



# 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

May 19, 2021

### 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

Willis-Chair (Lakehills FSC), K Campbell (Sierra Springs Regional FSC), Zelinsky (Placerville FSC), J Atencio (Rancho del Sol FSC), Dwyer (Logtown 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), Brown (SMUD), Lory (Grizzly Flats FSC), Gilchrest (Greater Cameron Park FSC), H Campbell (Pollock Pines-Camino FSC), Hess (Aukum-Fairplay FSC), Johnston (Georgetown Divide FSC), Hawk (Gold Ridge Forest FSC)

Excused: Connelly

Also attending: B Atencio (Rancho del Sol FSC), Kordes (Texas Hill Estates FSC), McKinstry (Gallagher Land Owners FSC), Phillips (El Dorado Hills Fire Department/EDC FPO), Schnell, Parlin (EDC Supervisor), Richards (Sierra Springs Regional FSC), Penn (Diamond Springs FSC), Kiehne (Placerville FSC), Egbert (RCD), Azevedo (Oak Hill Area FSC), Riesenhuber (USFS), Marsolais (ENF)

#### 3. Approval of Agenda: 5/19/21 Board Action Item

*Agenda approved without opposition.*

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

*Agenda approved without opposition.*

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

- None

#### 6. Guest: Jeff Marsolais, ENF Supervisor. Gen introduction, ENF goals

- Came from Tahoe area, lives on West Slope of El Dorado County
- Bracing for another active fire season, conditions are dryer this year than at this time last year
- Had fires in January, has been an active spring already,
- Had significant blow-down event that they are evaluating
- Fork Fire treatment paperwork being done, concerned as it affects watershed
- Dwyer - Thank for help with grants from USFS and letters of support
- Thinking about areas that need to be treated to connect treatments between watersheds
- Not too much logging this year as logging done in burn areas have taken mills to capacity, will be doing mastication
- Working on funding for more projects
- Waiting for word on EDCFSC chipping grant
- SMUD considering biomass facility in eastern Sacramento County or western El Dorado County, what is possibility of getting federal approval to sell timber out of county?, Marsalish can put SMUD in touch with government officials,

## 7. Information Items:

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

- Provided letter of support to RCD for Sly Park project
- New all councils map is on website
- Western slope FSCs cover 29% of western slope, lots of western slope is USFS so 29% is actually a much larger number (western slope is 40% private lands, 60% government lands) EDC did mapping at no cost
- EDC GIS department, Jose Crummett, has agreed to handle most mapping for councils at no expense, be courteous with your requests
- John Hess has resigned from EDCFSC Board of Directors but staying involved
- [www.pge.com/wildfiresafety](http://www.pge.com/wildfiresafety) has lots of information
- Working on setting up presentation for CWPP update to chiefs in July
- CAL FIRE defensible space inspection maps were distributed and posted to website
- Pullin is working with Sandridge to reform Sandridge FSC

### b. Vice Chair Report:

- State legislative analyst office contacted EDCFSC for information on defensible space effectiveness, implementation, hurdles, etc.
- There was a webinar on streamlined CEQA last month and another one tomorrow, Pimlott will attend upcoming webinar

### c. Secretary Report:

- Sent out Director renewal forms last night, need returned by June 1<sup>st</sup>

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

1. Operations
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2. Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)
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*Treasurer's Report approved without opposition.*

### e. Partners Reports:

1. Chiefs Meeting – ~~Mike Lilienthal~~ Ron Phillips
  - Early fire season, already had fire in Salmon Falls area, 32 acres
  - EDH Fire has hired two inspectors, CP Fire is ramping up their inspections
  - Board of Forestry issued public notice on changes to Title 14, public comments due by June 22
  - Monitoring fire risk reduction community regulations from Board of Forestry, identifies communities that have reduced fire risk and puts them first for grant funding
2. FPO Meeting – Ron Phillips
  - Report given under Item e.1
3. CAL FIRE – Tom Tinsley
  - None
4. ENF Updates – Teresa Riesenhuber
  - Report given under Item 6
5. EDC Vegetation Management – Kristine Oase-Guth / John Wilcox
  - None
6. RCD – Mark Egbert
  - CAL FIRE grant deadline today, thanks for all help from councils

## 8. Old Business

### a. 4291 Training

- Was held yesterday, were 28 total on meeting
- DS evaluation forms are available from Martin
- Home clearance code is different from road clearance code
- Most CAL FIRE forms/brochures are available for download on CAL FIRE website, CAL FIRE is not printing them

- b. Strategic Goals
  - 1. EDCFSC to establish common file system on Microsoft Office / 365.
    - Contracting with IT company effective July 1 for set up of Microsoft Office 365
  - 2. Establish Stewardship or Good Neighbor Agreement with federal agencies.
    - Still pursuing partnerships when available

## 9. New Business

- a. Nominations Committee. Present ballot.
  - Slate of candidates for directors was e-mailed out to directors this morning
  - E-board slate was e-mailed out also, Willis not running for chair again
  - Vice Chair nominee Hugh Council (Texas Hill Estates FSC) must be a Director in order to run for Executive Board Office. K Pimlott will amend the slate of candidates to include him as a Director candidate from Texas Hill Estates FSC.
  - Still working out process to vote via e-mail since still not meeting in person
  - Bylaws allow for 21 directors, with Hess' resignation that opens up position which would allow Council to come on as a director
- b. Formation of a Finance Committee for annual oversight. New Board item.
  - Have been requests for different/additional financial reports, will defer to new board consideration in July

## 10. Program Reports

- a. Chipping – Jodi / Pat
  - Still currently closed, hoping for \$300,000 from USFS soon
  - Will have to re-compete for contractors
  - Putting in for a million-dollar grant from CCI grant and \$200,000 thru CA FSC and FSMA/OES request for future funding
  - H Campbell suggests chipping restrictions going to 10" diameter material up from 7"
- b. Dumpster Program 2020
  - No report
- c. Senior, Veterans & Low Income DS Assistance – Ernie
  - Folsom FSC disbanded, donated their remaining funds to the EDCFSC DS program
  - Closed to new applications, 48 applications, working on finishing evaluations

## 11. Project Reports

- a. Countywide CWPP – Pat
  - On schedule
  - All 26 CWPP for communities have been completed and reviewed by local councils
  - Working on presenting to partners and presenting to BOS at end of year
- b. USFS SOFAR Project – Heather
  - A new focus area is Crystal Basin
- c. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – Tamara
  - Finishing up work in Kelsey area
  - Launch meeting for landscape level project was last week
  - Applied for CCI grant in Georgetown area for roadside work and then build from there
- d. Other: EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg 4/7, WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project) Mtg 3/16.
  - Approved all projects at last meeting
  - Meeting again today to schedule field trips to see projects that were approved
- e. Community Council Reports
  - Kordes: had hotdog social event, first physical event since 2019, shout out to H Campbell for outstanding presentation on home hardening, would like another presentation on evacuation, Hugh Council is community oriented, he spent 30 years working alongside the State Fire Marshall as fire inspector, very energetic
  - Wirt: got 30 yard dumpster and rented chipper for NFPA day, side project in Omo-cleaned area next to elementary school, had fishing derby put on by Pioneer Fire volunteer district-had display at event, will start collaborating with neighbors
  - K Campbell: owners association sponsored chipping day, working diligently to get ROE for SS2, needs help contacting owner of Mira Flores winery for ROE

- Hawk: shout out to H Campbell for helping them apply for CCI grant, almost completed good neighbor project to clean up green belt as per county request, June 26 will be doing dumpster and chipping program

## 12. Committee Reports

- a. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen
  - Sandridge, previously covered
- b. Community Outreach & Public Speaking – Heather
  - Did presentation for Texas hill estates
  - Hoping for community meeting with a month or two to do a train the trainers type
  - Received a pop-up from state FSC which included pop-up, not received, do have several other pop ups stored at station 83, other councils have pop ups too,
- c. Marketing & Communications – Open.
  - Continuing to look for volunteer to manage
  - Vicki (LISTOS) has been managing social media
- d. Defensible Space – Ernie
  - Previously covered
- e. Governance Committee – Karen
  - Willis will be helping with legislation watch
- f. Grants & Funding (Opportunities) – Pat
  1. Current Grants Update (Projects Report)
    - Today at 3:00 is deadline for grant submission, approximately 4 million being submitted by EDCFSC and associates, over 200 grant tracking numbers have been requested for AEU alone
    - CA FSC has opportunity due middle of next month, requires dollar for dollar match, will apply for \$200,000 for chipping, leaves two \$100,000 grant opportunities for associate councils
    - Working on opportunity for roadside clearance funding made available by CAL FIRE
    - Submitting to CAL OES/FEMA for large chipping grant
    - Urban forest grant opportunity on CAL FIRE website

## 13. Good of the Order

- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – June 16, 2021, election day

Adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

*No opposition to adjournment*