



# 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

February 17, 2021

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

#### 1. Meeting Call to Order 9:32 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

Willis-Chair (Lakehills FSC), K Campbell (Sierra Springs Regional FSC), Lory (Grizzly Flat FSC), Payne (Diamond Springs FSC), Dwyer (Logtown FSC), Hess (Aukum-Fairplay FSC), J Atencio (Rancho del Sol FSC), Zelinsky (Placerville FSC), H Campbell (Pollock Pines-Camino- FSC), Julian-Treasurer (Pollock Pines-Camino FSC), Kruse (Coloma-Lotus FSC), Connelly (Auburn Lake Trails FSC), Johnston (Georgetown Divide FSC),

Hawk and Pullin excused.

Also attending: McKinstry (Gallagher Land Owners FSC), Wilcox (EDC Vegetation Management), Manley (Cool-Pilot Hill FSC), Kordes (Texas Hill Estates FSC), Pimlott (Aukum-Fairplay FSC), Richards (Sierra Springs FSC), Washburn (Placerville FSC), Lubetkin (Oak Hill Area FSC), Phillips (EDC Chiefs Assoc/FPO), Kirkbride (Coloma-Lotus FSC) B Atencio (Rancho del Sol FSC) Schnell, Bills, B Hess

#### 3. Approval of Agenda: 2/17/21 **Board Action Item**

*Agenda approved without opposition.*

#### 4. Consent Agenda: 1/20/21 Board Meeting Minutes **Board Action Item**

*11(c): forest supervisor should be capitalized. Minutes approved with correction without opposition.*

Payne requested that Directors affiliations be included for roll call.

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

- None

#### 6. Information Items:

##### a. Chairman's Report & Communication:

- Received a holiday card from 5 Star Embroidery
- Shiva Frentzen, former EDC Supervisor, sent note thank you for the work and commitment from EDCFSC
- Request all councils to check individual page on EDCFSC website and add at least contact information
- Protecting Your City from Wildfire webcast in February, did anyone attend? K Campbell did, heard it was expensive
- 4291 training planning has been started, send an e-mail to Martin e-mail if interested and estimated attendance count

##### b. Vice Chair Report: (Open)

- No report

##### c. Secretary Report:

- Currently up to date

d. Partners Reports:

1. Chiefs Meeting

- Working on vaccination clinics at fire stations and casino
- Working on vaccination clinic for teachers
- Have ad hoc committee looking into fire insurance issue to make recommendations to insurance companies as to what can be done at the local level to obtain insurance
- Pullin has taken the lead for EDCFSC to keep up with pending legislation regarding insurance

2. FPO Meeting

- *New Water source signage standard coming out. Follow up.*
- County standard is being updated, will provide for signage requirements, final draft will go to Chiefs next week
  - *Siren Alert Systems. Update*
- North Tahoe Fire is looking at siren system, they have a grant for program called WayCare
  - Address signage standard is being updated to be consistent with county standard
  - Board of Forestry is scheduled to hear changes to Title 14
  - Partnering with CAL FIRE to look at doing subdivision survey county wide about ingress and egress, will be made public once completed
  - Working with County for DS training on County's VM ordinance, Pleasant Valley and Rescue will be areas of inspection for 2021
  - Coordinating effort between fire districts, building department, assessor's office and FPOs regarding signage that was actually inhibiting emergency response: second floor suites should start with 2, third floor 3, rooms designated with letters, etc.

3. CAL FIRE – Tom Tinsley

- No report

4. ENF Updates – Teresa Riesenhuber

- No report

5. EDC Vegetation Management – Kristine Oase-Guth / John Wilcox

- County emphasis areas have been identified for 2021, Rescue and Pleasant Valley, maps are on county VM website
- Gearing up for 2021 inspections
- Continuing to work on complaints
- Continuing to work on 2020 non-compliant re-inspections
- Annual report was sent to BOS, Willis sent report to councils

6. Other: EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg 2/17, WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project).

- Will ask Pullin to attend WRAP
- Zelinsky will be attending Resource Advisory Committee meeting today
- RAC has been working on organizing committee
- There will be a grant program available with this, will be for federal lands

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

a. Operations

- Not a lot of grant activity
- Trued up main checking account, had more in account than showed up in operations budget, appears to have come from 2003 and 2004 BLM money and may not have been applied to correct budget account, operations account is now ~ \$40,000 more
- Have 2 years of operational funds set aside

b. Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)

*Treasurer's Report approved without opposition.*

## 8. Old Business

- a. GMRS Radio. Follow up actions / status.
  - Board established policy last year, committee asked to have issue revisited, EDCFSC is not against radio as social media, concerned with liability issues when used as emergency notification, EDCFSC will not partner with radio groups operating as emergency notification system
  - GMRS Radio review was sent out
  - Any involvement by a FSC member is a personal relationship or a community relationship, not endorsed by a FSC
  - Kirkbride: this is not a social media site, their role is to get information directly from safety agencies to disseminate,
- b. Disaster Council: CodeRed / GMRS / Siren Systems / OES plans.
  - Willis was invited to make presentation to council on EDCFSCs work
  - Pullin will be liaison to Disaster Council
- c. Strategic Goals
  1. EDCFSC to establish common file system on Microsoft Office / 365.
    - Continuing to be a work in progress
    - Hope to have decision within 60-90 days
  2. Establish Stewardship or Good Neighbor Agreement with federal agencies.
    - Continuing to be a work in progress
  3. Joint Executive Committee with RCD – Status
    - Made decision to drop this goal, meeting as necessary would meet needs

## 9. New Business

- a. Ken Pimlott – Vice Chair volunteer. Discussion, election. **Board Action Item**
  - Pimlott has volunteered to fill Vice Chair position
  - Must be Director to be on E-Board
  - Need to elect as officer the to E-Board
  - Bylaws only allow for up to 21 Directors, already have 21 directors,
  - Pleasant Valley FSC has become inactive, no response to multiple inquiries, need to declare them inactive
  - Bliss, Director from Pleasant Vally FSC has moved out of area and missed three meetings
  - Section 5.04 of bylaws allows for removal of a Director who has missed three consecutive meetings
    - ◆ *Motion by Zelinsky to declare Pleasant Valley FSC inactive. Second by Payne. Motion approved without opposition.*
    - ◆ *Motion Zelinsky to remove Bliss as director for non-attendance in accordance with Section 5.04 of the bylaws. Second by Payne. Motion approved without opposition.*
    - ◆ *Motion by Zelinsky to accept application from Pimlott to become EDCFSC Director. Second by Payne. Motion approved without opposition.*
    - ◆ *Motion to nominate and elect Pimlott as EDCFSC Vice Chair. Second by Payne. Motion approved without opposition.*

## 10. Program Reports

- a. Chipping – Jodi / Pat
  - Program closed, no funding
- b. Dumpster Program 2020
  - No plans for 2021 dumpsters
  - El Dorado Disposal is reevaluating trash dumpsters for community clean-up days, will notify when decision is made
- c. Senior, Veterans & Low Income DS Assistance – Ernie
  - Still have come funds left from CFF grant that expire at end of June
  - Was awarded a grant for Veterans DS

## 11. Project Reports

- a. Countywide CWPP – Pat
  - Done with maps and meetings
  - Priorities have been identified
  - Will be doing short write up for suggested treatments for each FSC
  - Goal is to send finalized CWPP to BOS this time next year
- b. USFS SOFAR Project – Heather
  - Working with EDC water agency to have them become more integrated with group
  - Next meeting will be March 10
  - Commenting on forest health/resilience projects
  - H Campbell was tasked to check on co-located pellet industry, pellets go to Korea and Japan. a major effort was made through the BOS / SOFAR group with bio fuels, small wood products. They looked at locations for a plant and commercial use of these products, did field trips to other counties that had plants, got a university to do a study with a portable small bio plant here in the old Camino Mill. The effort was dropped after they looked into it all.
  - Slab Creek to Forebay projects ongoing
- c. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – Tamara
  - Kelsey Project is moving along, reviewing bids
  - Project work should start in next few weeks, scheduled to be completed by September 1
  - Met with BLM to look at bigger project and how work is going to coordinate
- d. Community Council Reports
  - Connelly; working with BLM and CCC and RCD and CAL FIRE, to have Bureau of Reclamation maintain BLM shaded fuel break
  - Johnston: Chief Brunton from CAL FRE attends meetings, HWY 193 is evacuation route, needs work done, CAL TRANS has funding to do fuel reductions on state highways and asked for CAL FIRE recommendations, BOS wants focus on Highway 50 only, waiting for response from BOS
  - Willis: had inquiry from EDC Fire District, wanted contacts for all FSC which he provided, push by EDC Fire to develop 5 year community strategic plan, Gilchrest pressed to include FSCs input,
  - Payne: new EDC Supervisor Turnboo has made it a priority to look at forest products opportunities
  - Gilchrest: GCP FSC passed a resolution to outline fuel loads and hazards in area on BLM land, requesting BLM actions, EDC pays BLM to maintain county owned property in BLM land
  - Zelinsky, had request from Highland area to join Placerville FSC, moving forward with that

## 12. Committee Reports

- a. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen
  - Rescue was brought up again but no action has been taken
- b. Community Outreach & Public Speaking – Heather
  - No report
- c. Marketing & Communications – Open.
  - Need someone to take over social media accounts
- d. Defensible Space – Ernie
  - Suggestion to ask if afternoon or evenings would be better for 4291 training participants
- e. Governance Committee – Karen
  - Some new legislations in works
- f. Grants & Funding (Opportunities) – Pat
  - Grants committee is active and will be meeting today
  - PG&E grant opportunity was sent to everyone but they will only accept one grant per fiscal sponsor, EDCFSC is applying for grant for chipping so no affiliate council needing EDCFSC as fiscal sponsor can apply

## 13. Good of the Order

- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – March 17, 2021

Adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

*No opposition to adjournment*