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Executive Board Meeting, Open to the Public
November 18, 2014, 9:30 am
USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville
"Draft Minutes"

1. Meeting Call to Order: 9:32 am, Pat Dwyer, Chairperson
2. Roll Call & Sign In: Pat Dwyer, Ken Hasse, Steve Willis, and Jim Stewart, present. Members absent: Bill Brandt, Dylan Thomas, Richard Krek, Bruce Dickson, and Heather Campbell.
3. Approval of Agenda: Because there was not a quorum, neither the agenda nor the October minutes could be approved.
4. Public Comment/Grant Opportunities:
 - a. Darin McFarlin, CAL FIRE, reported that the state had received 347 Proposals for SRA grants, with a value of \$57.1M for an allocation of \$10M. Chairman Dwyer said that we submitted six proposals where we're the fiscal sponsor, and one for Lakehills. Two of the six were not fuel reduction related – the County-wide CWPP, for \$73,000, and the County-wide education awareness project, for \$50,000. The other proposals were: Logtown 10, \$219,000; GF 13, \$135,000; Lakehills 1, \$196,000; Webber Creek, \$191,000; and Caswell Road, \$53,000; for a grand total of \$918,000. The anticipated schedule is grant approval in April, award in May, funding in September, with the money expiring March 2017, but this is just an estimate. Darin didn't have any information on the Cap and Trade funding yet, as the timeframe to submit proposals doesn't close until Friday, November 21. Some proposals may fit into both categories – SRA and Cap and Trade.
 - b. Chris Trott, a forester from Buena Vista Biomass Power explained that it's possible to offset emissions by submitting our chipping to a biomass facility (one ton of dry chips offsets 800 lbs. of carbon emissions), and that the Cap and Trade grant is designed to offset the costs of chipping and transporting the chips to the facility.
 - c. Mark Egbert, RCD, reported that they also submitted two proposals, one for Auburn Lake Trails, and one for Chrome Ridge, each for about \$100,000.
 - d. Chairman Dwyer pointed out that both the Clearinghouse (USFS) grant proposals and the SRA proposals will be due in January. The 2015 USFS Grant Program will be announced December 8th, the window for application submission opens January 8th, and the grants workshop is scheduled for January 12, 2015.
 - e. Information Items: Correspondence – We received our first community dumpster request, for Bear Paw Lane. Two dumpsters were delivered, and were to be swapped out today, November 18th.

5. Program Reports:
 - a. Chipper, Dumpster, and GW Pick up – Ken Hasse reported that Mountain Enterprises is about a month behind, and we have less than two weeks (until November 28th) to spend the PG&E money. We have a backlog of approximately 50 jobs. Ken will contact one of the other contractors that provided bids to see if they can get on board right away to help pick up the slack and spend the money before it expires.
 - b. Senior Assistance – Chairman Dwyer related that the billing from MORE for the Senior Assistance program is excessive. The early jobs averaged around \$300, but the last one was much more. Chairman Dwyer indicated that we may need to switch to another contractor for this work. There followed discussion as to whether we want to continue to participate in the Day of Giving event. It was agreed that we would continue to participate, but decide what to do with any proceeds at a later date.
 - c. GF Fuel Reduction Projects – Steve Hupner passed around a map showing the Grizzly Flat projects – past, present, and proposed. Their intent is to divide the community into pieces that will be more easily managed. Chairman Dwyer asked which projects are still open. GF 9 will be open until the end of the year. Because the bids were lower than expected, there is funding left over, which hopefully the CCC can spend by the end of the year. Additionally, GF 12 is still active. Ken Hasse brought up the issue of documentation, especially on matching labor/funds. He anticipates that the documentation requirements may become more rigorous, especially if we exceed the \$500,000 limit for a Federal audit, and wants everyone to be prepared.
6. Treasurer's Report: Ken Hasse stated that we have \$184,324.99 in the bank. We received \$68,347 from our most recent award, and haven't yet spent all of our 2010 funding – he's holding some for the Lakehills CWPP. He's afraid we won't be able to spend the PG&E funding we received for chipping, which is a disappointment, since we were so lucky to get it, and they did grant us an extension. GF 15 has \$4,491.97 left over, and it will be returned. The CCC ended up charging less than they estimated due to scheduling and manpower changes. GF 9 has \$17,675.85 in the bank, and Operations has \$28,387.80. Ken then mentioned to Mark Egbert that we are still in need of a physical address and some shared staff. Mark explained the costs involved, and some of the contracting options (a shared person vs. one person assigned only to us), and expressed that his board wants to make sure that if they go to the trouble to support us, that this will be a long-term relationship. Chairman Dwyer will meet with the RCD Board to discuss.
7. Governance Committee Report: Chairman Dwyer reported that the updating of the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures is finally done, and thanked the Governance Committee for their hard work.
8. Projects Committee Reports:
 - a. Georgetown CWPP –The Georgetown CWPP is still with Supervisor Veerkamp.
 - b. Lakehills CWPP – Steve Willis reported that the Lakehills CWPP was delivered to Supervisor Mikulaco earlier this week, and was told that he will try to have it on the calendar by the end of the year. Chairman Dwyer will attempt to get the Georgetown CWPP on the calendar for the same meeting.
9. Board Member/Associate Reports:

- a. Chairman Dwyer reviewed some of the Board's accomplishments over the last year and thanked everyone for their hard work. He shared some of his thoughts for the upcoming year, which include occasionally inviting the Supervisors to our General Meetings, and also inviting Mr. Crabtree from USFS, in order to strengthen those relationships.
- b. Steve Willis reported that Coloma/Lotus is working on a FSC. Also the Deer Park area and the Cool/Pilot Hill area are trying to get organized.
- c. Steve Hupner said that Supervisor Frentzen is coming to meet with his group. Chairman Dwyer indicated he'd invite her to Logtown's meeting as well.
- d. Darin McFarlin asked if we knew where our green waste goes, thinking that if it goes to a bio-waste facility, perhaps we could apply for Cap and Trade funding for that program. Chairman Dwyer said he'd look into that.
- e. Mark Egbert introduced Alexia Hemphill, an AmeriCorps member who will be working with him this year. He said that they plan to do a lot of workshops in the upcoming year.
- f. Chris Trott let us know that he can help us calculate greenhouse gas benefits and other things like that, should we have a need.
- g. Jim Stewart expressed his opinion that we need more outside people like Chris on our board. He also feels that we should explore ways to incorporate bio mass into our projects.

10. Good of the Order: Meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.