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

Board Meeting Minutes-FINAL

February 15, 2023

9:30 am to 11:30

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

1. Meeting Call to Order

9:35am

2. Roll Call: Sign In

In Person: Atencio, Ball, Barentson, Cantelow, Connelly, Council, Dwyer, Fine, Gilchrest, Johnston, Lory, Payne, Pimlott, Pullin, Willis, Zelinsky Zoom: Brown, Hawk, Wirt

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Hugh Council

4. Approval of Agenda: 02/15/2023 Board Action Item

Approved - no opposition

5. Consent Agenda: 01/18/2023 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item

Approved with David Zelinsky's adjustment: Item 12b SOFAR is expanding boundaries to include Cosumnes River area.

6. New Business

- a. **Presentation** – Proposed Defensible Space Ordinance Changes - Defensible Space Working Group presented by Ron Phillips. April 21-22 Fire Safe Council Defensible Space Training for approximately 20 students for first class.
- b. **Ratification** – Approval to initiate contract for project management services to support the hazardous tree removal program. Board Action Item

Mason Gerard recommended contractor. Pat Dwyer provided background information. Approved no opposition. Pat will move forward with contract.

7. Information Items:

- a. Chairman's Report & Communication:
We've outgrown our website E-board met to discuss the management of the website. We are going to merge all the website support to Lanitech and drop Dreamhost. Will provide more efficient technical support and assist with reworking website design. Commission on Aging wants to partner with EDCFSC so we have a good understanding of their program. They will come next month to do a presentation. Let us know if you have suggestions for other presentation ideas. Working with Lester with Lidar program.
- b. Vice Chair Report
Defensible space and outreach are ongoing. Alice will take on outreach. March 30-31 defensible space Train the Trainer course in El Dorado Hills. Defensible space class for

FSCs will be April 21 -22 here at Firemen's Hall from 8am-5pm. Will have sign-up sheets at next meeting. CALFIRE has webinar February 27 regarding home hardening and defensible space. This room is available all day during our board meetings. Anyone that would like to have a meeting after the board meeting is welcome to stay. You just need to turn off the lights and make sure door is locked.

c. Secretary Report:

Reach out if you need insurance forms for me to type up and send due to website issues. Council renewal is June 1st and I will be sending officer contact information to be updated. Mosquito and Texas Hill had a workbook done by Johnny Valenzuela, County View. Mountain Mail did the printing for Texas Hill.

d. Treasurers Report: Janet Barentson **Board Action Item**

Project report changes line item for federal grants non forest service federal lands removed that line because they were duplicated within Steven's Authority lines. Next month I will have Steven's Authority broken out by grant number. Received \$120,641 from El Dorado County for Title III. Jessica is paid mostly through grants. We have received Amazon Prime donations and appreciate everyone identifying the Council as the recipient of choice, but Amazon stopped the program, and we no longer will be receiving Amazon Smile donations. About \$60 a quarter won't be received. FSC's that use our Tax ID number are required to submit profit and losses by the end of June and notice will come out in April. Reminder - by our policy we will process invoices received by 5th of month to be processed in that month. Will have checks for all our invoices for February by Friday. Approved - no opposition.

e. Partners Reports:

1. BLM – Jason Schroeder

Burning in Cameron Park for next 5-6 days

2. CAL FIRE – Megan Scheeline

Wildfire Resiliency Program Chief-Jeff Hogue- the program will include is OC SIG regulations, defensible space program and a pre-fire engineer working for him as well. Resiliency program that includes liaisons for EDFSC. They kicked off public outreach advisory committee and working on filling key roles. Fire Hazard Severity Zone comment period under extension to April 4. Public comments go to State Fire Marshal from their public meeting.

3. EDC Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience – Sue Hennike

Continuing to work on county-wide strategy. HMGP grant with FEMA waiting to hear on grant approval. Public outreach working group kicked off this week with Jeff Hogue. GIS data hub coming along. Beta testing new software and should be all good.

4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association – Tim Cordero

No Report

5. EDC FPO Association –Ron Phillips

Major focus is looking at Defensible Space Ordinance and inspection program.

6. ENF Updates – Jacobie Waters

No report from Jacobie, however, Pat Dwyer indicated there was a productive meeting with forest service updating maps of their projects. Will meet again in another month to reconcile.

7. RCD – Maia

Actively engaged with Caldor recovery doing work at Grizzly Flats, HWY 50 & private cabin owners, Omo Ranch & Happy Valley area. Actively moving forward with Coloma-Lotus project. Mark will be in Coloma for a meeting tonight.

8. SMUD – Eric Brown

No report

9. PG&E – Mike Webb
Public Safety Specialist team for PG&E are currently engaged in their annual safety and regulatory outreach with all of their first responder agencies law enforcement, fire and OES's. Met all wildfire mitigation requirements for El Dorado County for 2022 commitments. As those become clearer, we will share information as we move through springtime. We had the second largest impactful storm in PG&E history that had 6 separate impacts 20,000+ customers over 24 days out of power and restored successfully.
10. EDSO – Sgt Bare
No Report
11. Firesafe Coordinator – Maia Davis
Attending several community meetings with all good attendance. Auburn Lake Trails is partnering with BLM and North Auburn Lake Trails FSC to aid work at Auburn Lake Trails by Auburn State Rec area. Greenstone had community information meeting and had defensible space and home hardening presentation. Information was also presented regarding firewise communities. There was a lot of insurance related questions as well. Mark attended Georgetown FSC meeting. BLM is partnering with them to do work in the Georgetown Divide area on BLM land. Attended a dedication at EDH Fire Station 84 for a library bench plaque for the recognition of Peggy Willis. Involved in discussions to better organize Firewise communities.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Grants & Funding– Pat Dwyer/Jessica Isabel
Executing current grants of approximately \$14m and about 15 different grants in 11 different communities out of our 30 FSCs so we need to move forward quickly to execute current projects. FSC's need to develop details of projects to go forward in next cycle in December. Need better process on how to direct funding for grants. Paul Penn will lead a task force on grant application process for the EDCFSC. Looking into better ways to support FSC's in grant process. Need to establish a better process going into this year's grant funding. Paul is looking for volunteers to help with this process. Hugh made a note that he would like to ensure EDCFSC position is well cemented into these committees and task groups going forward in the grant process. Hugh made the point we need defensible space and home hardening for saving homes from burning. CAL FIRE is giving grants for home hardening and defensible space.
- b. Governance Committee – Karen Pullin

9. Program Reports

- a. Chipping – Pat Dwyer/Jessica Isabel
In January we had 30 jobs completed. We could use more jobs. I talked to 3 different councils for community events. Councils have up to 2 weeks to get entire community serviced. Residents must apply online and on the cross-street section there needs to be a 3-letter acronym for your council to be attached to each application to submit. I can also create reports for your council.
- b. Defensible Space – Jessica Isabel
Closed 5 applications out of 120. 30 evaluations completed will be tasked out to contractors. Make it clear that upon application submission their property needs to be ready to be evaluated and serviced immediately. If property is not ready, I will be closing the application.
- c. Outreach & Education –Alice Cantelow
If anyone has public speaking interest, please speak to Hugh or Alice. Elizabeth had idea of videos for meetings. Newsletter went out if you didn't get it let her know. She has a list to put your email on if you would like to receive the newsletter. There is now a storage room at the FSC with items to borrow. Can use event calendar on website to

publicize events. Carri is in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 am to noon to check items out.

- d. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen Pullin
Fort Jim wants to reestablish their fire safe council. Karen will speak at their meeting tonight. Karen will also speak at Greenstone's council meeting tomorrow morning.

10. Community Council Reports

David Zelinsky - Placerville -March 18th 9am-3pm at Midtown Mall - Wildfire Preparedness event and will have the sand table simulation.

Paul Gilcrest – Greater Cameron Park – February 27th will have the 3rd of 5 forums of wildfire resiliency. How to set up ready set go community evacuation plan. Shows how defensible space works for fire prevention.

Tim - Texas Hill - 1st community event Saturday February 25 9 am-11 am at Placerville Town Hall, 549 Main Street. Ernie will be doing Power Point presentation of Caldor fire. Reach out to Janet and Hugh to RSVP.

Michelle Wirt – Omo Ranch - March 4th Omo Ranch Community chipping day 9am-3pm. Reach out to Michelle Wirt for questions.

11. Old Business

None

12. Project Reports

- a. USFS SOFAR Project– Tamara Johnston/David Zelinsky
Feb 23 SOFAR 11am biomass meets; 1pm landscape vision; general meeting in March
- b. EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project) – David Zelinsky
United policy holders have a website for each county to compare what other counties are doing. March 1st 3:30pm WRAP advisory committee meeting
- c. County Biomass Working Group – Kris Payne
Greg Stanton - SPI Camino for biomass plants/cogeneration - Board of Supervisors approved contract with TSS Consultants to perform fatal flaw analysis on the site and will produce 1st draft report in next 60 days. SMUD MOTE hydrogen was awarded \$500,000 planning grant by CA Department of Conservation planning phase includes site selected for the project. Greg is working with the El Dorado County Economic Development Department to put together potential project locations for SMUD. Black Oak Mine School District is directly involved with biomass/cogeneration. Gold Seal Industries mobile biomass 1st unit demonstration anticipated deployment 2nd quarter of 2024. Manufactures and manages ultimate conversion system of zero waste and zero emission.

13. Public Comment –*Time limit is 3 minutes per person.*

This Saturday is Battle of the Badges chili cook off event at the Placerville fairgrounds 4pm-8pm

14. Good of the Order

12:38p

- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – March 15, 2023