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

Board Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2020

9:30 am to 11:30 Remote Business Meeting

1. Meeting Call to Order 9:32

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, Julian, Stewart, K Campbell, Connelly, Dwyer, Gilchrest, Hawk, J Hess, Johnston, Kruse, Lory, Payne, Wirt, and Zelinsky attending
J Atencio excused

Also attending: P Willis (Lakehills FSC), Wilcox (EDC VM), Oase-Guth (EDC VM), McKinstry (Gallagher Land Owners FSC), Kordes (Texas Hill Estates FSC), Paul Penn (Diamond Springs FSC), Manley (Cool-Pilot Hill FSC), Richards (Sierra Springs Regional FSC), Mecklenburg (Cool-Pilot Hill FSC), Schultz (PG&E VM), Carpenter (Mountain Enterprises-PG&E), Egbert (EDC RCD), Paul Graham (Omo Ranch FSC)

Joe Atencio-excused

3. Approval of Agenda: 10/21/20 **Board Action Item**

Agenda approved without opposition.

4. Consent Agenda: 9/16/20 Board Meeting Minutes **Board Action Item**

Minutes approved without opposition.

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

- None

6. Guest: Karsten Schulz, PG&E Vegetation Mgmt.

- Also participating, Matt Carpenter-Mountain Enterprises PG&E project manager
- Aukum-Fairplay-trees marked but not removed
- PG&E has three programs on distribution side 1) routine maintenance work, 2) more intense program, every six months, 3) enhanced work, were not able to complete all planned work this year
- Enhanced work is an eight year program, have spent \$30 million, planning for 2021, will revisit this area for additional work next year, next year's targets may be different from this year's
- Wood management: what to do with wood once down, typically chip and dispose but with enhanced awareness half of money is dedicated to debris management to remove every bit of debris, cleanup is intense, comprehensive and costly
- Trees marked but not cut, usually because not able to get to all work, MAY get to next year
- Regarding debris removal, Mountain Enterprise has been working with homeowners when notified
- Enhanced work has stopped for this year, routine maintenance work continues year around, still working in Placerville and Shingle Spring

- Hess: concerns with hundreds of trees marked, was happy to see they were to be removed, but they weren't, hope they will be done early next year as they affect emergency access
- PG&E met with Supervisor Veerkamp about partnering with county in Camino-Pollock Pines area
- Dwyer: cost per mile for PG&E? = \$30 million for 42 miles
- Kruse: is PG&E plan available so it can be incorporated into CWPP? The plan does not have specific streets, focused on identifying threats and working from there
- Willis: who is our PG&E contact? Matt Carpenter
- Carpenter: will have Willis disseminate his contact information
- Dwyer: thank you to PG&E, they have been a great supporter of EDCFSC
- Hawk: who to contact for debris cleanup? Contact Matt Carpenter

7. Information Items:

- Chairman's Report & Communication
 - US Forest Service notified him meeting room not available through 2020, November will be video meeting unless able to find location
 - 2019-2020 annual financial report has been posted to website, thanks to Maureen and accountant
 - Code Red and other notification systems will be subject of ad hoc committee, biggest problem with notification systems is that people do not know that they must register for them
 - Lory's award ceremony was cancelled due to COVID, he is working on video for grantor to post
- Vice Chair Report
 - He and Pullin working on insurance issues and legislation
 - If anyone has a system in place regarding sirens or alert systems please let him know
 - Gilcrest spoke to Chief Breton, residents don't understand geographic sectioning, possible topic for speaker: Todd Crawford Sheriff OES to talk about how Code Red works
- Chiefs Meeting
 - No report
 - Will be meeting in November
- FPO Meeting

Questions posed to FPO Association:

 1. Water source and equipment signage for emergency responders. Ken from Gallagher.
 2. EV fire response capability of fire districts. Mike from ALT
 3. Siren Alert Systems. Connell from Mosquito.
 - Waiting for response from FPOs

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

- Operations
 - Nothing out of the ordinary
- Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)
 - Nothing out of the ordinary

Treasurer's Report approved without opposition.

9. Old Business

- Use of Logo + shirts policy.
 - A few formatting inconsistencies and typos in policy need to be corrected
 - Would like to include that satellite councils can use EDCFSC logo following guidelines
 - Will bring back amended document next month
- Insurance: rider needed for tent fairs?
 - Pullin spoke to insurance agent, not required but suggested to have anyway as there is no charge
 - There appears to be a discrepancy with insurance company for which councils are covered, asks that all councils submit request for coverage for meeting place
 - Payne: would like "tent fair" changed to "event booths"
 - Suggestion to add filled out coverage request example to website
- EDC joint grant initiative. Update.
 - Pursuing FEMA grant for roadside clearance that will be managed by EDC DOT, PP FSC will help, at least a year and a half out, multi-agency effort

- d. Strategic Goals
 - 1. EDCFSC to establish common file system on Microsoft Office / 365.
 - Still working on
 - 2. Establish Stewardship or Good Neighbor Agreement with federal agencies.
 - 3. Joint Executive Committee with RCD – Status
 - Still working on
 - Egbert-RCD has brought on three new staff members

10. New Business

- a. None

11. Program Reports

- a. Chipping – Jodi / Pat
 - 24 jobs done in September
 - PG&E funds need to be spent by end of November
 - Asking for all FSCs to send out notification, get your chipping request in
 - Kruse has created a document as a guideline for organizing a neighborhood chipping day
- b. Dumpster Program 2020
 - All done for year
 - Program cost share will have to be re-evaluated for next year, EDD charges different rates for different areas
- c. Senior, Veterans & Low Income DS Assistance – Ernie
 - Had 67 applications, program almost completed
 - Were able to complete all left-over applications from earlier application period
 - Women's Fund site visit committee observed Godzilla's crew doing DS job
- d. ENF Updates – Teresa Riesenhuber
 - No report
- e. EDC VM Ordinance – Kristine Oase-Guth / John Wilcox
 - Inspectors are out inspecting, still more inspections to do
 - Also responding to complaints
 - Preparing report for BOS, will share when complete
 - What data would the EDCFSC like to see in report?
 - Currently have two inspectors
 - Fire agencies assisting with inspections are El Dorado Hills, Rescue, Diamond Springs, Georgetown, Garden Valley, Pioneer, Lake Valley and Meeks Bay
 - Is map of what has been done and to be done available? Will send link to Willis
 - Is there an opportunity for EDCFSC to assist the county?
 - Does county have any videos available for education? Not at this time, looking at putting that into development, piloting a self-certification form
 - Mecklenburg: concerns with complaints being rejected that they feel shouldn't have been rejected
- f. CAL FIRE – Tom Tinsley
 - No report

12. Project Reports

- a. Current Grant Projects (Projects Report)
 - \$990,000 BLM award
 - Will be compiling annual grant track record, applied, awarded, denied
- b. Countywide CWPP – Pat
 - 14 councils have completed process with Deer Creek
 - Seven councils left
 - Cameron Park needs to work with Deer Creek to get things going
 - Coloma-Lotus-CWPP finished, just need prioritization
 - Gold Hill, need to schedule Zoom meeting
 - Cool-Pilot Hill scheduled for this week

- c. USFS SOFAR Project – Heather
 - Prioritizing red fir forests
 - Had presentation on fire adapted 50
- d. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – Tamara
 - Project is growing (\$990,000 grant from BLM)
 - CCC doing more work this winter
 - Working on CEQA for larger area
 - Will be no work on BLM land until there is a significant amount of rain
- e. Steven’s grants getting underway, GF & SS.
 - Grizzly Flat FSC has \$180,000
 - Sierra Springs FSC has \$250,000
- f. Community Council Reports
 - Wirt: bulk mailing costs too much, are there other councils or agencies that can share?, Chamber of Commerce may, for smaller councils buying postage stamps may be best option, thanks to Dwyer and Julian for helping with grant they are closing up
 - HAWK: Gold Ridge Forest POA opened up \$90,000 to help with good neighbor policy in greenbelt area, waiting for rain, Pollock Pines Camino committee had national night out, wonderful event,
 - Gilchrest will be doing presentation to Shingle Springs-Cameron Park chamber of commerce about FSCs
 - Connelly: Mike Webb from PG&E did presentation about PSPS to their council

13. Committee Reports

- a. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen
 - No report
- b. Community Outreach & Public Speaking – Heather
 - No report
- c. Marketing & Communications – Kristine
 - Bliss will be moving out of area, looking for someone to take over social media
- d. Defensible Space – Ernie
 - Discussed under 11(c)
- e. Governance Committee – Connell
 - Following legislation: AB38-home hardening, will set home hardening standards
 - Pullin attended Insurance Commissioner’s investigative hearing regarding homeowner’s insurance availability and affordability,
- f. Grants & Funding (Opportunities) – Pat
 - Still working with BLM for chipping funding
 - EDC Title III money has been received \$156,000 (from US Forest Service)
 - Cool-Pilot Hill awarded grant for outreach
 - CAL FIRE grants on hold until new budget comes out

14. Good of the Order

- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – November 18, 2020

Adjourn 12:07 p.m.,

No opposition to adjournment