



# El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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

## Board Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2020

### 9:30 am to 11:30 Remote Business Meeting

**1. Meeting Call to Order 9:33 a.m.**

As this is a remote meeting, all Board Action Items will be deemed approved unless there is an objection.

**2. Roll Call: Sign In**

S Willis, Persico, Pullin, J Atencio, Brown, Connelly, Dwyer, Hawk, J Hess, Johnston, Kruse, Lory, Payne, Wirt, and Zelinsky attending. K Campbell and Julian excused.

Also attending: P Willis (Lakehills FSC), Riesenhuber (Eldorado National Forest), Wilcox (EDC VM), McKinstry (Gallagher Land Owners FSC), Earle (DS Fire Department / FPO), Kordes (Texas Hill Estates FSC), Almer (Grizzly Flat FSC), Mark Pappas (Oak Hill Area FSC), B. Atencio (Rancho del Sol FSC), Paul Penn (Diamond Springs FSC), Lubetkin (Oak Hill Area FSC), Paul Graham (Omo Ranch FSC), Oase-Guth (EDC VM), Webb (PG&E)

**3. Approval of Agenda: 8/19/20 Board Action Item**

*Agenda approved without opposition.*

**4. Consent Agenda: 7/15/20 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item**

*Minutes approved without opposition.*

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

- Lubetkin-Oak Hill FSC: have lost four board members, working on re-organizing duties and doing recruitment

**6. Guests: Mike Webb, PG&E Senior Public Coordinator**

- Retired CAL FIRE Deputy Chief
- Assigned to Alpine, Amador and El Dorado Counties
- PG&E has created a new division, Emergency Preparedness Division
- He will be point of contact for any PG&E comments/concerns, is well aware of complaints about tree trimming companies leave material behind

**7. Information Items:**

a. Chairman's Report & Communication

- 4291 evaluator badges have been completed and mailed
- Received a call from USFS, building will be closed at least through October so won't be able to hold meetings there
- Todd Crawford (EDC Sheriff OES) let EDCFSC know that CAL OES has changed evacuation terminology, "voluntary evacuation" is now "evacuation warning" and "mandatory evacuation" is now "evacuation order"
- Has been invited to attend EDC Disaster Council committee meeting next week

b. Vice Chair Report

- Attended phone meeting with Fire Chief's ad hoc insurance committee
- Thanks for help with preparing neighborhood watch radio paper
- Attended a seminar put on by United Insurance with Pullin

c. Fire Chiefs Meeting-Ken Earle

- d. FPO Meeting –Ken Earle
- Willis: impressed with SOGs for all fire agencies, reviewed working commercial fire SOG
  - Public Resource Code 4290: SRA Fire Safe Regulations in Title 14 will apply to LRA as well as SRA
  - Earle is on State review board for Title 14
  - Knox keys: making sure all gates have keys so time is not wasted trying to get through gates
  - Lots of new building projects
  - Still working through VMO complaints, not all fire agencies have the resources to investigate complaints in their area
  - Legislation affecting wildland hardening and insurance are being watched
  - Developing a standard for Fire Water Without a Purveyor i.e.: water tank requirements

**8. Treasurer's Report: ~~Maureen Willis~~ Board Action Item**

- a. Operations
- Grant final payments are coming in which account for increase in bank balance
- b. Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)
- Treasurer's Report approved without opposition.*

**9. Old Business**

- a. Officer Transition Committee – Update
- Working on tasks
- b. Chipping Program changes Board Action Item
- Primary residence, not for vacant parcels, support EDC VMO
- Document was sent out with changes highlighted in yellow, not for vacant parcels and support for EDC VMO
  - Will keep six hour limit
  - Payne wants link to VMO in document
  - Discussed amount of time allowed
- Changes approved without opposition.*
- c. Use of logo + shirts policy.
- Pullin working on policy, will bring back to board when completed
- d. 3 year budget Fiscal Sponsor Fee estimate. Establish reserve fund. Board Action Item
- Three year budget of operating costs needed was estimated, okay for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022
  - If everything remained same there would be a deficit in FY 2022-2023
  - Income is generated from donations and grant fees
  - Proposal to move \$75,000 (two years' worth of operating expenses) into a reserve account for FY 2022-2023 and FY 2023-2024
- Proposal approved without opposition*
- e. GIS Contractor
- Spoke to five different entities, no takers
  - Agreement with EDC GIS, first projects are updating the all council map, Placerville FSC and Aukum-Fairplay FSC maps
  - Will work on process for future requests
  - Payne: does agreement between EDC GIS and EDCFSC need to be approved by board?, working on formal agreement which will include work order process which will be brought to board
- f. Strategic Goals
1. EDCFSC to establish common file system on Microsoft Office 365.
    - Talking to two different vendors
  2. Establish Stewardship or Good Neighbor Agreements with federal agencies.
    - Dwyer is head of committee, working on agreements
  3. Add Placer and Amador FSC's to Stakeholders.
    - Will do so when meetings start up again
    - Will look into adding Alpine FSC
  4. Joint Executive Committee with RCD – Status.
    - No movement yet, moved item from old business to strategic goals

## 10. New Business

- a. EDC joint grant initiative. Work on formal list of grant sources / resources.
  - No report
- b. Governance Committee Expansion
  - Bylaws Future Update
  - Policy and Position Reviews
  - Ad hoc committees (GMRS radio, Ingress – Egress, pop up issues)
  - Legislation
  - Governance Committee previously only dealt with bylaws
  - Added items to committee's purview
- c. GMRS Radio Program. Review / Discuss **Board Action Item**
  - Will put on next month's agenda when Kruse can be in attendance, will put at beginning of agenda
  - Need to have further discussion
  - Possibly refer to county disaster council

*No opposition to tabling until next month.*
- d. Political Policy Statement. **Board Action Item**
  - Came up last election cycle, EDCFSC was recruited to take position on elected officials and legislative items

*Political Policy Statement was approved with no opposition.*

## 11. Program Reports

- a. Chipping – Jodi / Pat
  - On hold pending receipt of PG&E funds
  - Did get fiscal sponsor fee from CCI grant
- b. Dumpster Program 2020
  - Logtown had cleanup day at Station 44, used one dumpster
  - Rancho del Sol FSC postponed their dumpsters until later in the year
- c. Senior, Veterans & Low Income Assistance – Ernie
  - Program opened on Monday
  - Will close when 50 applications have been received
- d. ENF Updates – Teresa Riesenhuber
  - ENF created a program that Washington DC is looking at as a model to use nationwide
  - There has been a 35% increase in new forest visitors nationwide
  - Has a "public tool kit" and needs an EDCFSC contact to help distribute
  - ENF is short on fire suppression resources (firefighters)
  - Would like to invite Jeff Marsolais, new Forest Supervisor to EDCFSC meetings
  - Put in for a \$300,000 chipping grant for EDCFSC
  - Met with new Mosquito Fire Chief and Mosquito FSC, they need evacuation route for area
  - Struggling to get funding to replace Brushy Creek Road bridge that was destroyed in the King Fire, looking for partners
  - Need to target younger generations social media with ENF messages about using forest lands safely and appropriately, USFS does not currently have policies allowing use of newer social media platforms like Twitter, Instagram and TikTok
- e. EDC VMO – ~~Kristine Oase-Guth~~ Wilcox
  - Doing inspections in Gold Ridge Forest area in Pollock Pines and Garden Valley area
- f. CAL FIRE – Tom Tinsley
  - No report

## 12. Project Reports

- a. Current Grant Projects (Projects Report)
  - Will be adding forest service Stevens grant
  - Payne: working on getting program for Lake Oaks mobile home park, also working on getting interest in Tullis Mine Road evacuation route
- b. Countywide CWPP – Pat
  - Pushed everything out one quarter
- c. USFS SOFAR Project – ~~Heather~~ Zelinsky
  - Still active on red fir strategy

- d. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – Tamara
  - Still working on fall roadside fuel reduction plan
  - CCC committed to doing more work
  - Also working on CEQA for future work
- e. Community Council Reports
  - Connelly-Auburn Lake Trails FSC: had special event, ALT FSC was honored by NFPA for 15 years of continuous Firewise certification, Willis and Lori Parlin, EDC Supervisor attended
  - Wirt-Omo Ranch FSC: continuing with address sign fundraiser, legible addresses are very important, recently was unable to find a house because of lack of visible signage
  - Kordes-Texas Hill Estates FSC: August 27<sup>th</sup> will be holding a community virtual meeting, Todd Crawford, EDC Sheriff OES and Fire Chief Tim Cordero will be addressing emergency evacuation preparedness
  - Hawk-Gold Ridge Forest FSC: met with CWPP team, had great simulation video, used information to present to POA, POA accelerating Good Neighbor Policy and additional funds to get a start on DS, GRF will be having a barbeque with presentations about GRMS and home hardening presentations

### **13. Committee Reports (Proposed)**

- a. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen
  - No activity but ready
  - Still promoting new councils to join an existing council if appropriate
- b. Community Outreach & Public Speaking – Heather
  - No report
- c. Marketing & Communications – Kristine
  - Continuing to update social media
- d. Defensible Space – Ernie
  - Combined Senior, Veteran and Low Income DS committee and Defensible Space committee into one committee
- e. Grants & Funding – Pat
  - Have submitted USFS grant proposals
  - Working on fiscal sponsor agreements
  - From Tom Tinsley-CAL FIRE, new CCI grant cycle estimated to be October 7<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup>, no estimate on amount of funds that will be available
  - May need to schedule a grant workshop to get prepared for grant openings
  - Title III money agreement has been signed and turned in to EDC BOS, waiting for funds in the amount of \$156,000
  - Grant tracking: Received \$15,000 from SMUD for DS, waiting for \$75,000 from PG&E for chipping, currently have \$22,000 remaining in the CCI grant for chipping, have verbal commitment from BLM for \$10,000 for chipping

### **14. Good of the Order**

- Willis: EDCFSC has become a large group which does make it a target for sponsorships, one of the associate councils was approached by contractor to help with grant submittal provided that they get the contract if grant approved, need to keep aware of potential conflicts with policies
  - Hess: had recent situation with contractor volunteering with grant but would want to bid on work which is a conflict
- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – September 16, 2020

Adjourn 11:51 a.m.

*No opposition to adjournment*