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Board of Directors Meeting
September 23, 2014, 9:30 am
Station 49, Diamond Springs, CA
"Draft Minutes"

1. Meeting Call to Order: 9:35 am, Pat Dwyer, Chairperson
2. Roll Call & Sign In: Pat Dwyer, Ken Hasse, Ernie Lory, Steve Willis, Ray Griffiths, Jim Stewart, Richard Krek, Bruce Dickson present. Members absent: Bill Brandt, Heather Campbell, and Dylan Thomas.
3. Approval of Agenda: Jim Stewart moved that the agenda be approved as submitted. Ernie Lory second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Consent Agenda: Approval of July 22nd 2014 and August 26, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes. Ernie Lory provided requested changes to par 8.b. of the July minutes, which Christine Swenson read aloud. Ray Griffiths moved that the July minutes be approved as amended, and that the August minutes be approved as presented. Jim Stewart second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment – There were no public comments.
6. Information Items:
 - a. Chairman Dwyer reported that there will be a meeting with the BOS September 30, 2014 at 10:00 am, but suggested anyone wanting to attend be there by 9:00 am. He brought a power point presentation that he intends to present at the meeting for review at the end of this meeting.
 - b. Chairman Dwyer discussed developing a strategy to prioritize projects in order to utilize our resources more effectively. Suggested considerations include fire risk, population density, and value of assets. Other considerations might include commerce, agriculture, and tourism. He discussed preparing a matrix wherein the board could easily select projects to fund should the opportunity present itself. Ernie Lory suggested that we ensure our prioritization method corresponds with the State's method.

- c. Chairman Dwyer reminded us that the grant cycle starts in October, and that Title III funding authority supposedly is included in the 2015 Federal Budget.
- d. Correspondence: Chairman Dwyer received a communication from Chris Thompson who would like to demo a fire retardant called Phos-Check Long Term Retardant. He has offered a free application, though the logistics of actually utilizing that offer on an active fire need to be explored. Chairman Dwyer will bring this up with the Fire Chiefs when he meets with them tomorrow, to see if this is even practical. Steve Hupner mentioned that Grizzly Flat had received the same letter. Another communication was received from Lindsey Nitta of the California Forestry Association. She is looking for examples of how defensible space is helping with the King fire. Richard Krek stated that he has lots of examples, so he will get in touch with Ms. Nitta.

7. Program Reports:

- a. The Green Waste program is still not active. Ken Hasse reported that we've received about 70 requests for chipping, and about 40 of them have been addressed so far – either completed, rejected, or postponed. We have a little over a month to spend the rest of the PG&E money that is currently funding the program.
- b. Ernie Lory has volunteered to oversee the Senior Assistance program. He met with MORE last Friday to evaluate a home. So far all ten applicants have been addressed.
- c. Ken Hasse reported that we've received a \$15,000 check from PG&E for the Chipping Program, but that it won't show on this month's financial reports.
- d. Regarding the PG&E Camera Project, we've signed the letter to PG&E, and have drafted a letter between CAL FIRE and us. Evidently the Forest Service has indicated that they'd prefer to own the cameras that are on their property; this is amenable to us.

8. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Financial reports – Ken Hasse reported that we have just under \$100,000 in the bank. All of the money for GF15 (\$29,100) has been received and he is still holding \$3,700 for the Lakehills CWPP. He has reorganized the reports, based on advice from our accountant. Steve Willis expressed a desire for a report showing our execution to date against our budget. Ken indicated this would be complicated. Further discussion will follow. Chairman Dwyer inquired about the audit; it hasn't been initiated yet. There was discussion of increasing our umbrella insurance policy; it was decided to add this to next month's agenda.
- b. Ken Hasse has attempted to get an update on when we can expect our Federal grant funds, but has been unable to get any information on that. Ken Hasse said that some residents of Logtown are going to draft a letter to Senator Feinstein to see if she can assist in releasing the funding. Chairman Dwyer warned that a letter like that needs to come from individuals, but not from our organization.

9. Projects Committee Report:

- a. Steve Willis reported on the progress on Appendix M. He's combined the attributes of at least four past appendixes and reports to create this new appendix. It will include information such as acres, fuel type, treatment type, cost/acre, and estimated project cost. When completed he will share it with everyone so that the data can be reviewed and updated if necessary. Once complete, it will be relatively simple to sort the data to identify those projects meeting any specified criteria.
 - b. The Georgetown CWPP is held up with the BOS at this time. Supposedly they are creating a new committee to handle CWPPs.
 - c. Lakehills CWPP is on track for completion by the end of October this year. The public meetings are done, and the forester comments are pending.

10. Governance Committee Report: Steve Willis had provided updated versions of Sections 11, 12, and 16 to the Policies and Procedures. Ernie Lory had one comment that Steve will incorporate. Bruce Dickson asked whether we'd had counsel review this. We have had counsel review the by-laws but not policies. There was a motion by Richard Krek to approve all the policies except #16. Ernie Lory seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimously. Steve will change the date of the document to today's date and send out, via email, everything except Section 16, as approved. He'll make some changes to Section 16, combining two or three of the paragraphs that are slightly redundant, and send it out, via email, for approval. Ken Hasse said that he'd run the By-Laws past Bill Wright, our attorney.

11. New Business: Chairman Dwyer reviewed the Board and volunteer assignments as follows:
 - a. Board Secretary – Christine
 - b. Senior Assistance Coordinator – Ernie
 - c. Dumpster Program Manager – Need a volunteer
 - d. Chipping Program Manager – Ken
 - e. Public Information Officer/Web Manager/IT – Ken
 - f. Fire Prevention Officer Representative – Bruce
 - g. Grants Manager (Reports) – Vacant. It was suggested that it would probably be best to have a separate manager for each grant.

12. Board Member/Associate Reports: Chairman Dwyer performed a dry run of his briefing to the BOS, scheduled for next Tuesday, September 30. He received several helpful suggestions for improving the briefing.

13. Good of the Order: Meeting adjourned at 11:54. Chairman Dwyer reminded everyone that the General Meeting that had been scheduled for today but was postponed because of the King fire will be held next month.