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

Board Meeting Minutes-FINAL

September 20, 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**
9:30am
2. **Roll Call: Sign In**
Ball, Boal, Cantelow, Council, Gilcrest, Hess, Payne, Penn, Pullin, Zelinsky
Zoom: Hawk
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Paul Penn
4. **Approval of Agenda: 09/20/2023 Board Action Item**

Approved no opposition.
5. **Consent Agenda: 08/16/2023 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item**

Approved no opposition.
6. **New Business**

1pm decks and vents presentation after our board meeting here in this building.
7. **Old Business**

None

8. Information Items:

- a. Chairman's Report & Communication – Paul Penn for Ken Pimlott
CA fair plan has a checklist for discounts available now.
- b. Vice Chair Report – Hugh Council
Defensible space ordinance - the plan is to submit the new ordinance to the board in October and it will hopefully be effective December 1st. The old ordinance will be deleted and the new one will be accepted. FPO's are moving forward with changes for new codes. Total defensible space assessments: 118 for August. RDS has a new assessment form. Encourage other FSC's to do new assessment forms.

- c. Secretary Report – Karen Pullin

Submitted all councils to the insurance company and renewal policies are effective in September 2023. FSC's need to ask me for a new certificate of insurance when you have meetings and events. One benefit of being an ASFSC is EDCFSC pays a flat rate per council and we also pay for events you submit.

- d. Treasurers Report: Paul Penn for Janet Barentson – **Board Action Item**
We received a \$500,000 grant from CA FSC which will go to defensible space. Operations sheet and update on grants reports was in the email that went out. We continue to look for more possibilities to build our three programs.

Approved no opposition.

- e. Partners Reports:

1. BLM – Jason Schroeder

State WUI was signed in July. Fuels reduction work on BLM land this fast tracks the process. A lot of money goes to FSC's from BLM budget. Private homeowners must clear their property before clearing anything from BLM land near their homes. There is a 70% vacancy in BLM and they are hiring. Budget getting cut. Jason will be moving to a state job and will be helping out for the next couple months. Got housing for BLM firefighters.

2. CAL FIRE – Megan Scheeline/Jeff Hoag

Due to lack of fires, they are starting project work for burning piles.

3. EDC Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience – Richard Galvin

We are going for the first reading of the new ordinance on October 24th. He's the west slope regional coordinator for Firewise. If you need help with the Firewise process, he is available to help with it. November 18th is the deadline for renewal for Firewise status. Elizabeth complimented the agency on their mapping tool and also asked about mapping for water resources and locked gates. Richard said you can submit comments for this mapping tool on their website.

4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association – Tim Cordero

No Report

5. EDC FPO Association – TBA

No Report

6. ENF – Jacobie Waters/Nickie Johnny

No Report

7. RCD – Maia Davis Georgetown Divide RCD

Contractors are going on Hwy 50, Cable Road, Pine Tree and helicopter operations taking wood off Sierra at Tahoe. South County Project Arc surveys are done. We are working with Sierra Nevada Conservancy to get more funding for additional planning to supplement CWPP projects. Watershed Education Summit is partnering with forest service and Ag in the classroom on educating high school students on watershed assessment and management. OWPR will be adding Firewise to their website. There was a conversation about getting Firewise certificates and information to homeowners. NFPA Firewise has a website that gives all firesafe councils by state.

8. SMUD – Eric Brown

No Report

9. PG&E – Mike Webb

No Report

10. EDSO – Sgt. Bare/Lt. Morton

Office has 5 OES workers and Board of Supervisors approved 2 more spots for OES. We will have someone from fire service, law enforcement and a civilian to have a 3-prong approach at OES. Local hazard mitigation plans working on contractors to project together and get it up and running. It will be a Chief Officer from El Dorado Hills fire who will be coming to OES.

11. BOR – Elizabeth Dyer

No Report

9. Program Reports

a. Grants & Funding/Grants Committee– Tamara Johnston

We were awarded the \$500,000 grant for defensible space.

b. Chipping –Jessica Isabel

August - 140 jobs completed. We had a few community events. \$50,000 for chipping for August. 1200 acres were cleared for the year. 566 jobs completed for the year and \$227,000 is total spent for 2023. In kind planned \$288,000 matched at \$403,000.

c. Defensible Space Services for Seniors, etc– Jessica Isabel

August - we had 30 new jobs requested, 57 jobs completed, 64 jobs still in process, 10 jobs waiting evaluation 54 jobs waiting for contractor assignment and 11 jobs closed. 178 jobs completed for the year and 50 jobs closed. \$160,000 spent on jobs with evaluation funding and \$180,000 spent for defensible space for the year. We have accepted 300 jobs so far for the year. The average job cost is approximately \$1000 per property. We have 4 contractors doing clearing and 2 evaluators.

d. Hazard Tree Removal – Jessica Isabel

Approved 51 parcels for work of these parcels 99 trees were identified for removal. 22 denied 14 pending assessments. MB&G has officially cut-off deadline of accepting RFP's for contractors. Contractors will be announced next week. The first part of October is the goal for removing trees. Homeowners need to know where possible the rounds or logs will be stacked 30' away from their house. MB&G only got 3 applications for RFP's and all three have been accepted.

e. Outreach & Education –Alice Cantelow

Decks & vents presentation after meeting today at 1pm today and I will have slides on discounts coming up. Attended safety elements virtual meeting this week it will now include evacuation routes. September 29th – 30th at 9a-3p at the Veterans Memorial Building will be a veterans stand down in Placerville. If anyone is interested in helping, please let me know.

Chief Hoag OWPR outreach – OWPR website will have public outreach tab on there and a calendar with events posted. A lot of resources are available on the site. We are working on education for the resources for landscaping and home hardening materials.

f. Governance and New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen Pullin

No Report

10. Project Reports

a. USFS SOFAR Project–David Zelinsky

SOFAR - Oct 11th Zoom meeting at 11am.
October 12th Caldor field trip with U.S. Forest Service
Biomass - Meeting October 26th.

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

WRAP notes were submitted to E-Board - there are discounts for CA Fair Plan in the notes.

c. County Biomass Working Group – Kris Payne

Greg Stanton update - SOFAR Biomass working group held their Bio Jar panel discussion on August 24th and can be viewed on SOFAR website. The working group met with district 2 and 4 supervisors and SPI on August 21st and there should be an answer from SPI next week for Camino project. Black Oak Mine School District will be submitting their application to CAL FIRE for a grant next week. All slides are available online from the Biomass meeting.

11. Community Council Reports

Paul Penn - Diamond Springs FSC – We had the North fire on August 31st which was 4 acres that was stopped quickly. We had a quarterly meeting for DSFSC to do a debrief on the fire.

David Zelinsky – Placerville FSC – all of Placerville FSC is now Firewise which is about 3500 residents. This was completed last week.

Karen Pullin – Mosquito FSC- had a block party on August 26th. Thanked the speakers from Sheriff's office, CAL FIRE and CERA. Johnny Valenzuela did a presentation on the block party. We will be having another block party on September 29th at a different address in Mosquito with AirMed Care, large animal evacuation information and CERA that will be there to speak. Hugh noted that there are other FSC's thinking of block parties. We will be putting together a guidebook for other FSC's on how to put together a block party.

Paul Gilchrest- Greater Cameron Park FSC - Cameron Park CSD will hold informational meetings with the public regarding the state of fire service in Cameron Park at the community services district building on October 3rd, November 7th, and December 5th at 5:30pm.

Alice Cantelow – Oakhill FSC – We will be having an evacuation meeting here tonight with presentations by south county large animal evacuation and El Dorado Fire Protection District. Following Camino's idea we put stickers on bottom of our workbooks with information on our FSC and free assessment resources.

Bob Hess- Coloma/Lotus FSC- Coordinating Firewise kick off meeting for his community that will be via Zoom at Coloma Grange. Roadside fuel road grant- we are gradually getting more ROE's.

Gold Ridge Forest FSC is holding a green waste day on September 23rd.

Ken McKinstry - Gallagher Road Landowners FSC – We got our Firewise renewal and did assessment for the community. We are also adding radios as well. We did a newsletter that focused on evacuation and planning.

Elizabeth Standeven - Sandridge FSC – County chip sealed Sandridge Road 3.5 mile stretch.

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

There was a presentation by a company that sells fire and ember resistant vents and is working directly with councils giving them information. True Value will have some of their vents at their store.

Kris Payne noted Mosquito Bridge \$70 million+ project is having a public meeting on September 28th at 6pm at the firehouse. Pleasant Valley Road is experiencing delays because of SB 1 work for paving. Most of the work is done and the crews are waiting until the end to stripe the road.

13. Good of the Order

Hugh commended Ernie Lory for starting up the defensible space program for seniors, veterans and disabled homeowners.

11:19am

- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – October 18, 2023