



# El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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

## Board Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2021

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

#### 1. Meeting Call to Order: 0933

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), Dwyer (Logtown FSC), Connelly (Auburn Lake Trails FSC), Pullin-Secretary (Mosquito FSC), Julian-Treasurer (Pollock Pines-Camino FSC), Pimlott-Vice-Chair (Aukum-Fairplay FSC), Kruse (Coloma-Lotus FSC), Payne (Patterson Ranch FSC), Stewart, Wirt (Omo Ranch FSC)

Johnston, Lory and Hess excused.

Also attending: B Atencio (Rancho del Sol FSC), Kordes (Texas Hill Estates FSC), McKinsty (Gallagher Land Owners FSC), Lubetkin (Oak Hill Area FSC), Stewart (USFS), Washburn (Placerville FSC), Phillips (El Dorado Hills Fire Department/EDC FPO), Schnell, Bills, Parlin (EDC Supervisor), Christensen (Wellman Works), Richards (Sierra Springs Regional FSC), Manley (Cool-Pilot Hill FSC), Penn, Griner, Kiehne (Placerville FSC), Egbert (RCD)

#### 3. Approval of Agenda: 4/21/21 **Board Action Item**

Agenda approved without opposition.

#### 4. Consent Agenda: 3/17/21 Board Meeting Minutes **Board Action Item**

Agenda approved without opposition.

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

- None

#### 6. Guest: Vickie Christensen. Introduction, Listos grant.

- Listos grant was an opportunity through ZoomGrants, was invited by CA FSC to apply, comes with literature (not received yet) and large pop-up
- Hired Vickie Christensen with Wellman Works to manage grant outreach work
- Christensen is excited to working with EDCFSC, LISTOS has many outreach methods, working on doing public service announcement, looking at Facebook and website
- Texting program is available to use right away
- Will be e-mailing board members with social media messages/opportunities and for access to social media accounts/e-mail lists to help get messages out

## 7. Information Items:

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

- Tomorrow is Earth Day, EID has made Sly Park a no-fee day tomorrow
- Received article from Kruse: State Farm Insurance is hiring private firefighting companies to protect insured properties in several states, curious as to how they would interact with local fire agencies in an emergency,
- CAL FIRE will require burn permits starting May 1, expect burning will not be open much longer
- Request from GF area for EDCFSC to conduct burn pile training, discussed at E-Board, will not be offering, would be significant liability
- With the last CA FSC outreach grant we purchased portable outdoor speaker systems, available for councils to use-Julian has possession currently, will be transferred to Station 83 for check out
- Spoke to Chief Cordero about starting a FSC in Strawberry
- Process of updating all council map and will update website when finished, thanks to EDC for helping update map at no cost

### b. Vice Chair Report:

- No report

### c. Secretary Report:

- Getting requests for special event and meeting coverage, reminder that meetings and events need to reported to be covered, especially special events, no coverage if no forms received
- By early May will be sending membership renewal forms out to all councils and board members, will need to be returned before June meeting

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

#### 1. Operations

- Three months left in fiscal year, under budget by 82%
- Will be working on new budget for June meeting
- Zelinsky still wants detailed accounting every month

*Treasurer's Report approved without opposition.*

#### 2. Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)

- No comments on report

### e. Partners Reports:

#### 1. Fire Chiefs Meeting **and FPO** – ~~Mike Lilienthal~~ Phillips

- Have been talking about rural water supply standard, it has been approved by EDC Fire Chiefs, Phillips will send to Willis to have posted to EDCFSC website
- Working on revising address and signage requirements and new standard for new projects to create wildfire/fire safety plan with guidelines for creating plan
- New wildfire preparedness monies in state budget for grants and financial assistance, trailer bill awarded \$22 million to CA OES for financial assistance for seniors and low income residents to do home hardening
- Local level fire planning requirement legislation pending, specifically wildfire preparedness
- Proposal in legislature to modify CA FSC, would require Department of Natural Resources and Forestry to post recommendations
- Board of Forestry revamping Title 14, following process
- CAL FIRE subdivision survey underway to identify 30 or more homes with one way in and one way out and how to handle implementation of ingress/egress
- Aware of home insurance companies requiring homeowners clear 300', even onto neighboring properties
- DS inspections anticipated to start this spring, Rescue and County Fire area south of DS, Hanks Exchange area, are target areas
- Hope to host virtual meeting to answer questions from residents about VM ordinance requirements
- CAL FIRE Collector app is being updated

#### 2. FPO Meeting – Marshall Cox / Ron Phillips

#### 3. CAL FIRE – Tom Tinsley

- No report

4. ENF Updates – ~~Teresa Riesenhuber~~ Brad Stewart
  - Able to do modification of chipper and Gold Ridge Forest FSC forest grant application
  - Letters of support from ENF should be in by end of week
  - Looking at doing underburning in GF area in next couple of weeks, weather allowing
  - ENF website has schedule of actions, anyone can look to see what is scheduled
  - May 4<sup>th</sup>, California fire consortium is holding webinar about Caples burn
5. EDC Vegetation Management – Kristine Oase-Guth / John Wilcox
  - No report
  - May 4 is DS inspector training for agency personnel, virtual training for fire agencies
  - EDCFSC volunteer DS training is May 18<sup>th</sup>.
6. Other: EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg 4/7, WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project) Mtg 4/27.
  - Lubetkin and Zelinsky have been attending meetings, will be doing processing of applications on 4/27 and 4/28, \$200,000 available, this is double original amount
  - No report on WRAP meeting

## 8. Old Business

- a. Disaster Council: Update
  - Want to work with council on Code Red, GRMS, alert programs, etc.
  - No update for Code Red or plan for updating
  - Have no regular meeting schedule
  - Todd Crawford, EDC Sheriff's office is retiring, timing uncertain
- b. 4291 Training
  - On track for virtual training on May 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Let Martin know if you want to attend
- c. Strategic Goals
  1. EDCFSC to establish common file system on Microsoft Office / 365.
    - Still working on, Pimlott is heading project
    - Targeting July 1 as implementation date
    - Primary goal is to have common/safe place to store files
    - Will ensure access to IT professional support
    - Looking at using service from company called TechSoup
  2. Establish Stewardship or Good Neighbor Agreement with federal agencies.
    - Working on as opportunities present
    - Two more meetings set with Egbert, RCD
    - RCD will be added to monthly meeting partner reports

## 9. New Business

- a. Nominations Committee. Form and set election process.
  - Bylaws require nomination and election process which concludes at June meeting
  - Eight councils have directors who's terms end this year
  - E-Board elected every year
  - Nomination Committee will be reaching out for nominations for board and E-Board
- b. Grant Fiscal Sponsor Resolutions **Board Action Item**
  - CAL FIRE prevention grants require resolution from EDCFSC supporting application
  - Have five grants that EDCFSC is fiscal sponsor or applicant: Georgetown FSC, Aukum-Fairplay, Grizzly Flat FSC, Pollock Pines-Camino FSC, chipper program
  - Two others in works, Auburn Lake Trails and Placerville/Texas Hill Estates FSCs (RCD fiscal sponsor)
  - There are 188 applications in AEU

*Resolution 2021-001 Georgetown Marshall Road Fuels Reduction Project*

*Ayes: 13, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0 Motion carried*

*Resolution 2021-002 El Dorado South County Collaborative Emergency Roadway Fuel Reduction And Educational Outreach*

*Ayes: 13, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0 Motion carried*

*Resolution 2021-003 Shaded Fuel Break*

*Ayes: 13, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0 Motion carried*

*Resolution 2021-004 Sly Park Roadside Clearance And Shaded Fuel Break*

*Ayes: 13, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0 Motion carried*

*Resolution 2021-005 Chipper El Dorado*

*Ayes: 13, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0 Motion carried*

c. CFSC Google Groups email conversation.

- Has become very active
- One conversation was regarding evacuation for seniors and marking evacuation routes, everyone should know all the ingress and egress in their community, drive them day and night, just a reminder that it is dangerous to mark specific evacuation routes

## 10. Program Reports

a. Chipping – Jodi / Pat

- Remains closed
- Working with Forest Service for funding
- Were not selected for PG&E grant this year, first time since 2015 EDCFSC was not selected

b. Dumpster Program 2021

- No report

c. Senior, Veterans & Low Income DS Assistance – Ernie

- Zelinsky-Still investigating why newest Veterans grant funds has not been received
- SMUD grant for \$15,000 received, opening up program soon, watch website for notification
- Will only be open until 45 applications received

## 11. Project Reports

a. Countywide CWPP – Pat

- Deer Creek Resources is linking VM plans into CWPP
- Maps have been sent to CAL FIRE battalions for review and approval, setting up website for maps and draft CWPP to be able to coordinate with local fire districts and other county agencies
- Needs to be finalized and approved by BOS by end of year

b. USFS SOFAR Project – ~~Heather~~

- Landscape meeting tomorrow
- Looking at biomass removal
- Texas Hill Estates FSC is looking for support letter from SOFAR

c. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – ~~Tamara~~

- Egbert: CCC working along Spanish Flat Road for 5,000 hours, contractors working on 3 ½ miles of mastication on Shoo Fly Road
- BLM: Georgetown fuel break contractor bids are in

d. Community Council Reports

- Kordes: Texas Hill Estates FSC working CCI grant, several fuel breaks and over 94 acres of roadside hazard reduction
- K Campbell: thanks to Egbert for his work, marking properties in Sierra Springs area for Fire Adapted 50 work, working on getting ROEs for SS2 project
- Payne: working with Supervisor Turnboo on biomass cogeneration proposal through BOS, maybe through materials recovery facility in Diamond Springs
- Connelly: EDC Fire is holding workshops on strategic planning, looking for community input on expenditures, next meeting will be late May
- Lubetkin: has recording from March 17 grant workshop, trying to get online but can send link to anyone that wants to listen

- Wirt: having chipping/dumpster day on May 1
- Hawk: having neighborhood event this Saturday, lots of agencies and vendors

## **12. Committee Reports**

- a. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen
  - No report
- b. Community Outreach & Public Speaking – Heather
  - No report
- c. Marketing & Communications – Open.
  - No report
- d. Defensible Space – Ernie
  - Volunteer training was done yesterday
- e. Governance Committee – Karen
  - No report
  - Willis is starting to track pertinent legislation
- f. Grants & Funding (Opportunities) – Pat
  1. Current Grants Update (Projects Report)
    - No report

## **13. Good of the Order**

- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – May 19, 2021

Adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

*No opposition to adjournment*