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

Board Meeting Minutes-FINAL

January 18, 2023

9:30 am to 11:30 am

Diamond Springs / El Dorado Firefighters Association Memorial Hall
3734 China Garden Road, Diamond Springs

1. Meeting Call to Order

9:32am

2. Roll Call: Sign In:

In person: Pimlott, Council, Barentson, Pullin, Penn, Cantelow, Dwyer, Ball, Fine, Gilchrest, Hawk, Lory, Payne, Willis, Zelinsky. Zoom: Connelly, Hawk, Johnston

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Ken Pimlott

4. Approval of Agenda: 01/18/2023 Board Action Item

Approved - No opposition

5. Consent Agenda: 11/16/2022 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item

Approved - no opposition

6. New Business:

No new business will spend more time listening to partners reports

7. Information Items:

a. Chairman's Report & Communication

Defer to Hugh

b. Vice Chair Report

Still participating in county meetings. Waiting for fire marshal to hear back on defensible space training. FPO's have fair booth and we have ours. forest service and RCD need to get their booths.

c. Secretary Report

No report

d. Treasurers Report: Janet Barentson Board Action Item

Our accountant is working on 2022 taxes and I'll need information with any purchases that exceed \$600 from associate councils. Still working with the auditor and will be meeting with her next week and I will get audit sample requests at that time. I will let

associate councils know if I need information from them. Associate councils can get the Square reader for credit card purchases. The charges would be assessed to associate council accounts at \$10/mo plus 2% of deposits. Title 3 - \$5000 allocation to associate councils. I am reconciling numbers and will reach out next week. Jeanine Stiles from Greenstone is set up with Umpqua for their council and would like instructions to set up their account. Ken explained Title 3 funds to Jeanine as to what the money can be spent on. There is \$200 reimbursement available to associate councils each year for education, flyers, and water for meetings. Grant information is on report to show how money is being spent. Treasurer Report - approved no opposition.

e. Partners Reports:

1. BLM – Jason Schroeder

No report

2. CAL FIRE – Megan Scheeline/Patrick McDaniel

Introduced new staff members. If you have questions about grant applications reach out to CALFIRE - Patrick and team are there for help.

3. EDC Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience – Ken Pimlott

Sue Hennike 2nd report to Board of Supervisors on 1-10-23. Can view meeting on county website on Legistar. Finalizing county defensible space. GIS data hub is coming together. Communications and outreach group will meet with CALFIRE. Working on large grant for defensible space and home hardening south of Hwy 50 in Placerville. OES approached them to be part of their program as well to be a pilot community. This is now a \$24m project – this area is just the beginning and will be looking at other communities in the future. Started with 7 areas to investigate and landed on this area of Placerville.

4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association – Tim Cordero

Did not meet in December but will be meeting next week. Partnered with OES working on flooding. Partnering with Placerville FSC at their event in March with other allied agencies as well and also supporting defensible space committee.

5. EDC FPO Association – Ron Phillips

No meetings in December or January. Our next meeting will be in February. California has adopted the latest version of California Building Standards Codes which applies to new structures and additions to existing structures. Recent changes started January 1, 2023. There are also new regulations for wildland urban interface construction standards related to vents and some outside portions of the structures. Local fire districts are adopting their own current regulations for fire codes. Five of the local districts are completed and the remaining 7 districts are finalizing their regulations. The State has not acted on any proposed regulatory changes related to Title 14 yet fire safe regulations. The current regulations are still from 2021.

6. ENF Updates – Jacobie Waters

Introduction of a new member for the forest service. Actively burning piles so you will see more contractors burning piles. Working more to eliminate fuels on homeowner's properties surrounding forest service land. Will upload fuels reduction projects on Facebook for forest service.

7. RCD – Mark Egbert

Coordination of activities with other organizations to be efficient. Busy with Caldor recovery put \$8m out there so far and barely touching surface. Ongoing effort to

bring as many resources into Grizzly Flats as a possible. Working at Sierra at Tahoe and there is still a lot of work to do as only 50% of the trees were removed and hoping for full mountain access this year. Making progress in Georgetown on BLM land and private landowners. Working on Coloma Lotus initiating field recognizance to determine where operation of funds will go. Grants committee needs FSC's to plan on future projects. There is \$19m for Caldor recovery. \$14m spent from July-November, 2022 on Caldor recovery.

8. SMUD – Eric Brown
No report

9. PG&E – Mike Webb
No report

10. EDSO – Sgt Bare
No report

11. Firesafe Coordinator – Maia Davis
Had presentation on County Coordinator Program which includes the grant program through California FSC.

8. Committee Reports

a. Grants & Funding– Pat Dwyer/Jessica Isabel

The grants committee received seven proposals plus one from Strawberry that was missed. The committee proposed to refer two (GF and Camino) to the RCD as sponsor, two (Martinez Creek and to the County OWPR for inclusion in the western slope strategic plan and revised CWPP, one was not eligible, and two small proposals (Cool/PH and REE) were approved for EDCFSC to sponsor. The Strawberry proposal was referred to the USFS for consideration under the Stevens Authority.

There was a spirited discussion concerning the relative importance of the projects and the capacity of the EDCFSC as well as the RCD. It became clear that there needed to be an improved process, criteria, and coordination in the grant process.

In a subsequent meeting the EDCFSC and RCD agreed to postpone the grant applications until the next cycle (December 2023) and develop more defined policies and procedures

b. Governance Committee – Karen Pullin

FSC when you have events make sure you reach out to me to get your insurance for additional coverage when you are at a venue. Also, review logo use policy for EDCFSC which can be found online. FSC's can accept donations and they should be self-supporting. FSC's cannot conduct raffles because we don't have a permit. Recently updated equipment use policy. Please don't hesitate to call or email me regarding questions about policies or procedures.

9. Program Reports

a. Chipping – Pat Dwyer/Jessica Isabel

We did 13 jobs in December, 2022 and we have 11 applications for January, 2023. We have allowed for 2 chipping services per address per year. FSC's can mention this program to their communities because we need more work. FSC's contact Jessica (via my cell) directly to have a chipping day in your community so she can get contractors assigned to jobs.

b. Defensible Space – Jessica Isabel

100 applications have been accepted and I have been going through emails to process additional applications. I might close the program and not accept any more applications as we are most likely at capacity with 120 applications we allowed to accept.

c. Outreach & Education –Alice Cantelow

Newsletter coming out today or tomorrow. Articles can be sent to Alice. New equipment will be stored at the Main Street office. We have things the FSC's can borrow when you put on events. Trying to get list of speakers for FSC's to use. Please send an email to alicecantelow@gmail.com if you need to contact me.

d. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen Pullin

No new councils to report.

10. Community Council Reports

David Zelinsky, Placerville – the 3rd Saturday in March we are having a wildfire preparedness event at Midtown Mall in Placerville.

Paul Gilchrest, Greater Cameron Park – We have a wildfire preparation series. The first meeting was a sandbox simulation and had other fire related organizations attend with over 70 people in attendance. The 2nd meeting will be what is defensible space and how can you create it with low to no cost. The 3rd meeting will be how do you put a plan together and how do you leave when you have to go. The 2nd last one will be how do you become a firewise community. The last one is joint effort in collaboration with CSD to review all these and this will be a larger event with multiple booths set up.

Karen Pullin, Mosquito – We will be meeting in February to put together a yearly calendar. Other FSC's can borrow equipment from Mosquito FSC and they will help deliver should the need arise.

Jeanine Stiles, Greenstone – They had their first town hall meeting and will put application in soon for firewise community recognition.

Mike Connelly, Auburn Lake Trails– For the 18th consecutive year we received firewise USA community recognition last November. Of the over 600 firewise communities in California, we were first to receive that designation. Last week BLM started fuel reduction work along eastern boundary between Auburn Lake Trails and Auburn State Recreation Area.

11. Old Business

None

12. Project Reports

a. USFS SOFAR Project– Tamara Johnston/David Zelinsky

February 23rd at 11am there is a biomass meeting which the public is welcome to attend. The Resource Advisory Committee is short of members and if you would like to participate, please let David know.

b. EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project)-David Zelinsky

David attended the last WRAP meeting, and he has notes. SOFAR is expanding boundaries to include Cosumnes River area.

c. County Biomass Working Group – Kris Payne

Continued work with SMUD in Eldorado County to locate areas for green energy sites.

13. Public Comment – *Time limit is 3 minutes per person.*
None

14. Good of the Order
11:53am

a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – February 15, 2023