El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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Board Meeting Agenda
November 18, 2026
9:30 am to 12:00 pm
American Legion Hall
4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville

1. **Meeting Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call:** Sign In

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Consent Calendar** ***Board Action Item***
   - **Meeting Agenda:** 11/18/2026
   - **Board Meeting Minutes:** 10/21/2026

5. **Treasurer Report:** Bill Rice
   - Audit 2024-2025- ***Board Action Item***
   - Treasurer Report

6. **New Business-** Tamara Johnston
   - Title III 2027 ***Board Action Item***

7. **Old Business**- Paul Penn
   - Measure S
   - Strategic Plan
   - EDCFSC Social December 9th

8. **Executive Board Reports:**

   - **Chairman's Report & Communication:** Bob Hess
   - **Vice-Chair Report:** Dorothy Fine
   - **Parliamentarian Report:** Paul Penn
   - **Secretary Report:** Angel Ball
     - Governance and AFSC applications

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9. **Partners Reports:**
   - **BLM:** TBA
   - **CAL FIRE:** Jeff Hoag/Brian Pooley
   - **Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience:** Tanya Harlow
   - **EDC Fire Chiefs Association:** TBA
   - **EDC FPO Association:** Casey Ransdell
   - **ENF:** Brad Stewart
   - **RCD:** Courtney Jackson
   - **SMUD:** Eric Brown
   - **PG&E:** Mike Webb
   - **EDSO:** Lt. Blake Braafladt/Ryan Bennett
   - **BOR:** Zarela Guerrero/John Hutchings
   - **PBA:** Morgan Galliano

10. **Program Reports:**
    - **Grants & Funding/Grants Committee**: Tamara Johnston
      - Update EDCFSC Grant Applications

    - **Assistance Programs:** Jessica Isabel
      - Programs report
      - programs@edcfiresafe.org

    - **Training Committee:** Elizabeth Standeven
      - training@edcfiresafe.org

    - **Outreach & Education:** Dorothy Fine

11. **Community Council Reports**

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

13. **Good of the Order**

    a. **Happy Holidays and Happy New Year**
    b. **EDCFSC Holiday Event December 9, 2026**
    c. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – January 20, 2027

14. Adjourn

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Board Meeting Minutes-DRAFT
October 21, 2026
9:30 am to 12:00 pm
American Legion Hall
4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville

1. **Meeting Call to Order**

   9:31am

2. **Roll Call:** Sign In
   In Person: A. Ball, G. Ball, Fine, Hess, Jackson, Johnston, Langan, Lory, Pullin, Rice, Rogers, Standeven, Zelinsky. ZOOM: Boal, Connelly, Hawk, Lubetkin, Penn, Wagner, Willis

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   Bob Hess

4. **Consent Calendar** ***Board Action Item***
   - **Meeting Agenda:** 10/21/2026
   - **Board Meeting Minutes:** 9/16/2026

   Ken Rogers motion and Courtney Jackson seconded to approve Consent Calendar. Consent Calendar approved with no opposition.

5. **New Business**
   - Strategic Plan – Paul

   Paul Penn did a Power Point presentation for EDCFSC strategic plan
   Greg Ball volunteered to be part of the By Laws committee.

6. **Old Business**
   a. EDCFSC has moved 344 Placerville Dr Suite 17 – Angel

      We are now in our new offices. Thank you to the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians for the office furniture donation and all the volunteers from the AFSC's that helped us move in. Thanked Carri & Jessica for all their help moving and keeping the office running. Bob Hess thanked Angel for coordinating the move to the new office.

   b. El Dorado Ready – Paul

Noted pros and cons for Measure S. He wrote a letter to editor of Mountain Democrat. Showed a promo flyer (which was posted on EDCFSC's Facebook page) on our TV screen explaining Measure S. Encouraged people to get out and vote. Maya Schneider had comments regarding Measure S and said she feels her numbers are more accurate than what the Board of Supervisors mentioned.

c. Social and Community Events – Paul
Open house is scheduled for December 9th at the new office followed by a holiday social at the Green Room Social Club from 6pm-8pm.

7. **Executive Board Reports:**

- **Chairman's Report & Communication:** Bob Hess

  Thanked everyone for setting up for today's meeting. Noted his meeting with Tanya and Sue at OWPR. Presented a slide show of pictures from the following councils with a representative explaining their events: Coloma/Lotus-Bob Hess (Janet Hayes coordinated), Mark Almer-Grizzly Flats, Terri Nicholas-Aukum/Fairplay, Ken Rogers-Logtown.

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

  Thanked Jessica for the Firewise reporting for the AFSCs. Jessica noted all reports have been sent to AFSC chairs. Our new automation program has allowed these reports to be generated. AFSCs submit photos and a summary of the work they've done for our Spotlight report.

- **Parliamentarian Report:** Paul Penn

  Explained reaching out to CA FSC to do a council of councils as well as doing a training program on recruitment. Spoke to State Fire Marshall regarding training for contractors and landscapers. They assigned a contract through UC Extension for landscaper training. They are also working with contractors on the Zone 0 information.

- **Secretary Report:** Angel Ball

  - Governance and AFSC applications

  Introduced Jim Stone and Pat Hardiman from Blackstone who will be joining El Dorado Hills South. Effective today when sending requests for reimbursement please send them to the clerk and Tamara Johnston. 3rd Quarter stipend needs to be completed by November 5th, and the treasurer will pay them out by November 20th.

- **Treasurers Report:** Bill Rice

    - Audit 2024-2025- ***Board Action Item***
    - Treasurer Report 06/30/2026, 7/31/2026, 8/31/2026 & 9/30/2026**-** ***Board Action Item***

  Explained that we are using an accounting system with Quickbooks online. Reviewed the treasurer's report.

8. **Partners Reports:**

- **BLM:** No Report

- **CAL FIRE:** Brian Pooley

  Will conduct prescribed burning as weather permits. Hired eight new, defensible space inspectors. We need at least 1" of rain to lift burn ban.

- **Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience:** Tanya Harlow

  CWPP story map is completed and will go over it at the next board meeting**.** Firewise renewals are due and mentioned the stricter process with the new CAL FIRE rep. Will be doing prescribed fire campaign with the assistance of the Prescribed Burn Association (PBA) at their outreach meeting. Doing special project with CAL OES to assist them with the El Nino outreach. SB 973 has been signed into law which makes Tanya position as county coordinator law. Every county is now required to have a county coordinator.

- **EDC Fire Chiefs Association:** TBA

  No Report

- **EDC FPO Association:** Jacob Poganski

  Jacob explained their organization. Had October meeting and talked about Zone 0 and the enforcement to keep it uniform across the county. Mentioned the water supply to identify alternative water sources across the county. Spoke with the county planning and building department to talk about the commercial side of it. Zone 0 is on pause for now with EDC FPO Assn. The public is welcome to attend their monthly meetings at the El Dorado Hills fire station.

- **ENF:** Ryan Wagner

Prescribed burning is planned as weather changes. Rick Hobson is the new forest supervisor.

- **RCD:** Courtney Jackson

  Courtney attended the water education summit last month and described what activities they did. Hired an Ag Program Manager, Mackenna Savage who will be full time in January. Will introduce her next month. Talked about the projects to be working on soon as well as the ones on pause.

- **SMUD:** Eric Brown

  No Report

- **PG&E:** Mike Webb

  No report

- **EDSO:** Lt. Blake Braafladt

  They are preparing for the weather coming this winter.

- **BOR:** John Hutchings

  No Report

- **PBA:** Morgan Galliano

  Have done some community supported burns. PBA has broadcast burns coming up in El Dorado County as well as Amador County. Explained burn pile burning. Has a flyer explaining their association. Go to eldoradopba.org to sign up for their association. They do test burns first and if it doesn't go well, they do not proceed with the burn.

9. **Program Reports:**
   - **Grants & Funding/Grants Committee**: Tamara Johnston
     - Update on EDCFSC Grant Applications

November 30th is deadline for CA FSC grant funds to be spent. Explained all the current grants and deadlines for them as well as what grants she is applying for. Project Coordination Working Group meeting CAL FIRE mentioned EDCFSC may get more grants than we hoped to get. Need Title III receipts by December 31st. It is use it or lose it and is not transferable. Coco training here at the hall is Nov 9-10 8am-4pm is full. It will not be recorded.

- **Assistance Programs:** Jessica Isabel
  - Programs report
  - programs@edcfiresafe.org

  Chipping-YTD

  Jobs Completed – 714
  Acres Cleared – 1,209
  Average Cost - $510.55
  Total Cost - $342,213.01

  Defensible Space-YTD

  Parcels Evaluated – 492
  Parcels Cleared – 467
  Average Cost - $1,306.00
  Total Cost - $656,847.03

  Hazardous Tree

  Parcels Completed – 141
  Trees Identified – 641
  Trees Cut – 491
  Average Tree Cost - $372.64
  Average Job Cost - $1,945.36
  Total Cost - $285,481.50

  150 applications pending will be serviced first in chronological order as they were received. Will accept new applications as we get funding.

- **Training Committee:** Elizabeth Standeven
  - training@edcfiresafe.org
  - Home Assessor meeting Zoom October 28, 6pm

  Zoom update training coming up on Oct 28th, from 6pm-8pm. Training committee is moving ahead with Zone 0 because we don't think there will be significant changes. If assessors have issues, there will be a session where you can share it. Mentioned her new email address to contact her at training@edcfiresafe.org.

- **Outreach & Education:** Dorothy Fine

Will let everyone know all the event purchases in November meeting. Send your AFSC logos to clerk. Send your events you have done so we can get it on our Spotlight newsletter. Send clerk events your councils are having for website calendar. Props, Cops and Rodders is a wonderful event so please go if you have a chance next year.

10. **Community Council Reports**

Hassan Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Sierra Springs FSC – PGE grant on track to have project done by end of November. Will be having trunk or treat at their HOA. Wants to know if anyone has signed up and used the
CAL FIRE app Aware California.

Lester Lubetkin, Oak Hill FSC – Oak Hill's community meeting had comments regarding their shaded fuel breaks. They also had agencies there to speak about different ideas for fuel reduction. Maya was there to talk about Measure S.

Elizabeth Standeven, Sand Ridge FSC - Saturday is their fall chili event for a picnic.

Sherry Hawk, Gold Ridge Forest FSC – Has a roadside project and El Dorado County Department of Transportation will help with traffic control in November. Our USDA grant that started 5 yrs ago has maintenance to be done on that grant.

Karen Pullin, Mosquito FSC – The new Mosquito bridge is open and their council participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony. The fire station had refreshments at the fire station with Johnny Valenzula's help. Working with firefights on their Halloween event. On November 11th they will be doing their Veteran's Day free lunch.

Gary Boal Rancho Del Sol – RDS FSC is partnering with Camino, Fort Jim and Texas Hill and has named themselves East Weber Fire Safe partners. These FSCs are partnering to take the pressure off agencies to speak at several individual FSC events. The October 15th event at the Davies Family Inn had RCD there as well as Maya Schneider and Charlie Downs to talk about Measure S. RDS will be having a green waste event the first week of November.

David Zelinsky, Placerville FSC, - Bob Hess and Dorothy Fine showed up at Steve Allen's Sundance event. The first Thursday in November is a live event with forest service.

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

Hassan Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Sierra Springs FSC noted that IBHS has a safer for wildfire community standard, but it doesn't mention Firewise.

Mark Almer, Grizzly Flats FSC mentioned the importance of having Marshall Hospital in our county in relation to Measure S .
Drench Fire did a presentation regarding their only off grid fire suppression system.
Gill Wright with the California Pilots Association gave his update

12. **Good of the Order**

    a. **Brown Bag "Burning is a great tool for neighbors who are working together on wildfire adaptation." Presented by Morgan Galliano El Dorado-Amador PBA Coordinator funded by Forest Resource Collaborative**
    b. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – November 18, 2026

13. **Adjourn**

12:09pm
Meeting minutes typed by EDCFSC Clerk

2025 YEAR TO DATE REPORT		COMPARISON TO		2026 YEAR TO DATE REPORT	
CHIPPING PROGRAM				**CHIPPING PROGRAM**	
Jobs Completed:	796			**Jobs Completed:**	981
Acres Cleared:	1,359			**Acres Cleared:**	1,295
Average Cost:	$508.21			**Average Cost:**	$341.47
Total Cost:	$383,684.66			**Total Cost:**	$352,364.85
DEFENSIBLE SPACE		**RESIDENTS:**		**DEFENSIBLE SPACE**	**RESIDENTS:**
Parcels Evaluated:	506	**Veterans:**	120	**Parcels Evaluated:**	616 **Veterans:** 122
Parcels Cleared:	489	**Seniors:**	444	**Parcels Cleared:**	539 **Seniors:** 493
Average Cost:	$1,296.13	**Low-Income:**	119	**Average Cost:**	$1,301.77 **Low-Income:** 169
Total Cost:	$686,894.73	**Disabled:**	133	**Total Cost:**	$797,763.80 **Disabled:** 160
HAZARDOUS TREE				**HAZARDOUS TREE**	
Parcels Completed:	155			**Parcels Completed:**	137
Trees Identified:	684			**Trees Identified:**	494
Trees Cut:	550			**Trees Cut:**	404
Average Tree Cost:	$389.04			**Average Tree Cost:**	$710.36
Average Job Cost:	$2,079.73			**Average Job Cost:**	$3,105.53
Total Cost:	$319,229.00			**Total Cost:**	$434,857.19

EDCFSC Board Meeting
Grants Report
November 18, 2026

Awarded/Active Grants

PG&E Better Together Nature Positive Innovation Grant – $100,000 – ended June 30, 2026

- DS Assistance Program – $81,000 (50 properties)
- AFSC Stipends – 100 assessments @ $100/each – $10,000
- Indirect – $9,000
- Submitted final written report July 30
- Presentation November 12

Awarded/Active Grants

CAFSC – Education & Outreach – $100K – **Grant period ends Nov. 30, 2026**

- Budget modification request approved
- All AFSC receipts must be dated no later than November 30,2026

AQMD - Quarterly report submitted October 12, 2026. Next quarterly report is due January 12, 2026

Awarded/Active Grants

CalFire – Defensible Space + ARC GIS - $937,888 – ends March 15, 2030

Grant budget:

- Defensible Space – $802,400
- Contractor – 472 properties x $1,500 = $708,000
- Evaluator – 472 properties x $100 = $47,200
- Program Management = $47,200

- ARCGIS Developer – $35,000

- Indirect @ 12% – $100,488

Quarterly report submitted October 19, 2026
Will likely close out this grant after Q4 2026 (in January 2027)

Awarded/Active Grants

CalFire – Hazardous Tree Removal + MND for up to 300 feet - $1,170,400 – ends March 15, 2030

Revised budget:

Hazardous Tree:

- Contractor – Tree removal – 150 properties x $3,000 average = $450,000
- Evaluator – 150 properties x $500 = $75,000
- Program Management – Hazardous tree = $25,000
- Preparation of Mitigated Negative Declaration for Hazardous tree to 300 feet – $145,000

Chipping:

- Contractor – Chipping – 700 jobs x $480/job = $336,000
- Program management – $14,000

Indirect @ 12% – $125,400
Match (haz tree cost share payments) – $115,000

CalFire budget amendment approved: $145K from MND to treatment
Quarterly report submitted October 19, 2026
Annual jobs report (required for all CalFire grants over $1mil) submitted November 10, 2026

Awarded/Active Grants

CalFire – Chipping Program - $948,500 – grant period ends February 15, 2029

- Received budget amendment to move approx. $200,000 to defensible space

Revised budget (as of June 3):

Chipping – $668,304

- Contractor – Chipping – 1,070 jobs x $500/job = $535,000
- Program management – $133,304

Defensible Space – $178,800

- Contractor – 120 properties x $1,290 average = $154,800
- Evaluator – 120 properties x $125 = $15,000
- Program Management = $9,000

- Indirect @ 12%
- Indirect - $101,396
- Match – $0

- Quarterly report submitted October 27, 2026
- About ½ way through this grant in terms of expenditures

Awarded/Active Grants

CalFire – East Planning Area – Texas Hill - $948,640 – grant period ends February 15, 2029

- 361 acre fuel break in the Texas Hill area

Quarterly report submitted October 19, 2026

Awarded/Active Grants

PG&E for AFSC Grants - Grant period ends November 30, 2026

- **Texas Hill** – $100,000 – roadside project along power lines

Field mapping complete, work has been put out to bid

Expected to be complete by November 15

- **Sierra Springs** – $100,000 – 86 acres near power lines

RCD/EDCFSC contract signed; work expected to begin early October

- **Georgetown Divide** – $100,000 – 32 acres in Johntown Creek, Garden Valley

75% complete

Full completion expected November 15

- **Cool-Pilot Hill** – $20,400 for 3.4 acres under powerlines

Project complete – contractor paid

Awarded/Active Grants

Other FSCs with PG&E Grants (but we are not the fiscal sponsor)

- Gallagher Road – $20,000 - Roadside project

- Auburn Lake Trails
  - $57,500 for 17.47 acres near power lines
  - $99,650 – 21.2 acres

Awarded/Active Grants

BLM California Forest and Woodlands Resource Management - $1,499,945

- •NEPA prep/planning on Georgetown Divide – $340,000
- •Vegetation management (including project management) – $964,300
- •Indirect – 15% – $195,645

Contract with EDCFSC and GDRCD finalized August 17 (8/31 requested executed copy from RCD)

Project management meeting on September 3
Beginning with 291 acres of BLM land between Garden Valley and Georgetown

As of October 20, BLM has cleared us to begin environmental surveys on 291 acres

PENDING GRANT PROPOSALS

CalFire Forest Health - $7,998,586 – full proposal submitted June 27

- Implementation – initial treatment – 2,348.5 acres = $5,166,700
- Implementation – Maintenance (prescribed burn and herbicide) – 516 acres = $342,795
- Prescribed Burn Association – $118,000 – 2 years, part time
- Project management – $700,000
- Environment surveys and compliance – $625,000
- Fire Safe Council community coordination/liaison – $89,100
- Georgetown community planning – $100,000
- Fiscal sponsor fee @ 12% – $856,991

PENDING GRANT PROPOSALS

CalFire Wildfire Prevention Grants

Defensible Space Programs

- •Defensible Space Assistance Program – $946,456
- •Chipping Program – $949,368
- •Hazardous Tree Removal program – $948,108

East Planning Area

- •Camino-Fire Adapted 50 – $948,080
  - •234 acres – Initial treatment Hwy 50 between Camino and Pollock Pines
  - •60 acres – maintenance Fresh Pond Area
  - •Planning – Fort Jim area

West Planning Area

- Lakehills West Wildfire Resilience Project - $313,387
  - Initial treatment – 49.62 acres – Lakehills Estates and Southpointe in EDH
  - Maintenance – 25. 38
  - Planning in West planning area - TBD

PENDING GRANT PROPOSALS

CalFire Wildfire Prevention Grants

South Planning Area

- South County Fuels Reduction Project – $949,760
  - 138 acres maintenance – Logtown and Sandridge
  - 103 acres initial treatment – Oak Hill, Outingdale, Omo Ranch
  - Planning – 4 corners area

North Planning Area – Applicant: Garden Valley Fire

- North Planning Area Wildfire Resilience Project – $909,957
  - 365 acres – Maintenance in Mosquito/Swansboro area
  - Purchase of Masticator head for long-term maintenance
  - Planning – Coloma-Lotus and Cool-Pilot Hill areas

PENDING GRANT PROPOSALS

California Fire Foundation – submitted November 14, 2026

Can apply for up to $1,000,000

Grant period: January 1 to December 31, 2027 (12 months)

- Apple Hill – feeder routes to Hwy 50 (applied for a CalFire grant for Hwy 50)
- Collaborate with OES to do evacuation workshop for Apple Hill businesses

Declined Since the Last Report

California Fire Safe Council – $119,933 – Declined

- 15 fire safe councils
- Anticipated grant start date: October 1, 2026

Other Items of Note

COCO training - November 9/10

- 45 people signed up as of November 8
- 29 people showed up for training
- Thoughts/comments from participants?

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9. Request for Reimbursement

Date:_____

Requester:_____

Check to be made payable to:_____

Bank Transfer to AFSC Name:_____

_____

_____

Associate Council: _____

Project / Event: _____

If there are multiple reimbursements requested for same project / event please group together and submit at same time with a summary cover sheet.

Date	Paid to	For	Account to Charge	Amount
			Total	

Attach receipt (or copy) for each expense

Date Paid: _____ Check No: _____ Approved By: _____

Attach or Copy Receipt(s)

EL DORADO COUNTY FireSafe COUNCIL

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HOLIDAY PARTY & AWARDS CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY · DECEMBER 9

6–8 PM

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251 Main Street, Placerville

Hors d'oeuvres & no-host bar • Kindly RSVP to Carri, clerk@edcfiresafe.org