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

Board Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2019

USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville

9:30 am to 12:00

1. Meeting Call to Order: 0934

2. Roll Call: Sign In

Willis, Dwyer, Dickson, Tolson, Payne, K Campbell, Pullin, Lory, Atencio, H Campbell present.
Julian and Stewart excused.

3. Approval of Agenda: 1/16/2019 Board Action Item

*Motion by Dickson to approve agenda adding Oak Hill FSC to Item 9(b). Second by Tolson.
Motion carried.*

4. Consent Agenda: Board Action Item 11/27/18 Board Meeting Minutes

*Motion by Payne to approve minutes from November 27, 2018. Second by Dickson.
Motion carried.*

5. Public Comment –Time limit is 3 minutes per person.

- David Zelinsky: is holding a meeting on January 22nd at Episcopal Church of Our Savior in Placerville to talk to HOA, have 10-12 members already

6. Information Items:

a. Chairman's Report & Communication

- Sent out e-mail congratulating Dwyer for being one of only 7 recipients of the National Wildfire Mitigation Award this year, he will be accepting award in Reno in March, El Dorado County has had five winners of this nationwide award the last six years
- Received donation of \$200
- Assemblyman Kevin Kiley is running for Senator Gaines seat, currently don't have a state senator
- Vegetation management ordinance that is under development at county level had public update yesterday, moving along, considering annual notices going out in tax bills, there could be \$500,000 in seed money to get started, could start with Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills because they already have ordinances and fire departments already working on vegetation management, exploring coordination with insurance companies for standard clearance requirements, January 31st will be next public meeting
- Forever Forestry group organizing, trying to get a regional meeting scheduled, mostly northern/coastal California areas
- El Dorado County will be launching 211 service, will be 24/7 access for resources, EDC FSC has requested to be included on list of resources
- March 21-22 CPCU Wildfire Technology Innovation Summit at Sac State, EDC FSC has registered to attend, Eric Brown will be attending-could represent EDC FSC
- Attended California State FSC meeting with Dwyer, meeting was focused on letting FSCs from around the state share how they operate

- Exploring doing more with social media, looking for someone familiar with using social media, this would help community FSCs with outreach also
 - March 20th will be 4291 training 1:00-3:00 hopefully in USFS meeting room
- b. Vice Chair Report
- At California State FSC meeting learned many FSC are under RCDs, some are subordinate to fire agencies, some are funded by assessments from fire districts, EDC FSC appears to be the only FSC that is self-funded and all volunteer, California State FSC grant dollars are decreasing and CAL FIRE grants dollars are increasing, California State FSC grants are difficult to work with
 - Attended County Chamber of Commerce meeting and won ½ page add in the Mountain Democrat, would like to partner with CAL FIRE and County for ad
- c. Fire Chiefs Meeting – Steve
- Chief Roberts from El Dorado Hills Fire retired last June and they have hired Maurice Johnson as new fire chief, Chief Keating from Rescue Fire is retiring May 1st, Chief Hardy from El Dorado County Fire retired in December and Chief Schwab from Georgetown Fire took job in Colorado and left a couple of weeks ago, BOS is having a meeting with fire agencies this afternoon to explore opportunities for uniting
 - Vacation Home Rental ordinance has gone into effect, South Lake Tahoe ordinance has not gone into effect pending court ruling the South Lake Tahoe ordinance is separate from the EDC ordinance
 - CAL FIRE Chief Lindgren spoke on Paradise Fire, reiterated ember field was 5-mile-long in front of fire due to winds and was moving at nine miles every 90 minutes, need to think about evacuations-safe areas-safe zones
- d. FPO Meeting – Marshall- Steve
- Starting community fire safe awareness program, will partner with EDC FSC
 - Discussing solar panels, can be hazardous for firefighters as they are a slippery surface and an electrical hazard
- e. Tree Mortality / Healthy Forest - Jeff T.
- Have not met, no report
 - EDC DOT is managing project
 - Supervisor Veerkamp is representative
- f. USFS SOFAR Project – Heather
- February 13th is next meeting
 - Landscape committee met-good avenue to coordinate like projects
 - January 28th Georgetown to Chili Bar committee will be meeting

7. Treasurer's Report: Maureen Pat

- a. Operations
- Admin support, insurance and accountant are biggest expenses
- b. Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)
- \$690,000 in grants in work soon to come to a close
 - \$6,295 remaining in Sierra Springs grant
 - \$1.9 million in new grants and forest service grants and have applied for an addition \$3.5 million
 - Will be tripling the amount of grant money managing over next three to four years
 - There are additional grants in county that are not being managed by EDC FSC
- Motion by H Campbell to accept treasurer's report. Second by Payne. Motion carried.*

8. Old Business

- a. USFS / CFSC Grant Status
 - Mosquito – \$540,000 grant, completed pre-award conference
- b. CAL FIRE Grants Status
 - Chipper \$199,000
 - CWPP \$139,000
 - Pollock Pines/Weber Creek \$624,000
 - Patterson Ranch \$525,000
- c. Dumpsters and community clean up days planning – status – Pat
 - Met with Jeff England from El Dorado Disposal
 - EDD will donate five household trash dumpsters, will be delivered Saturday mornings and picked up same afternoon
 - 26 green waste dumpsters requested, each will each be half price in order to show match
- d. Veterans grant submittal to EDC Community Foundation – Ernie
 - Received \$3,400 mini grant for Veteran’s program only
 - Requested \$10,000 from Women’s Fund El Dorado for Veterans and Seniors programs doing presentation February 7th, needs help revamping display and staffing booth
- e. EDCFSC Logo Shirts
 - No report
- f. Renew contractor agreements.
 - Chipping contracts expire in July
 - Paul Watkins was renewed last meeting
 - Dwayne Nelson was renewed last meeting
- g. Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor
 - CCC has been working on railroad clearance and have completed 75%
 - One eight-day spike left
 - From Walmart in Placerville to Sunset in Shingle Springs

9. New Business

- a. New Board Member – Tamara Johnston. Interim.
 - Welcome
- b. New Councils – Placerville and Oak Hill
 - Welcome to both
 - Recommend that someone from each council join board
*Motion by Tolson to accept Placerville FSC and Oak Hill FSC. Second by Payne.
Motion carried.*
- c. Fiscal Sponsor Fee – discussion.
 - Information item
 - E-board changed fiscal sponsor fee from flat 7% to laddered fee due to dollar amount of grants for the 2018-2019 cycle
 - \$0 - \$500,000 = 5%
 - \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 = 4%
 - \$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000 = 3%
 - \$2,000,001 and up = 2%
 - Going forward will have to discuss use of fee
 - Will also need to discuss how fiscal sponsorship will work:
 1. As fiscal sponsor EDC FSC gains income to cover operating expenses as well as assures grant will be completed
 2. EDC FSC is not fiscal sponsor, gets no income but still provides operating expenses (insurance, etc.) to associate councils
 3. EDC FSC not fiscal sponsor gets no income but still provides operating expense as well as additional expenses like mapping to associate councils
 - Should EDC FSC charge a fee to associate councils when it is not fiscal sponsor? need to come up with a plan before next grant cycle

- Have never charged membership fee, could consider doing so in the future, downside is new/small councils may not have money for membership
 - Could use funds to hire grant coordinator
 - Last audit was 2014, time do to another voluntary audit which will be budgeted for next budget year, will be approximately \$5-\$6,000
 - Will bring back to future meeting for discussion and decision
- d. Letters of Support; GF34, Brian Lussier, EID
- EDC FSC supplied letters of support for GF-34, EID also Brian Lussier who ran Greenwood CCC wanted letter of support for him to return to CCC
- e. Outreach & Education efforts for 2019
- Want to focus on outreach and education for rest of year
- f. CAL FIRE / CCI 2019 Grants Status
- i. Omo Ranch \$495,000.00
 - EDC FSC is fiscal sponsor
 - ii. Georgetown \$751624.00
 - EDC FSC is fiscal sponsor
 - iii. Logtown \$454,280.00
 - EDC FSC is fiscal sponsor
 - iv. Sierra Springs \$2,201,160.00
 - EDC FSC is fiscal sponsor
 - v. Mosquito
 - vi. Grizzly Flat
 - vii. ALT
 - April is notice, September is signing but that may be changed due to Sacramento trying to align with other grant cycles
- g. Prop 68 Funding
- E-mailed out information
 - CCC centers need to be applicant, will have to work with CCC
 - Due March 1st
 - Projects need to be shovel ready
 - Discussed CEQA requirements, scope and exemptions

10. Program Reports

- a. Senior & Veterans Assistance – Ernie
 - Already reported
- b. EDNF Updates – Teresa
 - Teresa is furloughed-no report
- c. Project reports
 - i. 2016 SRA New York Creek LH2- Steve
 - Done with work on the ground
 - Wrapping up paperwork
 - Ended up with less acreage, did 24 acres of 75-acre project area
 - ii. 2016 SRA GF Hazard Tree –Ernie
 - Complete
 - iii. 2017 USFS Sierra Springs – Kay
 - Received grant modification to extend scope
 - Member working on template for planned work
 - Meeting with George Osborn from EID to look at emergency evacuation routes
 - iv. 2017 ALT Jeff
 - Three grants ending
 - Had to work around fire season and now working around weather
 - ALT HOA president resigned and asked Tolson to take over
 - May have another grant with RCD

- v. 2017 USFS Chipper El Dorado – Pat Jodi
 - 26 jobs in November, 20 in December
 - \$47,000 in bank which will cover approximately four-five months plus still \$60,000 coming
 - New chipping grant
 - Should be covered for next several years
- vi. 2018 PG&E Coloma Lotus Roadside clearance
 - Closed out
- vii. 2018 El Dorado County Integrated Western Slope Fire Plan and Vegetation Management Strategy (CWPP) \$139,208
 - Dwyer passed out Firewise Community assessment worksheets
- viii. 2018 El Dorado County Western Slope Chipping and Green Waste Disposal Program \$449,470
- ix. 2018 Pollock Pines Fuel Reduction (Weber Creek) \$624,880
 - Having trouble getting right of entries
- x. 2018 Patterson Ranch Fuel Reduction Project \$ 525,980
 - Working with RCD, waiting for contract to be signed
- xi. 2018 Mosquito CFSC / USFS Fuel Reduction & Def. Space 300K
 - Grant funding now \$540,000

11. Board member/ Associate Reports

- Dick Morris: recommends new councils look into reflective address signs, will help with program and putting up signs
- Ernie Lory: May 3rd is GF FSC table top exercise focused on evacuations

12. Good of the Order

- a. Next EDCFSC Board February 20, 2019

Motion by Dickson to adjourn at 12:08. Second by Payne. Motion carried.