



# El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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

Board of Directors Meeting  
March 25, 2014, 9:30 am  
USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA  
"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, Bill Bergen, Jim Stewart, Ray Griffiths. Richard Krek arrived at 9:44. Members absent: Dylan Thomas, Bill Brandt.
3. Approval of Agenda: Added Information Item 7. vii., Give Where You Live. Added Projects Committee Report 10. c. Update on Projects Progress. Jim Stewart made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Bill Bergen second the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. Special Guest, Steve Shortes of Motherlode Insurance. Steve gave an overview of the insurance needs for non-profit organizations. He stressed the importance of adding any satellite councils to our policy. As long as they are involved in EDCFSC directed activities their board members are automatically covered under our policy, but when they initiate activities on their own, there could be liability issues unless we have specifically named them on our policy. Adding satellite councils to our policy could cost several hundred dollars per council.
5. Consent Agenda: Board Action Items: Three changes were made to the February 25<sup>th</sup> minutes:
  1. Item 7.d.v. was changed to say "We received another fifty thousand dollar payment of our grant money..." rather than "the balance of our grant money".
  - Item 12.a. was changed to read "Ratify Fiscal Sponsor for USFS Grant GF-9" rather than "... RAC Grant GF-9", and the name "Ken Willis" was changed to "Ken Hasse".
  - Ken Hasse made a motion to approve the February 25, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes. Ernie Lory second the motion. Ray Griffiths abstained. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: A representative from Pollock Pines mentioned that she was seeking assistance with the clearing of properties in Pollock Pines. Chairman Dwyer indicated he would meet with her separately to discuss. Next we had a presentation from Heather Campbell, also of Pollock Pines. She is a former fire investigator who is concerned about emergency egress

from the Pollock Pines area in the event of a fire. Her initial focus is to raise community awareness and she is seeking our assistance.

7. Information Items:

- a. Title III EDSO – Chairman Dwyer has requested a meeting with the Sheriff to see if we can get any of the Title III funding that is available.
- b. Friends of Seniors Spaghetti Feed – The FOS Spaghetti Feed was a success, so the Senior program should be up and running shortly. Any interested seniors should be referred to the FOS. They will nominate recipients, we'll inspect the property, arrange for a contractor to come do the work, and re-inspect at completion.
- c. Chipping & Dumpster Status – Ken Hasse expects final invoices from El Dorado Disposal in about 3 days and by April 5<sup>th</sup> from Mt. Enterprises. We are still owed \$12,000 from the California Fire Safe Council to cover any excess costs, if necessary. Ken is in the middle of a review of the 2012 chipping project. The review must be completed before any 2014 grant money will be issued. We need to create additional rules and processes for managing the new grant money to allow us greater control of the program and avoid the potential for any miss-use of the funds.
- d. Web Update – The website is continuing to improve. Each satellite can now add/delete/modify their own content. The old information is missing, but Luke will be asked to reinstate it. Also, contractors can add themselves to our Contractors List, though we will limit that to local contractors.
- e. Community Volunteer Recognition – Chairman Dwyer made a motion to officially recognize three community members for their extraordinary efforts to make their communities fire safe: Susan Owens from Gold Hill Property Owners Association, Ray Pingle from Royal Equestrian Estates, and Kim McCarthy from Audubon Hills. He'd like to invite them to our next meeting and present them with a certificate of thanks. Bill Bergen moved to approve the motion. Ray Griffiths second. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- f. Home and Garden Show Booth – We've offered to help man a booth at the Home and Garden Show and need some volunteers.
- g. Give Where You Live – Give Where You Live is scheduled for this May. It's an event to collect donations for all the non-profits in the county.

8. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Financial reports: Ken Hasse summarized the current financial status: there is \$61,000 in the bank and there is still money in the CWPP Title III account.
- b. Funding Status: We are still expecting new money from the county soon.

9. Governance Committee Report:

- a. By-Laws Final Vote - Jim Stewart made a motion to approve the by-laws. Bill Bergen second the motion. Ken Hasse requested discussion on Section 502. He has concerns that the wording conflicts with other wording in the by-laws regarding the timeframe to

approve an interim board member. Jim Stewart rescinded his first motion and made a motion to postpone the vote for one month. Ray Griffiths second the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- b. Policy Update. There was no policy update as we were running out of time.

10. Projects Committee: Skipped

11. New Business:

- a. Resolution 2014-3-1 GF9 Fiscal Sponsor – Ken Hasse made a motion we accept Resolution 2014-3-1 to authorize EDCFSC to be the fiscal sponsor. A formal vote was taken: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 absent. Motion passed.
- b. Senior Assistance Procedures – skipped
- c. Dumpster Policy – skipped
- d. New Satellite Guide – skipped

12. Board Member/Satellite Reports: Skipped

13. Good of the Order

Adjourned to the General Meeting at 11:14