



El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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

Stakeholders Meeting Notes

February 23rd, 2016

USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

1. **Meeting Call to Order** 1:05 pm
2. **Public Comment** – *Time limit is 3 minutes per person.*
 - Chris Payne-talked about interwoven risks and prevention
3. **Special Presentation and Discussion:**
CWPP Update Dr. Harris, SIG
 - EDC FSC has embarked on West Slope CWPP
 - Overview of objectives, project team and progress to date (meetings, survey, baseline modeling of potential fire hazard), community outreach, next steps, timeline
4. **Fire Safe Council Grant and Project Status**
 - a. **GF-12 fuel reduction CCC**
 - Increasing defensible space around community
 - b. **Weber Creek (PP-1)**
 - SRA grant funded \$200,000
 - Fuel reduction along ridge of Weber Creek
 - Original grant for 93 acres now 140 acres
 - c. **Logtown 9 CCC**
 - Project is along Highway 49
 - d. **County CWPP**
 - Grant funded in the amount of \$74,000
 - e. **Forest Service Grant**
 - Opening March 10th and due no later than April 22nd
 - \$200,000 maximum and require one to one match, can use other grant funds as match
 - Grant training session will be held at McClellan on March 24th

5. Agency Updates:

i. CAL FIRE

- Updating projects, let Dwyer know if anything needs to be added to plan
- Finalizing target maps for defensible space inspections, will be distributed in March, Grizzly Flats will be included
- SRA money will be used for roadside maintenance in Volcanoville, Starks Grade, Sandridge and Rattlesnake Bar
- Adding an additional crew for vegetation management
- March 22nd is defensible space evaluator training

ii. Fire Chief's Association

iii. Fire Prevention Officers Association

- Marshall Cox with EDH Fire is new president of FPO
- Doing 4291 inspections

iv. US Forest Service

- South Fork of American River watershed cohesive strategy is a national effort with three tenets: fire adapted communities, fire resilient landscapes and safe and effective wildfire response
- Planning of thinning acreage of Pelican Fire
- Hoping to add prescribed fire of 7,000 acres north of 88, Carson Spur
- EID board voted to submit grant proposal to Sierra Nevada Conservatory, EID will manage, USFS will do the work
- Working on Fire Adapted 50 in coordination with CalFIRE
- Will be coordinating with TSS for demonstration of mechanized equipment that can work on 50% slope
- USFS is getting requests to clean up beetle kill trees from private property neighbors, right now it's better to leave it standing rather than cut it down and not clean it up

v. Office of Emergency Services (OES)

- Personnel changes, lots of training
- Preparing for summer season
- Graduated 17 CERT volunteers in Grizzly Flats

vi. El Dorado Irrigation District

vii. Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E)

- Doing annual maintenance year-round
- Doubled efforts in regards to tree mortality
- Scope of work has dramatically increased due to tree mortality
- Inspecting in Georgetown right now

viii. Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

- In maintenance mode on hydro
- Iowa Hill pump storage has been terminated
- Small project at bottom of Slab Creek
- Vegetation management finished in Crystal Basin, more fuel reduction projects in process

ix. Sierra Pacific Industries

- Recently completed 16,000 acre bare ground fire break near Stumpy Meadows
- Ongoing beetle salvage in many areas
- Thousands of acres of fuel breaks planned

- x. El Dorado County Transportation Division**
 - Working on mapping out project areas with CalFIRE
 - Working on Gold Ridge Trail
 - Working on smaller projects, just finished Patterson Drive, focusing on egresses
- xi. Resources Conservation District**
 - Got two out of the three CalFIRE funded project they applied for, King Fire and Sand Fire treatment and reforestation
 - Fuel break around American River Canyon, Chrome Ridge project starting in the next two weeks
 - Working on Ice House project application
 - Working under Farm Bill for financing for tree kill
 - Getting contract for Sly Park to Highway 50 project
 - Working on seed bank and tree requests
- xii. El Dorado Disposal**
 - Donated dumpsters to use for grant match
 - Will do community green waste pick-ups, they let customers know when they will be in area
- xiii. Farmers Insurance**
- xiv. California Conservation Corps (CCC)**
 - Have done four projects in El Dorado County
 - Expecting to have more hours available every year for shovel ready projects, be ready!
- xv. California State Parks Gold Fields District**
 - Finished fuel reduction behind Lakeridge Oaks
 - Marshall Gold area did 10 days of fuel reduction
 - Finished up couple of weeks on Monroe Ridge with CCC
- xvi. US Bureau of Reclamation**
 - Only one active project-in El Dorado Hills around Folsom Lake
 - Hoping to collaborate with other stakeholders for cooperation on projects
- xvii. US Bureau of Land Management**

6. Announcements

7. Good of the Order 1453

Adjourned at 2.53 pm to the May 24th, 2016 Stakeholders Meeting

Jodi Martin, Clerk to the Board