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Board of Directors Meeting
October 28, 2014, 9:30 am
USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville
"Draft Minutes"

1. Meeting Call to Order: 9:30 am, Pat Dwyer, Chairperson
2. Roll Call & Sign In: Pat Dwyer, Ken Hasse, Ernie Lory, Steve Willis, Jim Stewart, Bruce Dickson, and Heather Campbell present. Members absent: Bill Brandt, Dylan Thomas, and Richard Krek.
3. Approval of Agenda: Ernie Lory wanted to present five grant proposals for concurrence, so agenda item 11.b.i. was changed to read: SRA Fee/ Grant Proposals, and sub-items 1-4 were removed. Additionally, chairman Dwyer added item 6.b. "Correspondence" to the agenda. Jim Stewart moved that the agenda be approved as amended, and Steve Willis second. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Consent Agenda: Approval of September 23, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes. Bruce Dickson moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Ernie Lory second. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment: Chairman Dwyer introduced Chris Thompson from PHOS-CHEK. His presentation was then scheduled for the follow-on General Meeting.
6. Information Items:
 - a. BOS - Chairman Dwyer reported that we received \$68,000 in Title III funding. Ken Hasse confirmed that it had been deposited 27 Oct 2014. Chairman Dwyer went on to report that his briefing to the BOS was well received, and that at a subsequent meeting with the Fire Chiefs Supervisor Veerkamp was very supportive, especially of the prospect of district consolidation. There was discussion of a county ordinance on fuels reduction on unimproved land, and creating a county POC for fire prevention coordination. It was a very positive meeting. Chairman Dwyer also indicated that the BOS supported our ideas for risk assessment, and added that we may propose a grant for mapping.

b. Correspondence –

- i. Chairman Dwyer presented a letter from Trish Kelleher, the chairperson for the South Fork Webber FSC officially disbanding the council. They have a balance of \$16.27 left in their account, and it was decided that that would be turned over to the Pleasant Valley Fire Safe Council. Bruce Dickson moved that we accept and file their letter as the official record of their disbandment. Ernie Lory second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Chairman Dwyer referenced a phone call and email from Ms. Parkhurst of Grizzly Flat. The Parkhursts are upset about some clearing that was done along the roadway in front of their property. Steve Hupner confirmed that the area cleared was a DOT right-of-way, and said that the Grizzly Flat FSC is sending them a letter addressing the issue.

7. Program Reports:

- a. Chipper, Dumpster, and GW Pick up – Ken Hasse reported that we spent approximately \$15,000 in September (PG&E money), and that we have a backlog of about 50 chipping jobs. He confirmed that we'll be able to spend all of the PG&E money before it expires at the end of October. He also confirmed that the first installment of the Clearinghouse grant came in, so we will not need to pause the chipping program once the PG&E money runs out. Chairman Dwyer showed everyone the metal sign for the dumpsters. We have two that are ready to go and two more than can have brackets installed if necessary. The "mailboxes" for the in-kind forms will be received in a couple of days, at which time we'll be ready to dispatch dumpsters. Chairman Dwyer is working on the procedures for the Community Garbage Truck and hopes to have them ready to present to the Board at the November meeting.
- b. Senior Assistance – Ernie Lory reported that Friends of Seniors accomplished one visit last month to an elderly couple in Pollock Pines. There was an issue about a dead tree that MORE couldn't remove. Bruce Dickson offered to contact a retired arborist he knows to see if he can find some help. To date Friends of Seniors has completed approximately 15 jobs, at a cost of about \$175 each. Ernie will try to get the details for next meeting. There was also discussion on using these newly cleaned properties as examples for the neighborhood of what defensible space looks like.
- c. GF Fuel Reduction Projects – Steve Hupner reported that the work that the CCC did for them looks nice and they got a lot done. They've spent all of the PG&E funding, though there is still more work to be done. He indicated that they will be preparing a report for PG&E, and commented that PG&E was excellent to work with.

8. Treasurer's Report: Ken Hasse reviewed the financial reports. We have \$189,143.44 in the bank, having received \$36,000 on the Chipping Grant, \$68,372 from the BOS in Title III funding, and a \$25 donation. We are still holding \$3,700 in Title III funding for the Lakehills CWPP, and have requested another \$20,000 against the Chipping Grant. Steve Hupner mentioned that the

\$29,100 balance on the GF-15 PG&E grant is the entire amount of the grant, not the 50% that was expected.

9. Governance Committee Report: Approve policy (16) – Steve Willis reviewed his research regarding the satellite bank accounts. In short, there are two options: either we be a signatory on the account and receive electronic tax and accounting information, or, if we're not a signatory on the account, we must request tax and accounting information and it will be sent to us. After much discussion, including the liability implications of being a signatory on satellite accounts, it was decided that electronic access to tax and accounting information was necessary, so satellite accounts must be sub-accounts to the EDCFSC account. Jim Stewart moved that the policy be approved as presented. Steve Willis second the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

10. Projects Committee Reports:
 - a. Georgetown CWPP – Chairman Dwyer reported that Supervisor Veerkamp is reviewing.
 - b. Lakehills CWPP – Steve Willis reported it is in signature mode, currently with CAL FIRE. Steve mentioned that they've just discovered that their boundary map will need to be changed, but they are going to go ahead with the CWPP as it is currently written and add an addendum after it is approved.

11. New Business:
 - a. Approve Volcanoville affiliate council – Chairman Dwyer has received an application from Volcanoville to be an affiliate council. Ken Hasse moved that the application be accepted. Ernie Lory second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Grant Opportunities/Application Status –
 - i. Placerville – John Pickett addressed the council requesting EDCFSC be the fiscal sponsor for a possible project off of Cold Springs Road. It is a simple mastication project of approximately 120 acres, and the work would be performed by the property owner, Jeff Holland. Mr. Pickett seemed well aware of the possible complications of the project and is prepared to address them. The Board thought this project might serve as an impetus to get a Placerville council going, so the sense of the council was to go ahead with the concept submission. Mr. Pickett was advised to include a fiscal sponsor fee of approximately 5% in his proposal.
 - ii. County-wide CWPP - Chairman Dwyer presented his idea for a grant to develop a county-wide CWPP. It would be a two year effort to incorporate all interested communities. This CWPP would incorporate any existing CWPPs, as tabs to ours. It would include the EDCFSC, consultants, local fire districts, and the communities, with an estimated cost of \$80,000. Tom Tinsley, of CAL FIRE, mentioned that Amador County had done something similar and it worked well for them. The sense of the Board was to go ahead with the proposal. Ernie Lory abstained.

- iii. Education/PR/Outreach - Heather Campbell had mentioned that she'd like a grant for education for Pollock Pines. Chairman Dwyer offered that it may be more efficient to request a county wide grant for education. That way we could assist all the fire safe councils with their outreach efforts. Bruce Dickson has offered to spearhead this effort. This project would include a consultant as a primary team member. The board agreed with the proposal.
- iv. Logtown 10 – This project is already ready to go, just in need of funding. It is fuels reduction, about 100 acres, and is part of the Logtown CWPP. The Board supports this concept paper as well.
- v. Grizzly Flat – Ernie Lory presented four different proposals: GF-13, Huggy Bear Ridge, Caldore Road connection, and Henry's Diggings. After much discussion on the number of proposals that would likely be submitted, and the likelihood that funding would probably be fairly evenly allocated throughout the state, it was decided that GF-13 and Huggy Bear Ridge should be combined, since GF-13 is already included in the Grizzly Flat CWPP, and that may give it some priority. Ernie agreed to meet with the GF council to present the Board's recommendations.
- vi. SRA Grant Workshop – At the end of all the discussion Tom Tinsley urged everyone to attend a meeting Monday night at Sutter Hill at 6pm, where the requirements for these concept papers would be discussed.

12. Board Member/Associate Reports:

- a. Bruce Dickson reported that they had a presentation on Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and he expects a lot of the Pleasant Valley Fire Safe Council to take the training.
- b. Steve Willis reported that the Folsom State Recreation Area shaded fuel break project is on-going. They were fortunate to receive another grant this year. BOR is the lead agency. They're having some difficulty identifying access points since crews must go through private property. The Lakehills FSC is overseeing the effort, but the individual HOAs must do the actual work themselves.
- c. Chairman Dwyer reported that the Logtown Hot Dog Social raised a couple thousand dollars.

13. Good of the Order: Meeting adjourned at 11:47am.