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

Board Meeting Minutes

June 16, 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), 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, Brown (SMUD), Lory (Grizzly Flats FSC), Gilchrest (Greater Cameron Park FSC), Hawk (Gold Ridge Forest FSC), Connelly (Auburn Lake Trails FSC),

Excused: Wirt, H. Campbell, K Campbell

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), Penn (Diamond Springs FSC), Egbert (RCD), Riesenhuber (USFS), Lockhart (Sand Ridge FSC), Council (Texas Hill Estates FSC), Garcia (Gold Hill Estates FSC), Tinsley (CAL FIRE), Washburn Placerville FSC)

3. Approval of Agenda: 6/16/21 **Board Action Item**

Agenda approved without opposition moving Item 6e before Item 6d.

4. Consent Agenda: 5/19/21 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 a donation from Delores Sleeper of \$100, she donates every year
- Dwyer will be making presentation at AQMD meeting on June 25th
- Willis was requested by EDH Fire to make presentation at EDH Rotary on June 23rd
- Investigating ways to get back to in-person meetings and to potentially have hybrid meetings
- Cleaned out storage, now have asset list that will be sent to councils

b. Vice Chair Report:

- No report

- c. Secretary Report:
- Had inquiries about fund raising, raffles require a permit in the state of California, EDCFSC does not have a raffle permit so raffles are not allowed under EDCFSC's EIN
 - Can do food socials, silent auction, events, sponsorships, all costs for events are DONATIONS and someone cannot be turned away for non-payment, raffle is different from silent auction, door prizes are ok if everyone is eligible
- d. Treasurers Report: Maureen **Board Action Item**
- There has been confusion between the formation of the Finance Committee and the request for additional financial reports
 - The Finance Committee will take the request for new reports under advisement
1. Operations
 - Two weeks left in fiscal year, will come in under budget
 2. Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)
 - Negative in CWPP item, will be invoicing CAL FIRE and asking for advance of remainder of grant
 - Sent information to councils as to what financial information is needed for tax reporting, need by July 15, has only heard back from two councils so far
 - Will update report to show funds received from Friends of Seniors for the Defensible Space Assistance Program
 3. Proposed 21-22 budget.
 - Was sent out with meeting documents
 - Budget has increased, some of the increase is for tech support for the Office 365 project, advertising, LISTOS grant & working with Wellman Works for outreach and website work, professional fee for audit, these may be one time expenditures but wanted to explain increase
 - In regards to Item 7(a)(2), the E-Board has looked at forming Finance Committee, draft duties have been developed, includes annual financial statement, CPA review, annual budget oversight, estimation of 3 year budget, calculating fiscal sponsor fee income, new E-Board will make Finance Committee decision
 - Zelinsky proposed adding to budget to pay for quarterly reports supplied by CPA firm, this additional reporting has not been approved by E-Board, this would be a duty of the Finance Committee, Willis suggests that Financial Committee determine if this would be valuable and cost effective and not amend the proposed budget

Treasurer's Report, including proposed FY 2021-2022 budget, approved without opposition.

- e. Partners Reports:
1. Chiefs Meeting – Mike Lilienthal Phillips
 - Looking forward to draft CWPP presentation in July, Dwyer will be doing presentation and will have draft out to chiefs before meeting
 - Effort to develop statewide regulations for private fire prevention companies
 2. FPO Meeting – Ron Phillips
 - EDH Fire and CP Fire vacant lot inspections are ongoing
 - DS inspections underway countywide
 - Title 14 changes scheduled to be heard by Board of Forestry on June 22nd, affects roads, water supply, addressing, etc.
 - Asked for clarification on subdivision regulations
 - Governor signed the May revise budget item that includes home hardening funds
 3. CAL FIRE – Tom Tinsley
 - Current grant cycle applications due May 19th, hasn't received previous applications for review yet
 - 480 applications were submitted for \$350 million in grant funds, approximately 300 applications made it to the review stage, 17 of those are in AEU
 - Six Forest Health grant applications are being reviewed
 - After July 1st funding for ingress/egress is still a possibility, have list of roads in AEU that are of concern
 - Went to peak staffing on June 14th

- Senate bill AB38 is effective July 2021, seller to have acquired a defensible space inspection within six months of sale of home, buyer can request waiver, inspections are to be done by CAL FIRE, received authorization to hire an additional forestry tech for increased work load, do not anticipate that they will be able to do inspections quickly, there is no fee for the inspections, there will be website based app to make requests, there are no current regulations for vacant lot sales
 - DS training certificates went out, thank you to all that participated and are helping CAL FIRE
 - Have been doing VM burns, goal is 100 acres yesterday and today, 200 acres tomorrow in Sacramento County
 - CAL FIRE still would like copies of DS evaluations done by FSC members
 - Notifications for planned burns come out late because CAL FIRE doesn't get AQMD approval until 3 p.m. the day before
4. ENF Updates – Teresa Riesenhuber
- There have been changes in overhead management
 - Brad Stewart will remain as point of contact for grants
 - Grant status: should have ready for review by Friday, will get in touch with Dwyer when ready for review to get signatures, grant is for \$300,000 for chipping, will start soliciting for contractors, may be able to reopen chipping program in August
 - Will start soliciting for Stephens funds for next year, needs projects and priorities by first week of July, projects must be adjacent to forest land, by end of next week councils need to submit proposals to grant committee, scalable projects are good
5. EDC Vegetation Management – ~~Kristine Oase Guth / John Wilcox Willis~~
- County lost both VM inspectors
 - Hanks Exchange area inspections have not been completed yet
6. RCD – Mark Egbert
- Had partners meeting,
 - Discussed work as weather gets hotter, red flag warnings, etc.
 - Contractor for Sierra Pacific project will be moved to Gold Ridge project
 - Sierra Springs project contractor is Mountain Enterprises, waiting for mobilization date
 - Trying to minimize dust, have received complaints, have fire plans in place and water tenders at sites
 - Monitoring prescribed burns after mastication for effectiveness
 - Meeting with Forest Service to discuss management of current grant work
 - Will be having an informational meeting with BOS on June 29th, partners are invited
 - Had request from SOFAR, they want all maps and projects, in partnership with El Dorado County Water Agency, need some direction as to exactly what they need
 - EDC-Parlin working on connecting ranchers with property owners that want grazing for VM <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/ag/Pages/Livestock-Grazing.aspx>

7. Old Business

a. Strategic Goal

1. EDCFSC to establish common file system on Microsoft Office / 365.
 - E-Board approved going forward with contractor, finalizing consultant agreement
 - Hope to have contract in place by July 1st
 - There was a question as to if this will be available to individual councils, not right now, maybe in future
2. Formation of a Finance Committee for annual oversight. New Board item.
 - Discussed under Item 6(d)

8. New Business

a. Annual Elections

1. Nominations submitted as required at May meeting.
 - Ballot was sent out for 11 directors and E-Board
2. Board Election
 - All nominees were elected with 15 ayes, 0 noes except Brown who received 14 ayes and 1 abstention

3. Officer Election
 - All nominees were elected with 15 ayes, 0 noes
 - New E-Board is: Pimlott-Chair, Council-Vice Chair, Secretary-Pullin, Treasurer-Julian, Parliamentarian-Stewart
 - Willis: happy to hand over to such a qualified E-Board
- b. Councils Annual Renewal
 - Have not received paperwork back from three councils: Cool-Pilot Hill, Diamond Springs and Gold Hill Estates
- c. New Council. Sandridge FSC. **Board Action Item**
Approved without opposition.
 - Now at 25 councils

9. Program Reports

- a. Chipping – Jodi / Pat
 - Still closed
- b. Dumpster Program 2020
 - Still closed
- c. Senior, Veterans & Low Income DS Assistance – Ernie
 - Program closed
 - Lory has info available if needed for Firewise certification

10. Project Reports

- a. Countywide CWPP – Pat
 - All drafts are done
 - Will be presenting to agencies then to BOS
 - Trying to get done by end of the year
- b. USFS SOFAR Project – ~~Heather~~ Zelinsky
 - Will be meeting next week
 - Working on co-located biomass project
- c. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – ~~Tamara~~ Egbert
 - Have been meeting with BLM on work plan
 - Doing botanical surveys this week
 - Submitting plan for access to islands of land not currently covered
 - Shoo Fly Road roadside treatment has been completed
- d. Other: EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project) Mtg 6/22.
 - Zelinsky-WRAP continuing to meet, approved all projects submitted
 - Looking at ways to get high school kids into the forest
- e. Community Council Reports
 - Kordes-Texas Hill Estates FSC: one of goals for 2021 is to create block captains forum dividing council into four quadrants, block captains will get to know residents and who might need evacuation assistance
 - Hawk-Gold Ridge Forest FSC: July 31st at 10:00 a.m. will have OES presentation on evacuation and preparedness, also H Campbell will be doing presentation, event is open to the public

11. Committee Reports

- a. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen
 - Sand Ridge FSC has been approved
- b. Community Outreach & Public Speaking – ~~Heather~~ Willis
 - H Cambell has been doing presentations
 - Cops and Rodders coming up on September 18, 2021
- c. Marketing & Communications – Open.
 - Asking for volunteers
- d. Defensible Space – Ernie
 - No report
- e. Governance Committee – Karen
 - Last bylaws update 2014, may need to review again soon

- f. Grants & Funding (Opportunities) – Pat
 - Had several councils apply for CCI grants
 - CFSC 2021 CFA grant proposals were due yesterday
 - Couple more proposals due Friday
 - Would like to see grant proposals submitted sooner for review instead of waiting until the last minute
- 1. Current Grants Update (Projects Report)

12. Good of the Order

- Willis: had a great tenure, not going anywhere
 - Pimlott: thanks to Willis and Dwyer for all they do, excited to be moving forward, looking forward to strengthening partnerships, and in-person/hybrid meetings
 - Council: thank you to everyone for their confidence and support
 - Gilcrest: June 29th BOS will be voting to approve nexus study that will open up impact fees for EDC Fire to improve facilities
- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – July 21, 2021

Adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

No opposition to adjournment