



El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT July 15, 2026 9:30 am to 12:00 pm American Legion 4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville

1. Meeting Call to Order

9:33 am

2. Roll Call: Sign In

In Person: Hess, Fine, A. Ball, Rice, Penn, Connelly, Jackson, Johnston, Lory, Willis, Rogers, Lubetkin, Zelinsky, Boal, Standeven, Langan, G. Ball ZOOM: Hawk, Gilchrest

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Bob Hess

4. Consent Calendar Board Action Item

- a. Meeting Agenda: 07/15/2026
- b. Board Meeting Minutes: 6/17/2026

Consent Calendar approved with no opposition.

5. New Business

None

6. Old Business

- a. El Dorado Ready Paul Penn

This initiative will be on the ballot in November 2026. It should have a ballot letter in the next couple of weeks. We would like to get the endorsement of the AFSCs. Paul explained the measure and the process if approved.



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b. **New Office Update** Angel Ball

Angel gave an update on the new office and the plan is to sign the lease soon. Move in date will be announced when it is available and we will need volunteers to help with the move.

7. **Executive Board Reports:**

a. **Chairman's Report & Communication:** Bob Hess

Bob thanked Angel for all her hard work looking for a new office space. Explained his background and where he worked. Noted how he was nominated to fill the Chair position. Thanked staff and Eboard for all their help and support. Mentioned several AFSCs, the work they are doing and gave them a Thank you!

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

Dorothy reminded AFSCs to give clerk their events for our website calendar. Shared an automation update for our programs and said we will do a brown bag once it's all rolled out. We are in last phase of buildout for hazardous tree program. If you have problems with website, contact Dorothy. Send posts for the website to the clerk.

c. **Parliamentarian Report:** Paul Penn

No Report

d. **Secretary Report:** Angel Ball

- **Governance and New Council Formation**

Certificate of Good Standing was presented last month, if you did not get yours let clerk or Angel know. Updated roster will be emailed to all the AFSCs soon. Introduced Karen Coleman and thanked her for greeting guests at the sign in table. We now have 24 directors and 31 AFSCs. During renewals three councils made boundary changes. These changes are in the process of being updated on OWPR's online mapping tool. AFSCs need to check OWPR's mapping tool to make sure these are correct.

e. **Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer Report 06/30/2026 - Board Action Item

Bob introduced Bill Rice as our new treasurer. Bill introduced himself and noted he updated signatures with Columbia Bank. Will be using the finance committee to go over the budget.

For June financials there are no numbers to review but everything looks in line and the



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accountant has all the June statements. Just waiting for the accountant to get that completed. For the next cycle there will be June closing out FY 2026 and July FY 2027. P&L statements are due by the end of month. Bill said to send email or text if have any questions. Bob reminded everyone Bill has a day job so won't always get immediate response.

8. Partners Reports:

a. **BLM:** TBA

b. **CAL FIRE:** Jeff Hoag/Brian Pooley ck video

CAL FIRE wrapped up a prescribed fire. There was an update on the defensible space inspectors and what they will be doing in our county. They hired four battalion chiefs who were put in place last week and then will get into the field after training. Unit Fire plan was submitted and will be published. CAL FIRE made an agreement with Burn Bot for a mastication package to do mastication on shovel ready areas in county. Can check the CAL FIRE website to see how fires start.

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

Jenna is on extended leave, and Maria has been hired to work part-time. Jenny is back from leave, and she will be back working on the Weber Creek project. We have emergency handbooks which were handed out at the fair. There are handbooks here to take with you and you can reach our office and pick them up as well. Explained the Fire Risk Reduction Designation list and what OWPR is working on to get this designation. Press release will be out this week and will have a link for the list of all the communities with this designation. Contact OWPR and they will facilitate a large GIS map printed as well as getting a digital version so you can print yourself.

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

No Report

e. **EDC FPO Association:** TBA

No Report

f. **ENF:** Brad Stewart

No Report



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g. **RCD:** Courtney Jackson

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h. **SMUD:** Eric Brown

No Report

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

There were three PSPS(power shut offs) events this year in PG&E service areas. Enhanced EPSS are fully enabled throughout the county and finding more reliable. We have the most circuit line miles in our county and has helped with safety. Explained the work they are doing with SMUD. Undergrounding is going strong. PG&E has an interactive progress map that shows where work is completed, constructed, and where it is going in the next several years. America the Beautiful granted in conjunction with PG&E, \$3.2 million to enhance transmission right of ways. PG&E has funded 270 crew days with California Conservation Corp to help with projects. Capacity building investments are still going on. Thanked EDCFSC, OWPR and Chief Hoag for attending the Facility Wildfire Safety Conference in May. Mike's coworker helped with CAL FIRE unit plans to come up with a standardized utility element that will now be a part of the CAL FIRE unit fire plan.

j. **EDSO/OES:** Scott

Keep spreading information about RAVE & Perimeter. Getting more requests for attending events for evacuation and noted the areas where they will be doing events. Submitted application for updating their local mitigation plan . They can only do one evacuation drill a year at this time. Ready.edso.org is the website for emergency alerts to sign up for RAVE system. Hazard mitigation plan is being updated. Scott suggested having one meeting for multiple AFSCs to help with staffing challenges for these events.

k. **BOR:** Zarela Guerrero/John Hutchings

No Report

9. Program Reports:

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

- CWPP Planning Area Meetings

Noted all the grants that were submitted. November 9th & 10th is the date for the Colorado Collaborative community outreach and education training.



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b. Assistance Programs: Report noted from the board packet:

- Chipping-YTD
Jobs Completed - 481
Acres Cleared - 681
Cubic Yards Chipped - 117,415
Total Cost - \$180,666.68
- Defensible Space-YTD
Parcels Evaluated - 317
Parcels Cleared - 157
Average Cost Per Parcel - \$1,234.16
Total Cost - \$249,077.00
- Hazard Tree Removal-YTD
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

c. Training Committee: Elizabeth Standeven

Gave numbers of assessments for Q 1 & 2. Finished Q 2, reporting 69 assessments completed Q 1 38. 17 different AFSCs reported assessments 38-39 assessors doing these. Elizabeth does checks on the forms that get submitted. Thanked the assessors that took the training for the field maps. Read off the list of assessors doing the assessments in our communities.

d. Outreach & Education: Dorothy Fine

Thanked all the volunteers for the fair. Will work with fair for a smoother transition to get volunteers admitted into fair. Email vice chair with input from the fair things that worked and didn't work. Props, Cops, and Rodders is September 23rd and we will need volunteers for that event. National Night Out is on August 4th please send clerk an email if you are participating in it to get that on the calendar. We are making duplicate supplies for events that happen on the same day. Will be getting a survey out soon. The fourth Wednesday of each month at the main office from 12-1:30 is our outreach and education meetings and we welcome volunteers for this committee. Melissa Gates mentioned assessors should have golf tees for checking vents. Emergency Preparedness Workbooks are on the OWPR website and Tanya will send to clerk for our website.



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10. Community Council Reports

Mark Almer, Grizzly Flats FSC – Saturday, August 1st at 9:30 am at Leoni Meadows is our monthly meeting. Firewise Day is Saturday, July 18th at 7802 Hermosa Vista and there will be food and a silent auction.

Sherry Hawk, Gold Ridge Forest FSC – We will complete a roadside project in August. We will also be doing an event at the Pollock Pines Community Center. Sherry has been talking to people in Ice House area to get involved. Angel can talk to them about starting a new fire safe council.

Jason Jackson, Fort Jim FSC – Sunday July 19th at 4pm is our community collaborative event with Camino and Rancho del Sol at the Davies Family Inn.

David Zelinsky, Placerville FSC – We will be attending the National Night Out in Placerville on August 4th.

Melissa Gates, Royal Equestrian Estates FSC – We recently had a green waste day that was well attended. We also had an ice cream social that was poorly attended. Shout out to Steve Allen for a CAL FIRE getting a reflective sign to Melissa. A homeowner that had an assessment done also ordered a sign as well.

Ken McKinstry, Gallagher Road LO Assn FSC – Worked with PG&E for a fuel reduction project along 6 miles of road along power lines. Used Title III funds for cleanup work. Thanked Mike Webb and Tamara Johnston for their help. Working on informing community on evacuation and will be getting wildfire preparedness workbook and red bags.

Mike Connelly, Auburn Lake Trails FSC – We will have a presentation tomorrow night on fire insurance in CA insurance commissioner's office. Also we are having a green waste day on Saturday. 1104 properties in our community had a 95% compliance for defensible space. We have four active grants. \$600,000 fuel reduction work done in the community since May.

Ken Rogers, Logtown FSC – Thanked Lester for getting everyone together with the CWPP effort. Thanked Bob Hess and Gary Boal who came to talk last Saturday about CERA radio network.

Elizabeth Standeven, Sand Ridge FSC – Using CA FSC grant money and doing a sign at either end of Sand Ridge Road for public safety announcements. Will get pictures out.

Dorothy Fine, Camino FSC – Used Title III funds and got green waste bags at Home Depot for Camino community dumpster bags and passed them out. Will be passing these out at other events as well. Uline has box of 50 bags that you can order online.



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

Gina Posey – thanked us for doing the candidate forum as she will be on ballot for District 4. Insurance companies will be coming back and expanding coverage for CA and she mentioned these companies. Our county got settlement from Mosquito fire from PG&E. County has agreed to provide \$400,000 for shared services agreement with several areas in our county. Shared the Mosquito FSC workbook. Requested workbook to have a page with each FSC in it.

Peter and an engineer from Brazil mentioned their business for fuel reduction.

Eileen a volunteer for American Red Cross – Noted Red Cross has resources for the communities in our county on training people on fire safety, they install smoke alarms and are looking for volunteers. Also noted they train children. They have flyers available of the services they provide.

Gil Wright CA Pilot's Association – Had questions regarding emergency ingress and egress for CAL FIRE on a road by the airport. Paul Penn mentioned he gave the General Manager of EID the information.

Paul Gilchrest – I made the fire chief aware of the airport issue and can connect him with the current fire marshall who can give him answers he needs.

Rich Langan Serrano FSC – have 900 acres open space that is a danger. Would like more information about zone 0.

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

11:50am - Minutes typed by clerk, Carri Lueck.