Hwy 50 as well. Fuel break work across the forest and are actively working on Benniti Road area in coordination with SPI. Caldor fire clearing dead trees in coordination with Great Basin Institute. Grizzly flats area we are working on pile burning.

g. **RCD:** Courtney Jackson-**CK FLYER ON JAN 29**

Courtney Jackson gave a project update of current projects. Jan 29th at the Town Hall in Placerville, 549 Main Street, from 6:00pm-7:30pm there is a presentation with CAL FIRE and RCD regarding the Placerville Shaded Fuel Break. Also, the RCD is working with SAGE and their mapping contest for the kids in EL Dorado County. The maps are due February 27, 2026.

h. **SMUD:** Eric Brown

No Report

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

Ken Pimlott reported that PG&E has a new vegetation management program administrator, Kevin Johnson. He is committed to working with FSCs and will be representing PG&E at the EDCFSC meetings.

j. **EDSO:** Lt Morton

Ken Pimlott reported that Troy Morton is moving into a different department and the EDSO will have a replacement to represent them at our board meetings.



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k. **BOR:** Zarela Guerrero

110 acres grazed with goats in the Cool/Pilot Hill shaded fuel break. BOR is coordinating with CAL FIRE and Auburn Lake Trails for their shaded fuel break. California Conservation Corp is working in the Folsom Lake area. Also, in the Folsom area there will be goat grazing after hand crew work, NEPA paperwork and the shaded fuel break is done.

9. Program Reports:

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

Our advance from CA FSC outreach & education grant finally came in and Tamara is working on an extension for it. November 30, 2026, is the project completion date if there is no extension. AFSCs need to check with Tamara for information for your budget for that grant. Patrick McDaniel with CAL FIRE, Jessica Isabel and Tamara did site visits from the hazardous tree program on January 15th. Tamara gave an overview of grants received and grants available to apply for. If AFSCs don't have a 501c3, they need to use an organization that has one before they apply for approval to get fiscal sponsorship. Projects must be done by October 15, 2026. There is no CEQA required if the project is on private land. If the project is over 50,000 acres they need to put project out to bid.

b. **Assistance Programs:** Jessica Isabel – Year End Calculations

- Chipping - 2025
 - Total Jobs Completed-825
 - Acres Cleared-1,415
 - Cubic Yards Chipped-137,051
 - Total Spent-\$402,967.63

- Defensible Space-2025
 - Parcels Evaluated-547
 - Parcels Cleared-515
 - Out of the 515 Parcels Cleared
 - 125-veterans
 - 471-Seniors
 - 142-Disabled
 - 126-Low income
 - Average Cost-\$1,308.53
 - Total Cost-\$726,363.93

- Hazard Tree Removal-2025
 - Parcels Completed-172



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- Trees Identified-684
- Trees Cut-592
- Average Tree Cost-\$514.80
- Average Job Cost-\$2,059.28

January 12, 2026 the Hazardous Tree RFP was launched.

c. **Training Committee:** Elizabeth Standeven

The following training sessions will be offered:

A one-day refresher training for existing assessors.

Two-day training for new assessors.

Once dates are chosen Elizabeth will send email with the dates.

d. **Outreach & Education:** Dorothy Fine

EDCFSC Facebook page is up and running. Carri Lueck will be doing the posting.

Instagram will be coming soon

AFSC events- please email Carri and let her know where to post i.e. website and/or social media.

April 11th - there will be a Wildfire Expo on Georgetown Divide.

May 2nd - is the Placerville FSC event at the Midtown Mall in Placerville.

May 2-3 - Home & Garden Show at the Placerville Fairgrounds.

June 18th-21st - The El Dorado County Fair at the Fairgrounds in Placerville.

Education & Outreach Group will put out email asking the AFSCs what you are doing as well as what you need from the EDCFSC for support.

10. Community Council Reports

Ken Rogers, Logtown FSC-Showed everyone the informational postcard they mailed for their events.

Mark Almer, Grizzly Flats FSC-Explained the process regarding their approval of a one way in/out designation, so they are eligible to receive those grants.

Jeanine Stiles, Greenstone FSC-Firewise was approved. Tamara Johnston explained the \$2500 Title III allotment for their council.

Hassan Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Sierra Springs FSC-Both of the 3 & 5 year Firewise applications were approved. **ck video** for CA FSC form and may event. United Policy Holders' website has insurance information regarding regulations.



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Tamara Johnston Georgetown Divide FSC- Wildfire Expo April 11th. January 31st, we will be burning piles at Lewis Ranch in Greenwood. Can come and burn with them – need to register in advance. It will be a potluck.

Janet Barentson mentioned she won't be running for treasurer this year. She will be available to help new treasurer.

Sherry Hawk, Gold Ridge Forest FSC- Thanked Janet for all her years of help. Renewed Firewise and submitted year risk assessment. Their FSC is planning to get out to schools to involve the kids. Working with CED in Pollock Pines with a green waste dumpster in May.

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

Alice Cantelow on behalf of the CA Native Plant Society – Alice noted to monitor for invasive weeds after fuel breaks are completed and include that in grant work.

12. Good of the Order

- a. A Brown Bag Session will be held at 12:30pm. Firewise Communities will be presented by Tanya Harlow, El Dorado County Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience. Fire Adaptive Communities will be presented by Michelle McLean, Tahoe Basin FAC Program Coordinator.
- b. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – February 18, 2026

Good of the Order-Continued

Hugh Council mentioned that a Texas Hill homeowner needs help with leaf mulching. There is a flyer on the back table for a shooting fund raiser for American Legion Hall. Also, American Legion Hall has a crab feed fundraiser, and the flyer is on the easel by the door.

13. Adjourn

12:13pm

Minutes typed by Carri Lueck, EDCFSC Administrative Assistant

2026 YEAR TO DATE REPORT

CHIPPING PROGRAM

Jobs Completed: 39

Acres Cleared: 59

Cubic Yards Chipped: 9,147

Total Cost: \$17,389.35

DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Parcels Evaluated: 28

Parcels Cleared: 8

Average Cost: \$1,261.35

Total Cost: \$14,132.65

RESIDENTS:

Veterans: 2

Seniors: 7

Low-Income: 2

Disabled: 5

HAZARDOUS TREE

Parcels Assessed: 8

Parcels Completed: 19

Trees Identified: 19

Trees Cut: 68

Average Tree Cost: \$534.60

Total Cost: \$47,977.50