Board Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2020
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: 9:34

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

3. Approval of Agenda: 2/19/20 Board Action Item
Motion by Payne to approve agenda. Second by Stewart. Motion carried.

4. Consent Agenda: 1/14/20 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item
Motion by Zelinsky to approve minutes from January 14, 2020. Second by Wirt. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment – Time limit is 3 minutes per person.
- Self-Introduction
- Supervisor Hidahl: Assemblyman Kiley introduced AB 2166 which is about refundable tax credits since 2016 for increased homeowners insurance premiums since 2016, there is also AB 2367 which would require insurance companies to insure/renew insurance policies for homes that meet home hardening requirements
- Beltran: Pleasant Valley Community Hall Crab Feed will be February 29
- Michelle Wirt: Pioneer Fire District’s Safety Day is May 5, Omo Ranch fund raiser is June 20
- Zelinsky: Presentation at tomorrow’s meeting will be Fire Resilient Landscaping

6. Guests: Michelle Patterson & Kristine Oase-Guth EDC HHS
Following last week’s BOS VM update, Michelle & Kristine will be here to respond to additional questions to aid community outreach.
- Ordinance was recently revised for clarifications, definitions of roles and responsibilities, timelines
- Final reading will be February 25
- VM hotline number is 530-621-4663, e-mail is vegetation@edcgov.us
- Answered questions previously submitted
- Garden Park/John Town Area in Garden Valley and Sly Park/Gold Ridge Area are County emphasis areas for 2020
- Anyone who has additional question can submit them to Willis who will compile a list and forward to Kristine
7. Information Items:
   a. Chairman’s Report & Communication
      • Tom Tinsley has reported that some of the CAL FIRE literature may no longer be available in print, he will check inventory and transfer some of what he has to EDCFSC, AEU will also fund some printing requests, most things are available on-line to print at home
      • Ernie Lory’s award was one of only three nationwide this year
      • Sent out revised roster-notify Willis of any changes/corrections
      • Upcoming meetings: Feb 25, 10:00 am is Firewise USA Workshop at Station 49, next month’s EDCFSC meeting will have speakers from AQMD, January 22 was Amador Eldorado Forestry forum
      • Many questions from citizens asking if they are in FSCs, thanks to associate councils for helping those people
      • Prescribed Fire Workshops in March, Willis has dates
      • Volcanoville is revamping their phone tree, reminder that phone trees are an option in areas with limited cell service
      • CAL FIRE will be doing VMP control burns in Shakefiddle
      • Friends Of Seniors Spaghetti Feed is April 4th, Lory looking for volunteers
   b. Vice Chair Report
      • Chamber of Commerce recognized Johnston for her activities to promote county
      • Gilchrest worked with BLM to get Pine Hill Preserve burn piles going
      • Beltran has taken over keeping the EDCFSC Facebook page updated
      • Sheriff made presentation about community room at new facility, Dwyer toured room and it may be an option for future meetings, room holds 60
   c. Fire Chiefs Meeting-
      • Combined with FPO report
   d. FPO Meeting – Marshall / Ken Earle
      • Working on ways to cooperate with Fire Chiefs on home hardening verification
      • Some larger districts have formed peace officer positions to allow them to cite and fine
      • Still working on California Fire Code Adoption
      • Discussing home sprinkler systems with well system industries
      • FPOs is entire county, not just Western Slope, in the Meeks Bay area 7 out of 10 homeowners have had their insurance cancelled/denied
      • Having problems with private water systems are not being maintained

8. Treasurer’s Report: Maureen Board Action Item
   a. Operations
      • Nothing out of the ordinary
   b. Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)
      • CAL FIRE is now requiring CAL MAPPER with every invoice request, not just at the end of the grant

   Motion by Stewart to accept the Treasurer’s report. Second by Dickson. Motion carried.

9. Old Business
   a. EDCFSC Officer Transition Committee – Status
      • Committees now listed on board roster
      • Still looking for committee members
      • June is elections for officers
      • Would like all committees to meet before March 10 and have a representative at March E-Board meeting to update board on their “mission”
   b. Joint Executive Committee with RCD – Status
      • Still pending
   c. Title III Funding – Update
      • Working with county for more Title III funds, waiting to hear back from CAO
10. New Business
   a. New Council: Cool-Pilot Hill
      *Motion by Payne to accept Cool-Pilot Hill FSC. Second by Atencio. Motion carried.*
      - They have developed a 1-3 year plan with regards to fire safety
      - Will be working hard to engage community

11. Program Reports
   a. Chipping – Jodi / Pat
      - 27 jobs completed in January
      - Pursuing additional grants
      1. Community Chipping Events review
         - Community Chipping days need to be scheduled with Martin at least 30 days in advance
   b. Dumpster Program 2020 – Pat
      - Waste Connections is no longer donating GW dumpsters
      - Waste Connections will discount dumpsters (dumpsters are 30 yards) to $300, $150 per dumpster to be paid by individual councils in advance and EDCFSC will pay $150, limit of 4 dumpsters per council
      - All councils need to notify Dwyer of requests by March 6
   c. Senior & Veterans Assistance – Ernie
      - 2019 did 88 seniors, 70 veterans and eight low income
      - Only funding right now is two veteran mini-grants
      - Pursing other grants
      - Have six volunteers for Defensible Space committee
      - Lory would like point of contact for each council
      - Hope to have county VM presentation at 4291 training, date TBD
   d. ENF Updates – Teresa
      - Received funding for non-federal land hazardous fuel reduction projects, two projects were selected: Grizzly Flats for $180,000, connects to Trestle project and Sierra Springs for $250,000, connects to Sly Park VM project
      - 4,450 acres of pile burning accomplished so far this year
      - If council borders USFS area check SOPA reports (available on USFS website) for opportunities

12. Project Reports
   a. Grants Status (Projects Report)
      - Several grant proposals pending, expect to hear in March if they are selected
      - Forest Service grant reports are due
   b. Countywide CWPP – Pat
      - Contractor met with three councils this quarter
      - Four more council meetings next quarter
   c. USFS SOFAR Project – Heather
      - Met February 12, had a talk from Malcom North, resilient landscape using recent research on conifer forest
      - Powerline mastication field trip scheduled for March 11
   d. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – Tamara
      - Meeting on Shoofly project coming up
   e. Councils Community Projects
      - Will have brief comments going forward for non-large grant projects
      - Lakehills FSC has had USBR/California State Parks shaded fuel break project ongoing for six years
      - Gallagher Landowners FSC put together roadside brushing project, cleared 3 miles of community owned road
      - Aukum-Fairplay working with PG&E on 112 miles of line/roadside clearance
13. Committee Reports (Proposed)
   a. New Council Formation & Orientation
      • No report
   b. Community Outreach & Public Speaking
      • Will be emphasizing program for ember awareness this year
   c. Marketing & Communications
      • Still looking for volunteers
      • Reached 5,499 people with Facebook page
   d. Defensible Space
      • Still looking for volunteers
   e. Grants & Funding
      • In March several AQMDs will be applying for a regional grant and will include funding for EDCFSC chipping
      • California FSC has set aside funding for executive coordinators for county FSCs, trying to track down information
      • CAL FIRE has wild fire resilience and forestry assistance grants coming up
      • Sherry: Gold Ridge Forest FSC has had meetings, assessment done and qualified for USDA project funding under POA status after qualifying as a farm, it is a vegetation management cost share project

14. Good of the Order
   a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – March 18, 2020
      Motion by Julian to adjourn at 12:08. Second by Dickson. Motion carried.