



El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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Board Meeting Agenda July 15, 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: 07/15/2026
 - b. Board Meeting Minutes: 6/17/2026
5. New Business
6. Old Business
 - a. El Dorado Ready Paul Penn
 - b. New Office Update Angel Ball
7. Executive Board Reports:
 - a. Chairman's Report & Communication: Bob Hess
 - b. Vice-Chair Report: Dorothy Fine
 - c. Parliamentarian Report: Paul Penn
 - d. Secretary Report: Angel Ball
 - Governance and New Council Formation
 - e. Treasurers Report:
 - Treasurer Report 06/30/2026 - **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 “Community Practice in Partnerships: **We are the SOFAR Collaborative.**”

Michelle Wolfgang, Partnerships Program Manager for Eldorado National Forest, will be discussing the South Fork of the American River (SOFAR) Cohesive Strategy Collaborative including our values, processes, best practices, and what makes us unique in this landscape as we drive forward our three goals from the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy: (1) fire-resilient landscapes, (2) fire-adapted communities, and (3) safe and effective wildfire response.

- b. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – August 19, 2026

13. Adjourn



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Board Meeting Minutes-DRAFT June 17, 2026 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

American Legion
4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville

1. Meeting Call to Order

9:33am

2. Roll Call: Sign In

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Pimlott

4. Consent Calendar - Board Action Item

- a. Meeting Agenda: 06/17/2026
- b. Board Meeting Minutes: 5/20/2026

Consent Calendar approved as presented with no opposition.

5. New Business

a. Elections - Board Action Item

Angel Ball gave election results as well as a summary of the ballot process. Hugh Council made motion and Greg Ball seconded the motion to accept the election results. The clerk did a roll call vote for the Board of Directors with 18 yes votes, 0 No, 0 Abstain and 5 Absent (this is a correction from the meeting day which was originally recorded as 20 Yes votes and 2 Absent). A motion was made to read the Executive Board results. The clerk did a roll call vote for the Executive Board with 17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain and 6 Absent. Angel thanked the nomination committee and the clerk for help with the election process. Angel also thanked those members who are not returning.



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b. Renewals – Board Action Item

Angel announced the 31 Councils that applied for renewals. A motion was made to accept the 31 council renewals. The clerk did a roll call vote for the Associate Fire Safe Council Renewals with 17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain and 6 Absent. Angel read the certificate of good standing for AFSCs. Ken Pimlott handed out the Certificate of Memberships to all the councils that were present.

6. Old Business

a. Office Space Update – Angel

We did not get the original office space at 344 Placerville Dr. We are meeting today to see another space at 344 Placerville Dr. Our realtor is looking for other options. Bruce Dickson has space next to his office and will send information to Angel. David Zelinsky said 681 Main Street has available space. Ken emphasized we need a comfortable space for staff and a place where we can have a sign out front.

7. Executive Board Reports:

a. Chairman's Report & Communication: Ken Pimlott

Reminded everyone about the partnership brown bag after the meeting today that he will be speaking at. Thanked Paul Penn for the social event over the weekend and thanked everyone that attended.

b. Vice-Chair Report: Dorothy Fine

Angel Ball gave the report in Dorothy's absence. The signup sheet for the fair is in the back of the room to fill in the empty slots. The theme of our booth is home hardening. Angel demonstrated Hugh Council's box to put golf tees in vents to test the correct vent size. She reminded everyone that Dorothy will be home to do the 5:30pm fair Zoom meeting today.

c. Parliamentarian Report: Paul Penn

Paul mentioned we had a successful party and hope to have another one in December. Thanked Diane Wilkenson for the food. Thanked Angel Ball for the work on elections.



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d. **Secretary Report:** Angel Ball

Reminded everyone to sign in for the meetings. We use this to match our CA FSC fire safe grant. Ken asked online attendees to put who you represent in the chat.

- Governance and New Council Formation
No Report

e. **Treasurers Report:** Janet Barentson

- **Treasurer Report 05/31/2026 - Board Action Item**

Nothing new in the budget we haven't discussed as a group. Grants with zeros were closed out. Mentioned the new grant. We don't budget fiscal sponsor fees because we don't know how much it is until they come in. If El Dorado Ready passes we will have dedicated revenue to track on the budget. Treasurer's Report approved as presented with no opposition.

There will be a finance committee with the change in the treasurer to include the new treasurer, David Zelinsky, Karen Coleman and Jill at Zebra accounting firm. We should formalize this committee and can add more people as well. We have not completed the 24/25 audit due to the auditor's health reasons. Janet would like to finish before she leaves. Thanked Linda Parks for her bookkeeping services and it was a mutual agreement to part ways. Jill Skinner from Zebra is the new CPA with her firm in Richmond, CA. Janet explained some of the duties the CPA will handle. She also explained the in kind reporting as a manual process.

Reimbursements for Title III, outreach and education grant send to Tamara and cc to treasurer email. Tamara reminded AFSCs to mention line item you want to be reimbursed for. Janet will be sending profit/loss email and there will be a video on how to do the profit/loss statements. In December, the treasurer needs to know information for 1099s. AFSCs please collect W9s if more than \$2,000 worth of work is being done. Janet thanked everyone for their support while she was treasurer.

8. **Partners Reports:**



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a. **BLM:** Jorge Pacheco

Hand crew is currently assisting fish & wildlife on a fire. Forward any work to Jorge Pacheco mitigation education specialist. Steve Allen praised Jorge, Jason and BLM for their help on a 10-acre project by El Dorado Road. Their office is now under US Wildland Fire Service Dept of Interior. Ken Pimlott asked Jorge to come to a board meeting to explain the way the organization is operating now. Jessica mentioned she is working with Jorge on defensible space applicants that have BLM land on their property. Their organization still has veterans helping them out.

b. **CAL FIRE:** Jeff Hoag

Holland Fire in Chili Bar area had the first drop for tanker 120 c130. Will be doing returning fire fighter academy. Burn ban is in effect as of June 15th. Will be continuing prescribed fires and mentioned the areas where they are doing them. They are doing training burns with the units in those areas. Shake Omo VMP is still active. Thanked outgoing fsc members and mentioned the AFSCs are a big part in helping CAL FIRE. Our council is the premier FSC in the state.

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

County Coordinator grant got awarded an extension until October, 2027. County grant will appear on report soon for \$10 million BLM grant. EDCFSC received \$2+ million for home hardening and defensible space work from that grant. Ken Pimlott and Dorothy Fine signed this agreement, and it is on the Board of Supervisor's agenda for next month per Ken. We have red bags and they will be in the back to take home. She introduced the two defensible space inspectors that brought the red bags in. Handbooks are now ready and will be handing them out at the fair. There will be pick up days for the AFSCs to get pick up the new handbooks. Congratulated everyone that worked on the books. Jenna will be going on extended leave so we will be short staffed.

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

No Report

e. **EDC FPO Association:** TBA

No Report

f. **ENF:** Jacobie Waters, Deputy Fire Chief



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All fire resources are on and staffed. There is currently a 5 acre fire in Mokelumne Wilderness that is contained at 5 acres. Districts are working with local FSCs in planning fuel reduction projects. Working with other partners for fuel breaks. Thanked FSC members that are leaving for all their work as well as incoming members.

g. **RCD:** Courtney Jackson

Courtney gave an update on current projects they are working on. Project Pipeline has a questionnaire for the public to submit projects into this data system and the State is also inputting information here. Thanked the outgoing Fire Safe Council members for their service from RCD as well as Fort Jim FSC.

h. **SMUD:** Eric Brown

No Report

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

No Report

j. **EDSO:** Ryan Bennet – We are ready for fire season. Ryan is contracted with the county as a liaison for EDSO per Ken Pimlott.

k. **BOR:** Zarela Guerrero

Next week Zarela will be meeting with Steve Willis, Lakehills FSC, to be scoping areas that will benefit with vegetation management. Goat grazing project is in acquisition stage. Thanked all outgoing FSC members for their service. Ken Pimlott thanked her for all her work as well as John Hutchings.

9. Program Reports:

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

- CWPP Planning Area Meetings

CA FSC Education & Outreach grant ends November 30th and Tamara will be doing the quarterly report June 30th. She will be reaching out to make sure everyone is spending their money, so we don't have to give money back. The defensible space program funds were expended, and it was supposed to last until 2030. The defensible space program will get \$200,000 from the chipping program funds that CAL FIRE approved. Tamara also gave a synopsis of other grants she is applying for as well as grants we received. She will be submitting seven grant proposals on June 28th. For projects Planning, implementation, and



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maintenance for projects submitted. EID is applying for work on transmission lines along waterways. CWPP planning meetings were held with great agency attendance as well as AFSC attendance. Tamara thanked everyone for their help and Laura Spellman, CAL FIRE, was thanked for the map process. Sherry Hawk thanked Tamara, Tanya and Laura at CAL FIRE for all their help with the planning meetings. Ken thanked Tamara for all her help with the grants.

- b. **Assistance Programs:** Jessica Isabel-using the \$200k for defensible space work. The processing time is longer in summer 4-5 weeks for defensible space service. Jessica also explained the community chipping events.

- Chipping -YTD 60% of these applications are post defensible space projects
Completed jobs - 374
Acres Cleared - 562
Cubic Yards Chipped - 103,432
Total Cost - \$144,732.44

- Defensible Space-YTD
Parcels Evaluated - 156
Parcels Cleared - 112
Average Cost - \$1,349.80
Total Cost - \$174,593.40

Of the Parcels Cleared:

Veterans - 24
Seniors - 100
Low Income - 33
Disabled - 36

- Hazard Tree Removal-YTD We opened this program at the end of May and received 251 applications as of yesterday. This program is one service per parcel ever. If there are no eligible trees this means applicants cannot apply for 2 years to reevaluate trees.

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



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c. **Training Committee:** Elizabeth Standeven

Monday June 22nd at 8am at this hall we are having CAL FIRE field map training. It is to train assessors to enter their own data with CAL FIRE. Today is last day to sign up for training. We are putting together a policy for the forms to be filled out. We will have a data portal coming for the assessment program possibly in the fall.

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

In Dorothy's absence the secretary stated everyone received the outreach and education report.

10. Community Council Reports

Mark Almer, Grizzly Flats FSC- Their meetings will be in person in August. They have a fundraiser scheduled for July 18th at 7802 Hermosa Vista in Somerset. Fraud charge update-got credited twice. Thanked Ken Pimlott and Janet Barentson for their help with EDCFSC.

Sherry Hawk, Gold Ridge Forest FSC – We had Wagon Train Days June 5th and had a Firewise booth with a lot of people coming by. Educated people on insurance.

Jason Jackson, Fort Jim FSC - Collaborating with Rancho Del Sol FSC and Camino FSC with a community event at the Davies Family Inn on July 19th from 10m-4pm. John at Hangtown Grill Catering will be supplying food. Will have vendors and speakers. Want to make it a yearly event.

Hassan Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Sierra Springs FSC – Encouraged AFSCs to have community chipping events. They started their defensible space evaluations. Waiting on RCD for the PG&E project.

Karen Pullin, Mosquito FSC – May 30th they did Ready Fest event and thanked all organizations that helped at their event. Johnny helped out at their event as well as Courtney Jackson. Karen brought in their banners that they will display in their community. They can't rely on social media all the time so they are doing things to get community aware of wildfire preparedness. They are working on reformatting their way to get information out before an evacuation.

Bob Hess, Coloma Lotus FSC – Gave kudos to Janet Hayes in Coloma Lotus for getting a new canopy for EDCFSC events.

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Dale Lesby manages Placerville and Georgetown airports. He mentioned he wants to increase firefighting capacity at the airports.

Gil Wright, VP Region 2 of CA Pilots Association – Airport stakeholders contacted him regarding fire hydrants at Placerville airport. Slurry mixing is no longer available at that airport, which is a critical infrastructure for this community and it's firefighting abilities. Firefighting infrastructure at Placerville airport is compromised. Paul Penn is offering his help to talk offline as a member of EID.

Ken thanked everyone for their help and thanked all the partners for getting things done and to not lose sight of that. The AFSCs are very important, and everyone is relying on this network for the grassroots work.

12. Good of the Order

- a. A Brown Bag Session will be held at 12:30 following the meeting. **Breaking Down Silos – The Power of Partnerships hosted by Ken Pimlott**
- b. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – July 15, 2026

13. Adjourn

11:46am

Meeting Minutes typed by Carri Lueck, EDCFSC Clerk

JUNE 2026 YTD REPORT

CHIPPING PROGRAM

Jobs Completed: 481

Acres Cleared: 681

Cubic Yards Chipped: 117,415

Total Cost: \$180,666.68

DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Parcels Evaluated: 317

Parcels Cleared: 157

Average Cost: \$1,234.16

Total Cost: \$249,077.00

RESIDENTS:

Veterans: 34

Seniors: 139

Low-Income: 50

Disabled: 50

HAZARDOUS TREE

Parcels Completed: 28

Trees Identified: 62

Trees Cut: 104

Average Tree Cost: \$596.16

Average Job Cost: \$2,887.35

Total Cost: \$92,952.50