

## 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 Agenda November 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
- 2. Roll Call: Sign In
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Approval of Agenda: 11/15/2023 Board Action Item
- Consent Agenda: 10/18/2023 Board Meeting Minutes <u>Board Action Item</u>
- 6. New Business
  - a. Community Wildfire Protection Plan Tom Meyer (OWPR)
  - b. Grant Application Resolution Tamara Johnston Board Action Item
    - CAL FIRE CCI grant for Defensible Space, Chipping and Hazardous Tree Removal not to exceed \$3 million.

#### 7. Old Business

a. Veterans Day Breakfast – Hugh Council/Karen Pullin

#### 8. Information Items:

- a. Chairman's Report & Communication Ken Pimlott
- b. Vice Chair Report Hugh Council
- c. Secretary Report Karen Pullin

- d. Treasurers Report: Janet Barentson Board Action Item
- e. Partners Reports:
  - 1. BLM Jorge Pacheco
  - 2. CAL FIRE Megan Scheeline/Jeff Hoag
  - 3. EDC Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience Tom Meyer
  - 4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association Tim Cordero
  - 5. EDC FPO Association Lucas Shepard
  - 6. ENF Jecobie Waters/Nickie Johnny
  - 7. RCD Mark Egbert
  - 8. SMUD Eric Brown
  - 9. PG&E Mike Webb
  - 10. EDSO -Lt Morton
  - 11.BOR Elizabeth Dyer

#### 9. Program Reports

- a. Grants & Funding/Grants Committee- Tamara Johnston
- b. Chipping –Jessica Isabel
- c. Defensible Space Services for Seniors, etc- Jessica Isabel
- d. Hazard Tree Removal Jessica Isabel
- e. Outreach & Education -Alice Cantelow
- f. Governance and New Council Formation & Orientation Karen Pullin

#### 10. Project Reports

- a. USFS SOFAR Project–David Zelinksy
- EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project) – David Zelinsky
- c. County Biomass Working Group Kris Payne

#### 11. Community Council Reports

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

#### 13. Good of the Order

- a. No Meeting in December
- b. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting January 17, 2024



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Board Meeting Minutes October 18, 2023 9:30 am to 11:30

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1. Meeting Call to Order 9:30 am

2. Roll Call: Sign In

Ball, Barentson, Boal, Cantelow, Connelly, Council, Dwyer, Fine, Gilchrest, Hess, Johnston, Lory, Payne, Pimlott, Pullin, Zelinsky ZOOM: Hawk, Willis, Wynia

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Pimlott

**4.** Approval of Agenda: 10/18/2023 <u>Board Action Item</u> Approved no opposition.

**5. Consent Agenda**: 9/20/2023 Board Meeting Minutes **Board Action Item** Approved no opposition.

#### 6. New Business

a. New Associate Fire Safe Council – Rescue Community <u>Board Action Item</u>
Karen has received all the applicable paperwork for the Rescue Community
Fire Safe Council. Chris Thompson is here requesting to be added as a new
Fire Safe Council. He wants to bring awareness to the community and start the
FSC in Rescue. He has already selected board members at their first meeting.
Cameron Park FSC can collaborate since there are parts of their area that
reach into Rescue's area.

Eldorado County is working on updating maps to make sure there are no gaps

or overlaps and this is their link to find more information: <a href="wildfireready@edcgov.us">wildfireready@edcgov.us</a>. Chris said that the Rescue Community Fire Safe Council is currently going to the south border of the American River, but he is open to conversations regarding the boundaries. Kris Payne made a motion to accept Rescue Community as a FSC. Motion passed to accept Rescue Community Fire Safe Council as the 31st FSC.

#### b. Veterans Day Breakfast

Hugh thanked the veterans for all their support they have given the EDCFSC over the years. Ernie started the defensible space program with the support of the veterans and that program has reached \$500,000 this year. We have a breakfast honoring the veterans on November 11, from 8 am-10:30 am so people can go to main service at the county offices at 11am. Leonard McAdams, commander of post 10165, will notify the home council so we have both posts involved. There will be information regarding home hardening and defensible space at the breakfast. All the food has been donated at no cost to EDCFSC. FSC's will be receiving a flyer to advertise in their communities. EDCFSC is providing a press release to the Mountain Democrat an Tamara will put a notice in the Georgetown Gazette. David Zelinsky will send emails to various veteran organizations. There will be free tickets on social media so we can estimate attendance.

#### c. FSC Certificates of Membership

Ken handed out certificates to all FSC's in recognition of their service and partnership with their EDCFSC.

#### 7. Old Business

None

#### 8. Information Items:

- a. Chairman's Report & Communication Ken Pimlott
  - Formal Complaint Ken reported out to the Board information regarding a recent complaint received by the E-Board and the resulting action taken.

Ken and Janet will be at a conference in Ventura County to represent EDCFSC on a panel highlighting El Dorado County's efforts in wildfire preparedness and resilience.

#### b. Vice Chair Report - Hugh Council

Still going to all meetings every month. An education committee has been created within EDCFSC. It is comprised of the people that conducted the defensible space training as well as Dorothy Fine, Kit Veerkamp, and Terry

Kline. We will be emailing everyone to set up a meeting to discuss what type of training we want to do and set up a calendar. We will be doing another defensible space class in the spring as well as planning a short defensible space orientation for contractors, insurance people and realtors. We will be putting a calendar together for quarterly classes. Seeking input for any training classes.

The State of CA is adopting an Urban Wildland Interface Code to be effective in 2025 which will become part 7 of Title 24. Most of the changes will be in new construction and not in existing construction.

- c. Secretary Report Karen Pullin
  - Our insurance got renewed. Reach out if you need insurance for the new renewal year. One benefit of being an associate FSC is the EDCFSC covers that cost for the insurance. Defensible space assessments are covered with our insurance as well.
- d. Treasurers Report: Janet Barentson <u>Board Action Item</u> Exceeded budget line item for IT support associated with approved expenses for the video conferencing equipment which is set up in the conference room at the EDCFSC office on Main Street. A midyear budget report will be provided to the Board to reflect the budget adjustment. There is an extension on the BLM grant date to September 2025, all our grants have end dates of 2025 and 2026. Working with AQMD to address grant budget regarding increased chipping costs per cubic yard.

Treasurer's report is approved as presented-no opposition.

#### e. Partners Reports:

Ken introduced Heidi Mayerhofer representing Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil. The Senator is committed to rural issues as she lives in Jackson and was evacuated during the fires. She had great success in advocating for prevention and mitigation of wildfires. She has been a strong advocate for our district. I have been tasked with introducing myself to each of the fire safe councils.

- BLM Jorge Pacheco
   Joege works out of the Motherlode field office. Office offers defensible
   space permits. If your council wants a project on BLM land, our office does
   assessments but the actual work is on the landowner. Contact me after the
   meeting with any questions.
- 2. CAL FIRE Megan Scheeline/Jeff Hoag
  Patrick McDaniel-Vegetation Management Coordinator- wildfire prevention
  grants will open at the end of October/ beginning November and will close at
  the beginning of January. Submit paperwork for your grant comments can
  be put in your application. 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reports due at end of month. If FSC is

submitting a grant, we need a summary of what your organization is going to do.

Jeff Hoag-defensible space inspections have doubled from what we had last year, we are up to 3000 for this year. We are currently working in Crazy Horse area of Cameron Park this coming week. Peek staffing through November 27<sup>th</sup>, then going to pare down staff through Christmas Eve.

- 3. EDC Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience Tom Meyer The Western El Dorado County CWPP RFP is out for bid now and is scheduled to close on November 3rd. El Dorado County OWPR website has a link to Planet Bids for the RFP.We plan to do interviews on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Weber Creek CWMP grant 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly report this week. Bulk of grant is going to be in phase 2 18-20 months out. Spring of 2025 implementation. Vegetation Management defensible space revision is scheduled for November 14 for first reading by board of supervisors.
- 4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association Tim Cordero October is Breast Cancer Awareness so we will have pins on uniforms supporting it. Burn season is opening and we are going through controlled burns now. Due to supply chain issues, the length of time for fire apparatus is pushed out to 4 years to get fire trucks.
- 5. EDC FPO Association TBA Lucas shepherd – Upcoming meeting inducting new officers. Arson task force trailer inventoried and updated. Considering a new fire safe plan application for communities building new homes. Ca State Fire Marshal sponsor, statutes and regulations class will be coming November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8th.
- 6. ENF Jecobie Waters/Nickie Johnny We have burned 144 acres in the Pacific Ranger district. 69 more acres today. Placerville district off Sly park and Pollock Pines has 62 acres of understory by fire station to burn. Pushing towards hazardous fuel reduction. Reach out to him if you have homes bordering forest service land.
- 7. RCD Mark Egbert

No Report

8. SMUD – Eric Brown

No Reort

9. PG&E - Mike Webb

#### 10. EDSO - Sgt Bare/Lt Morton

Lt. Morton-OES – The Board of Supervisors authorized 2 positions in OES. 1 civilian and 1 fire service. Administration Analyst will be hired within a couple of months. Sign up for emergency alerts. Right now, less than half of the county is signed up. Go to ready.eds.gov to sign up.

#### 11.BOR - Elizabeth Dyer

The Bureau of Reclamation is working on a five-year fuels reduction project in French Hill by Georgetown and the project is on year three now. They are working with CA conservation crews and contractors. It is being managed by the Auburn State Recreation Area. They are looking at WUI areas 95-acre parcel in Auburn Lake Trails area that was completed. There is a 98-acre parcel by French Hill/Georgetown/Greenwood area they are working on now.

#### 9. Program Reports

- a. Grants & Funding/Grants Committee— Tamara Johnston \$500,00 grant came from CA FSC for defensible space, and we are able to continue this program well into the future. FSC's please advertise this program. Applying for another \$75k for defensible space from Coco Aim Program due at the end of the month. Applying for defensible space assistant and hazardous tree removal through the USDA CWDG program. October is the quarterly report month and FSC's that have projects I can help with reports if you need it. There will be a grants committee meeting after EDCFSC meeting today. I will be doing a grant application workshop on November 15 here after the EDCFSCSC board meeting. I will send information once it's finalized. If you are thinking of applying for a CAL FIRE grant reach out to me for help soon as it will be announced in late October/early November and will be due in January.
- b. Chipping –Jessica Isabel YTD spent \$258,011 and completed 641 jobs.
- c. Defensible Space Services for Seniors, etc– Jessica Isabel YTD-Completed 196 jobs, 254 evaluations completed, and spent \$203,125.
- d. Hazard Tree Removal Jessica Isabel YTD-We had 150 applications submitted. 123 were accepted and identified tree work. 402 trees were identified for removal. Evaluation costs of \$30,000. 47 trees currently awaiting to be removed.

e. Outreach & Education -Alice Cantelow

Thanked Ernie for doing the Veteran Stand Down. Fall into gardening this Saturday promoting free assessments from 9am-12pm and we need volunteers to help.

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

No report

#### 10. Project Reports

- a. USFS SOFAR Project—David Zelinksy Sofar cohesive strategy group went out on October 12th to Caldor Fire footprint seeing various projects in place. There is a Zoom meeting on October 26th for Biomass at 11am. SOFAR Zoom meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.
- EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project) – David Zelinsky Sitting on \$100,000 and can't get agency fully staffed.
- c. County Biomass Working Group Kris Payne

Hoping to get Sierra Pacific to use the old Camino mill site for biomass. Renewable biofuels mobile unit can work inside forest. There is an 80-acre plant off Latrobe Road for biofuel energy. Black Oak Mine educational biofuel energy application for job training for kids. Resubmitting plan for grant which is more focused on job training in the future.

#### 11. Community Council Reports

Alice Cantelow - Oak Hill – First educational meeting was last month regarding evacuation with 2 OES representatives and south county animal rescue. We had a big map of FSC and asked people to identify concerns with roads and locked gates.

Pat Dwyer – A new neighbor started a fire by mowing dry weeds in afternoon which was quickly contained by fire agencies. Updates on fire hazard severity zone mapping -Logtown had questions and sent questions to office with no response yet. Look at what new maps are doing for your FSC & neighborhood. Logtown FSC annual hotdog social/live auction attended by 75 people and netted \$2,500.

Janet Barentson - Aukum/Fairplay-We are holding a green waste day in Pioneer Park Community Center on October 28<sup>th,</sup> and we are partnering with Hargo for chipping.

Jeanine Stiles - Greenstone- Our green waste day last weekend had 3 bins filled. Kit Veerkamp will do a native plant and flammable plants around home class. There were 7 assessments in Greenstone. Having more people getting engaged with questions on assessments. We did our own form based on CAL FIRE's form for defensible space assessments.

Bob Hess - Coloma/Lotus – Working on CAL FIRE grant roadside fuel reduction. October 26<sup>th</sup> we are having a pre bid meeting and a bid evaluation on November 2nd. Roe's - we have 65% at this point and we have been successful knocking on doors getting them. Our Firewise kickoff was a couple weeks ago with 40 in person attending and 35 Zoom attendees and 10 firefighters also showed up. Richard Galvin from the county was great in getting firefighters to the meeting. Tonight is our Firewise meeting. In February we annexed the Arrow B community and in March we annexed the Riverwood community. Richard had a map done showing new FSC boundaries. There will be a public meeting on November 9th re: firewise and grants as well as sheltering in place meeting. I also attended a workshop for westslope foundation.

Ken McKinstry - Gallagher Road-On October 29 Bob will be doing a radio presentation with a Council meeting after the presentation. We also have two community projects for road stripping and roadside fuel reduction.

Sherry Hawk – Gold Ridge Forest – We did a green waste day on September 26<sup>th</sup> with not a lot of attendance. We had chipper and another truck on site. Will do another one on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We have a lot of greenbelts completed. We are working on a maintenance plan. Roadsides can be worked on by someone who needs community service.

Angel Ball – Strawberry - Thanked everyone that helped them become a Firewise community which was announced on October 6th. PG&E cut down over 100 trees and they left them stacked on roads. They will finally be removing all the trees, except one small area because of accessibility, with help from other agencies. U.S. forest Service trees will also be hauled out as well. Kyburz, Silverfork, Sciots Camp and 42 mile communities are researching Firewise as well. Introduced Harlan Coomes from Sciots Tract, who wants to become a Firewise.

Karen Pullin – Mosquito held 2<sup>nd</sup> block party end of September. Fiesta Friday had Mexican food catered and we had large animal rescue, Airmed and Cera there. Very successful. Our assessments are very popular and the homeowners learned much more after assessments were done. Cera program has a lot of people interested in the emergency radio program.

Hugh Texas Hill – Tomorrow we are starting the fuel modification project from the Sierra Nevada conservancy which is tied to the CWPP. Defensible space assessments have been very educational for homeowners. 78 assessments were done throughout the west slope in September. The defensible space evaluation program has become a pilot program for the state.

Elizabeth Standeven – Sandridge – I gave a presentation at Westslope Foundation promoting home assessment opportunities available throughout the county. I also promoted our programs to homeowners for free help and reduced costs. Waiting for grant money to get good street signage in our area.

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

Richard Galvin OWPR - Jason Brand with Tahoe RCD is coordinating information for Firewise.

Chuck with Camino FSC had a question regarding insurance benefits with the CA Fair Plan.

OWPR webpage has insurance updates. We may possibly get a speaker to EDCFSC meeting possibly the first of the year.

Heidi Mayerhofer mentioned a homeowner's tool kit. Senator Alvarado-Gil is on the insurance committee and working with the insurance commissioner as well.

David Zelinsky mentioned the Amador-El Dorado Forest Forum that holds monthly meetings held in Jackson.

John Toyaba - Tribal fire – helped out with community members that can't afford help. Helped out four elders this year and also helped out the Sheriff's Department.

Harlan - Working with Lucas Shepherd and wants to create a Firewise community.

#### 13. Good of the Order

a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – November 15, 2023

11:43am

FSC Operations	Beginning Balance	Oct	Actual YTD Balance 3 months	Tot	al Balance YTD	% of Budget
FSC Operations Opening Balance (Assets)	\$ 135,050	\$ 59,710	112,523	\$	172,233	128%
Total Available	\$ 135,050	\$ 59,710	112,523	\$	172,233	128%
Expenses	Budget	Oct	Actual YTD Balance 3 months	Total YTD		% of Budget
5010 · Contract Support	\$ 52,500	\$ 5,398	6,341	\$	11,739	22%
5030 · Giveaway Items	\$ -			\$	-	#DIV/0!
5040 · Internet Access & Website	\$ 4,000	\$ 265	1,913	\$	2,178	54%
6100 · Advertising & Marketing	\$ 1,000			\$	-	0%
6115 · Bank Service Charges	\$ 600	\$ 50	150	\$	200	33%
6120 · Business License & Fees	\$ 100			\$	-	0%
6130 . Admin Services	\$ 26,000	\$ 1,338	6,446	\$	7,784	30%
6141 . Computer Supplies	\$ 1,000		1,586	\$	1,586	159%
6142 . Conference Fees	\$ -	\$ 250		\$	250	#DIV/0!
6155 · Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 700			\$	-	0%
6180 · Insurance	\$ 15,000		5,000	\$	5,000	33%
6320 . Telephone	\$ 1,488	\$ 137	748	\$	885	59%
6255 · Postage, Delivery & PO Box	\$ 200		6	\$	6	3%
6265 · Printing and Reproduction	\$ 150	\$ (85)	85	\$	-	0%
6275 · Professional Fee	\$ -			\$	-	#DIV/0!
6276 · Legal Fee	\$ 5,000			\$	-	0%
6277 · Accounting Fees	\$ 5,000	\$ 475	874	\$	1,349	27%
6295 · Rent	\$ 4,200	\$ 350	2,250	\$	2,600	62%
6310 · Office Supplies	\$ 800	\$ 82	9	\$	91	11%
6330 . Travel	\$ -	\$ 610		\$	610	#DIV/0!
6336 · Meeting Expense	\$ 1,000			\$	-	0%
6580 · Storage	\$ 1,200	\$ 100	300	\$	400	33%
Total Expense Overhead	\$119,938	8,969	25,708	\$	34,677	29%
Total Ending Balance Overhead	\$ 15,112			\$	163,264	
Total Ending Balance including Committed						

TITLE	GRANT GRANT END DATE AWARD		_	CASH RECEIVED		CASH EXPENDED		REMAINING CASH		GRANT BALANCE NOT REC'D	
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USFS Stevens Auth Sierra Springs SS-2 (20-CA-11050300-013)	9/15/2025	\$	250,000	\$	117,180	\$	117,180	-	\$	132,820	
USFS Stevens Auth Sierra Springs SS-2 (22-CA-11050300-015)	9/15/2025	\$	309,000	\$	-	\$	-	-	\$	309,000	
USFS Stevens Auth Grizzly Flats GF-18 (20-CA-11050300-013)	9/15/2025	\$	180,000	\$	170,930	\$	170,830	100	\$	9,070	
USFS Stevens Auth Grizzly Flats GF-18 (22-CA-11050300-015)	9/15/2025	\$	150,000	\$	-	\$	-	-	\$	150,000	
USFS Stevens Auth Gold Ridge GRF (20-CA-11050300-013)	6/18/2025	\$	150,000	\$	133,254	\$	133,254	-	\$	16,746	
USFS Stevens Auth Volcanoville (22-CA-11050300-015)	6/18/2025	\$	132,000	\$	-	\$	-	-	\$	132,000	
USFS Stevens Auth Mosquito (22-CA-11050300-015)	6/18/2025	\$	200,000	\$	-	\$	-	-	\$	200,000	
BLM Georgetown Fuel Break BLM L20AC00468	9/22/2025	\$	990,000	\$	432,091	\$	432,091	-	\$	557,909	
CAL FIRE South County Fuel Reduction Project 5GG21199	3/15/2026	\$	2,079,887	\$	43,574	\$	43,574	-	\$	2,036,313	
CAL FIRE Georgetown Marshal Road Fuel Reduction 5GA2129	3/15/2026	\$	278,700	\$	12,881	\$	13,146	(265)	\$	265,819	
CAL FIRE Fuel Red for Critical Rds-Coloma Lotus 5GG21200	3/15/2026	\$	705,670	\$	30,744	\$	30,794	(50)	\$	674,926	
CAL FIRE Residential Hazardous Tree Removal 5GG21198	3/15/2026	\$	1,252,790	\$	-			-	\$	1,252,790	
CAL FIRE Spanish Flat North Fuel Reduction Project 8GG21600	3/31/2026	\$	4,890,440	\$	13,151	\$	14,851	(1,700)	\$	4,877,289	
TOTAL, FUELS TREATMENT		\$	11,568,487	\$	953,805	\$	955,720	(1,915)	\$	10,614,682	
Defensible Space											
CA Fire Safe Council (Senior, Low Income, <b>Disabled</b> )	12/31/2024	\$	500,000	\$	-	\$	66,405	(66,405)	\$	500,000	
Title III 2014/2016 D-Space Allocation		\$	50,000	\$	50,000	\$	49,813	187	\$	-	
EDC Foundation Veterans TOT Grant - Veterans Only - NEW	8/31/2024	\$	10,000	\$	10,000	\$	7,366	2,634	\$	-	
TOTAL, DEFENSIBLE SPACE		\$	560,000	\$	60,000	\$	123,584	(63,584)	\$	500,000	
Chipping											
USFS Stevens Auth Chipping (20-CA-11050300-013)	6/18/2025	\$	300,000			\$	-	-	\$	300,000	
AQMD Chipping Grant	12/31/2026	\$	355,000	\$	150,000			150,000	\$	205,000	
CAL FIRE El Dorado Chipper 5GG20100	3/15/2025	\$	987,289	\$	436,409	\$	572,849	(136,439)	\$	550,880	
TOTAL, CHIPPING		\$	1,642,289	\$	586,409	\$	572,849	13,561	\$	1,055,880	
Miscellaneous Grants											
Title III 2021/22	9/1/2023	\$	69,641	\$	69,641	\$	16,447	53,193	\$		
Title III 2021/22 Green Waste Days	9/1/2023	\$	51,000		51,000		1,846	49,154		_	
Title III 2020/21- Assoc. Council Grants and Annual Funds	9/1/2023	\$	81,469		81,469		81,401	68		_	
Title III 2014/2016		\$	44,273		44,273		16	44,258		_	
TOTAL, MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS		-	\$246,383		\$246,383	•	\$99,710	146,673	•	\$0	
Grant Total Grants		\$	14,017,159	\$	1,846,597	\$	1,751,863	94,734	\$	12,170,562	