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

Board Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2021

9:30 am to 11:30 Remote Business Meeting

1. Meeting Call to Order: 9:33

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), Zelinsky (Placerville FSC), J Atencio (Rancho del Sol FSC), Lory (Grizzly Flats FSC), Dwyer (Logtown FSC), Hawk (Gold Ridge Forest FSC), Johnston (Georgetown Divide FSC), Connelly (Auburn Lake Trails FSC), Pullin-Secretary (Mosquito FSC), Julian-Treasurer (Pollock Pines-Camino FSC), Gilchrest (Greater Cameron Park FSC), Pimlott-Vice-Chair (Aukum-Fairplay FSC)

Payne excused.

Also attending: B Atencio (Rancho del Sol FSC), Lilienthal (El Dorado Hills Fire Department/EDC Chiefs Assoc), Kordes (Texas Hill Estates FSC), Wilcox (EDC Vegetation Management), Hansen (Coloma-Lotus FSC), McKinstry (Gallagher Land Owners FSC), Lubetkin (Oak Hill Area FSC), Tinsley (CAL FIRE), Stewart (USFS), Washburn (Placerville FSC), Phillips (El Dorado Hills Fire Department/EDC FPO), Schnell, Cox (El Dorado Hills Fire Department/EDC FPO), Bills, Parlin (EDC Supervisor), McMillin (Royal Equestrian Estates FSC), Garcia (Gold Hill Estates FSC)

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

Agenda approved without opposition.

4. Consent Agenda: 2/17/21 Board Meeting Minutes **Board Action Item**

Agenda approved without opposition.

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

None

6. Information Items:

a. Chairman's Report & Communication:

- Received and e-mailed out link to new CAL FIRE brochure
- Received several inquiries regarding street signage, has a list of websites that sell signs
- Removed PayPal from website
- Partner banner on website has been updated

b. Vice Chair Report:

- Working on Office 365

c. Secretary Report:

- No report

d. Treasurers Report: Maureen **Board Action Item**

- Nothing out of the ordinary

- Got \$30 from Amazon Smile
 1. Operations
 - 65% through fiscal year at 66% of budget
 2. Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)

Treasurer's Report approved without opposition.

e. Partners Reports:

1. Chiefs Meeting

- Rural water supply update: final version is being updated and brought to chiefs next Wednesday, updating permit requirements, water use agreement is new section of code, tank sizes have been updated
- Title 14: all parcel setbacks are being updated, parcels should have 30' setback which is not feasible for smaller lots so there are mitigation options, driveway vs roadway weight requirements, separates roadways to allow for 75,000 pound vehicles, driveways 36,000-40,000 pounds, water supply hydrant sizes: changes allow local authority to dictate sizes to best meet their needs, March 22 rule making board of forestry meeting to consider changes
- AB2911- ingress/egress, no more than 30 homes allowed on one way in/out road, definition of subdivision is 5 or more parcels

2. FPO Meeting

- Covered under Chiefs Meeting report

3. CAL FIRE – Tom Tinsley

- AB2911: AEU has started the process to identify subdivisions that qualify
- Grant cycle: March 10 press release announcing new grant cycle for CCI grants, there was no grant cycle last year, open until May 19, money has not been allocated yet so don't know total amount available, hopefully will know in governors May revised budget, does not believe there is any limit to number of grant applications submitted by any one entity,
- Sent target hazard area maps to Willis for distribution
- Does not know if Live Fire brochure will be printed
- CalTrans has funding for work on state highways in county, CalTrans asked for CAL FIRE's input: Hwy 193 around Chili Bar, Hwy 89 in basin, Hwy 49 Logtown to Sandridge, Hwy 50 Placerville to Fresh Pond, CCC has been doing fuel reduction on Hwy 50 on and off ramps east of Placerville

4. ENF Updates – ~~Teresa Riesenhuber~~ Brad Stewart

- Gearing up for spring burning
- \$300,000 grant for chipping and \$100,000 for Gold Ridge Forest FSC fuel break were awarded
- Schedule of proposed action on their website, has every project they are working on, good resource for councils bordering forest land

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

- Webinar is being discussed
- Doing second and third inspections in Garden Valley
- Small amount of wrap up work in Pollock Pines
- Continuing to work on messaging and outreach and updating policies and procedures

6. Other: EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg 3/3, WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project) Mtg 3/16.

- Zelinsky sent application to Hawk because they are adjacent to federal lands
- Expecting \$100,000 in grant funding
- April 16 grant applications due
- Lubetkin on committee also

7. Old Business

- a. Disaster Council: CodeRed / GMRS / Siren Systems / OES plans.
 - Willis will reach out to Crawford (OES) for additional information and report back
- b. 4291 Training
 - Still working on scheduling training
- c. Strategic Goals
 1. EDCFSC to establish common file system on Microsoft Office / 365.
 - Pimlott is working on
 2. Establish Stewardship or Good Neighbor Agreement with federal agencies.
 - Working on cooperation whenever available

8. New Business

- a. Use of EDCFSC EIN number for auctions; online or otherwise.
 - E-Board discussed and recommends that councils cannot use EDCFSC EIN number
 - EDCFSC EIN can be provided to a doner for potential tax deduction purposes
 - E-Board can help councils obtain their own EIN
- b. Fiscal sponsor request and approval form along with a change to our procedures. **Board Action Item**
 - Any council that will need EDCFSC to be fiscal sponsor (use the EDCFSC bank account or non-profit status) needs to let EDCFSC know before applying for a grant
 - There may be opportunities that limit the number of grant applications from one fiscal sponsor
 - This formalizes the process to ask for EDCFSC to be fiscal sponsor
 - Gilchrest suggested to put logo on all forms

Approved without opposition.

9. Program Reports

- a. Chipping – Jodi / Pat
 - Chipping remains closed
 - Still have \$20,000 from previous CAL FIRE grant which wouldn't fund program for a month
 - Applied for \$100,000 PG&E grant, announcement will be in May, if awarded wouldn't receive funds until late summer or early fall
 - US Forest Service grant may allow program to reopen sooner
 - Schnell did a lot of work to put in a large chipping grant to FEMA, won't know outcome for possibly another year and if awarded would be another year after that before funded
 - Encourage all councils to stay in touch with supervisor and fire district and work with them to understand what is in the CWPP plan
 - Fire Districts can apply for grants which may lead to a partnership between FSCs and fire districts
- b. Dumpster Program 2020
 - Closed
- c. Senior, Veterans & Low Income DS Assistance – Ernie
 - Holding pattern right now, program closed
 - Have a small amount of funds left from last year
 - Lory has put in for five small grants, waiting to hear back

10. Project Reports

- a. Countywide CWPP – Pat
 - Done with individual council project compilation
 - Have created a map with all projects and a separate map with projects segregated by CAL FIRE battalions for their input
 - Next step will be to divide map into fire districts for their input, then Forest Service
 - Hope to be able to present to BOS late this year or early next year for final approval and publication
- b.

- c. USFS SOFAR Project – Heather
 - Crystal Basin region is being added as emphasis area
 - Working on biomass use
 - Will be clumping planting, not plantation style planting
 - Nothing new to report on biomass to pellet option
- d. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – Tamara
 - County economic committee will be looking at product coming out of forest
 - Continuing to work on enlarging footprint of fuel reduction area
 - Working with CalTrans for them to focus on Hwy 193 piece
- e. Community Council Reports
 - McMillan-Royal Equestrian Estates was approved a Firewise Community last month, who would be best to talk to regarding maintaining shaded break done a couple years ago in Marble Valley?- maybe El Dorado Hills Fire
 - Hawk: Pollock Pines CDAP is trying to schedule May community cleanup day which will include green waste, can't schedule until they get more volunteers
 - Lubetkin: Oak Hill Area FSC applied for grant and received \$500 for wildfire prevention day, also Grizzly Flats
 - Gilchrest: one neighborhood is going to start Firewise process, moving forward with resolution for annual funding for Pine Hill reserve which will be sent to Tom McClintock's office
 - K Campbell: getting ROEs for shaded fuel break along Sly Park Road, Fire Adapted 50 group got signatures for other side of Sierra Springs for shaded fuel break
 - Dwyer: Logtown FSC wrapping up \$450,000 fuel reduction project on ridge on Monitor Road, final walk through is next week
 - Lory: RCD is doing Grizzly Flat FSC GF18, roadside fuel reduction,
 - Hansen: Coloma-Lotus FSC is working on getting hydrants in Lotus Valley with water from irrigation districts, received \$5,000 community fund development grant which will use to start securing easements and tanks for hydrants

11. Committee Reports

- a. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen
 - Any council attending any kind of event, including farmer's markets, need to fill out event form for insurance company
- b. Community Outreach & Public Speaking – Heather Steve
 - No meetings
 - EDH Fire is asking about forming a Rescue FSC
- c. Marketing & Communications – Open
 - Applied for and received LISTOS grant which is for outreach effort
 - Includes pop-up, written materials and \$3,000
 - Requires 5,000 verifiable contacts, hiring company to do outreach
- d. Defensible Space – Ernie
 - No report
- e. Governance Committee – Karen
 - Watching some insurance items
 - Following home hardening legislation
- f. Grants & Funding (Opportunities) – Pat
 - CAL FIRE grant cycle open, encourages attendance at their grant webinar
 - EDCFSC Grant training will be at 1:00 today
 1. Current Grants Update (Projects Report)
 - No report
 2. EDC joint grant initiative.
 - No Report

12. Good of the Order

- Connelly: what are RAC grants? Beneficial to forest service land, can connect with Zelinsky
- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – April 21, 2021
- b. Nomination committee will be formed next month in preparation for elections in June

Adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

No opposition to adjournment