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

Board Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2019
USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville
9:30 am to 11:30 Business Meeting + Social Time 11:30 to 12:00 noon

1. Meeting Call to Order

2. Roll Call: Sign In
Willis, Dwyer, Dickson, Wirt, Tolson, Atencio, Johnston, Lory, K Campbell, Zelinsky, Julian, H Campbell, Brown, Pullin, Beltran, Kruse and Gilchrest present.
Stewart and Cox excused

3. Approval of Agenda: 8/21/19 Board Action Item
Motion by Tolson to approve agenda adding new business 10(f) Other Grant Opportunities. Second by Dickson. Motion carried.

4. Consent Agenda: 7/17/19 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item
Motion by Tolson to approve minutes. Second by Wirt. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment – Time limit is 3 minutes per person.
- Recognized Penny Humphreys as person who started EDCFSC
- Beltran: encountering people who don’t believe that the EDCFSC is a “legitimate” agency
- K Campbell: Pollock Pines Fire Station 17 fundraiser is October 4th at 5:30 p.m. behind old school in Pollock Pines, tickets available on Eventbrite.com
- Willis happy to see the rain

6. Speaker: Tracy Katelman, RPF, Executive Director California Fire Safe Council and Elizabeth Lamar, Grant Specialist
- CFSC has been a good source of grants for EDCFSC
- Tracy introduced herself recounted her history
- Fire Adapted Communities are working off CFSC model
- CFSC is now a grant clearing house
- Have been educating legislature and was able to get $6 million in state budget for CAL FIRE, proposing $100,000 per FSC to fund grant support i.e.: match, county coordinators
- Regional Forest and Fire Program: funding large regional fire plans, Sierra Nevada Conservancy is coordinator for EDC
- Will be moving office to I-5 corridor which will allow ease of access, more trainings and hope to do more webinars
- Want to start a peer mentoring program
- Hoping to be able to extend the grant periods
- Tracy answered questions
7. Information Items:
   a. Chairman’s Report & Communication
      • E-mail from Pete Corry, thanks in advance for chipping
      • Attend BOS meeting on August 27, Sheriff’s department made presentation, in process of adapting an interactive map that will be available to the public to enhance situational awareness in event of an emergency
      • Recently closed out Forest Service chipping grant, all targets exceeded, our example is now being copied by other councils statewide
      • Have a few 211 cards if anyone wants them
      • AQMD looking at doing a chipping program, asked for EDCFSC for input
      • E-mailed out smoke guide
      • Grazing for fuel reduction meeting was held by CAL FIRE
      • County working on codes for cannabis policy, every illegal grow on public lands costs an average of $40,000 to clean up site, more than 9 billion gallons of water from illegal grows are diverted from forest lands
      • Have new council certificates available
      • Vegetation management meeting on October 14th, Willis will attend
      • Emailed out FEMA article about teaching children
      • AEU published annual report, things of note: Camino phone activity, 38,700 911 calls, 53,700 non-emergency calls, 92,400 calls total
   b. Vice Chair Report
      • CAL FIRE responds to about 400 wildland fires every year, most are small acreage, article in LA Times last week that said why waste time doing fuel reduction, should do home hardening instead, both need to be done
      • Appreciated note from Dan about closed grant, chipping program is running, just with different funding
      • Georgetown Kelsey grant and education grant clocks don’t start running until award letter is received, had to research that all parties are not on federal exclusion list, everyone passed, also have to provide certificate of no lobbying, lobbying vs advocating, be very cautious with advocating efforts
   c. Fire Chiefs Meeting
      • Georgetown has a new fire chief, Glen Brown
      • OES will be moving to new sheriff facility
      • Still discussing vegetation management
      • County hiring an analyst
      • Working on roles
      • Working on production facilities for cannabis
      • Critical incident stress management peer support policy has been put into place
   d. FPO Meeting –
      • Updating Title 14
      • Working on fire code adoption, agencies amending code will be having public hearings
   e. USFS SOFAR Project – Heather
      • September 11th meeting was well attended by FSCs, topic was home hardening
      • Will be burning in Caples at the end of September
      • September 22nd will be another volunteer opportunity to remove vegetation
   f. USFS SOFAR Chili Bar – Tamara
      • Working on starting with Kelsey fuels reduction grant
      • CCC has 3,000 hours they want to contribute to the project
      • Applied to Sierra Conservancy to participate in Region 7 funding
      • Applied for PG&E grant
8. Treasurer’s Report: Maureen Board Action Item
   a. Operations
      - Only two months into the year, nothing out of the ordinary
   b. Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)
      - $50,000 advance and payment of $66,000 asked for chipping grant
      - DS Veterans grant, $3,400 received
      Motion by Tolson to accept Treasurer’s report. Second by Dickson. Motion carried.

9. Old Business
   a. Grants Status (Projects Report)
      - Two new grants-awardee workshop on October 8th, conflicts with Firewise assessment workshop, Dwyer will not be able to attend, Johnston will attend as EDCFSC representative
   b. EDCFSC Officer Transition Committee – Status
      - Committee has formed and will meet after this meeting
      - Will discuss duties and transition plan

10. New Business
   a. Joint Executive Committee with RCD
      - Willis, Dwyer and Egbert met, having informal meeting to discuss EDCFSC and RCD pulling information about grants and resources together
      - Will agendize as old business going forward for updates
   b. 2019 CCI Grant Cycle
      - $60 million for CCI FPF grants
      - Kickoff meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd 9:00-12:00 in Forest Service building
      - 9:00-10:00 for current grantees
      - 10:00-12:00 for upcoming grants
      - EDCFSC may have opportunity for CAL FIRE grant workshop
   c. Grant Writing Class – September 30, 2019 Rescue Fire Station #83, 1:00 pm.
   d. Firewise Risk Assessment Workshop – October 8, 2019, Rescue Fire Station #83, 1:00 pm.
      - Will try to reschedule to avoid conflict with grant workshop
   e. New Council Orientation Meeting – October 9, 2019, Rescue Fire Station #83, 10:00 am.
      - Would like home hardening display
   f. Other Grant Opportunities
      - $500,000 from NICS, not for commercial property, minimum of 3 acres
      - May be HUD grants available
      - $3-4 mil grant for Fire Adapted 50 in the Camino-Pollock Pines area

11. Program Reports
   a. Chipping
      - 108 requests in August, 171 jobs completed in August
      - 39 requests as of September 13th
   b. Senior & Veterans Assistance – Ernie
      - Program will be reopening September 20th
      - Must have application in order to apply
      - PG&E grant work must be completed by November 30th
      - Big thanks to Ernie, started program in 2014 with FOS grant and did 9-10 jobs per year, anticipating this year $170,000 and 135 jobs
      - Womens Fund El Dorado asked for video of defensible space work and will be done this Friday
      - Will apply for CCI grant for Senior, Veteran, Low Income defensible space assistance program
c. Countywide CWPP – Process, Timeline, Firewise form – Discussion
   • Several have asked for timelines/milestones, schedule is being tightened up
   • Contract calls for Associate FSC meetings completed by July 2020
   • Contractors will be providing schedule for meetings
   • Contract ends December 2021

d. EDNF Updates – Teresa
   • Burned three acres in Tobacco Gulch project yesterday
   • Amador is burning today, 10 acres, maybe an additional 10 acres tomorrow
   • Will potentially be burning 7,000 acres this year
   • Caples – watching for burn window, will start with a couple hundred acres
   • E-mailed contract for master stewardship agreement
   • Non-federal lands projects-region got $3.5 million and $7.5 in projects submitted, selecting projects
   • Regional office has new leadership
   • Collected data for CWPP update and has been sent to Deer Creek and Barry
   • Have not gone into fire restrictions

12. Outreach & Education
   a. Councils Activity Surveys
      • Working on getting out to councils
   b. Potential new councils
      • Rescue
      • Diamond Springs
      • Greenstone
   c. Cops & Rodders, September 28th – Heather
      • Needs 7:30-12:30 help
   d. Website Changes / Updates
      • Being updated as time allows and information presents itself
      • Will email as updates occur

13. Good of the Order
   • Texas Hill FSC fundraiser at pizza parlor made $400

   a. Next EDCFSC Board October 16, 2019

   Motion by Dickson to adjourn at 12:02. Second by Wirt. Motion carried.